

ROTHERHAM SCHOOLS' FORUM

Date and Time:- Friday 12 September 2025 at 8.30 a.m.

Venue:- Rockingham Professional Development Centre, Roughwood Road, Rotherham. S61 4HY

The items which will be discussed are described on the agenda below and there are reports attached which give more details.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome by the Chair and introductions by all Forum Members present.

2. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies from any Forum Member who are unable to attend the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

To invite Forum Members to declare any interests they may have on agenda items to be considered at this meeting, to confirm the nature of those interests and whether they intend to leave the meeting for the consideration of the item.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 10)

Recommendation: To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th June 2025.

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

To consider and report on any matters arising from the previous minutes.

6. Membership and Constitution of the Rotherham Schools Forum (Standing Item)

To consider any updates or amendments to the membership of the Schools Forum.

7. Dedicated Schools Grant / Schools Budget Update 2025/26 (Pages 11 - 14)

Louise Keith, Principal Finance Officer and Joshua Amahwe, Head of Finance to report.

Recommendations:

1. That the Schools Forum note the latest DSG funding for schools for the 2025/26 financial year.
2. That the Schools Forum note the forecast positions of Rotherham's maintained schools and the centrally retained DSG budgets for the year.

8. Schools Budget Planning & Funding 2026-27 (Pages 15 - 19)

Louise Keith, Principal Finance Officer and Joshua Amahwe, Head of Finance to report.

Recommendations:

1. That the Schools Forum note the proposed funding framework and structure of Rotherham's local funding formulae for 2026-27.
2. That Schools Forum note the schools budget planning key dates for determining the schools block funding for 2026-27.

9. Exclusion and Suspensions Annual Report (Pages 21 - 24)

Sarah Whitby to report.

Recommendation: That Members of Schools Forum receive the report and note the contents of the update.

10. Part Time Timetables Annual Report (Pages 25 - 27)

Sarah Whitby to report.

Recommendation: That Members of Schools Forum receive the report and note the contents of the update.

11. Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) Annual Update (Pages 29 - 37)

Cary-Anne Sykes to report.

Recommendation: That Members of Schools Forum receive the report and note the contents of the update.

12. Schools Forum Forward Plan

To consider the attached Forward Plan of agenda items and receive any updates.

13. Any Other Business

To receive any other items of urgent business.

**The next meeting of the Rotherham Schools Forum will
be held on Friday 5 December 2025
commencing at 8.30 a.m.
in Rockingham Professional Development Centre.**



John Edwards,
Chief Executive.