

## **ROTHERHAM SCHOOLS' FORUM**

**Date and Time:-** Friday 5 December 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 - 11)**

To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 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. School Funding Formula Consultation 2026/27 - Part A (Pages 13 - 19)**

Report from the Principal Finance Officer (CYPS).

**Recommendation:**

1. That the Schools Forum note the contents of the report.

**8. School Funding Formula Consultation 2026/27 - Part B (Pages 21 - 59)**

Report from the Head of Finance (CYPS).

**Recommendations:**

That Schools Forum:

1. Note the outcomes of the recent consultation with schools regarding the proposed transfer of funding to the High Needs Block.
2. Approve the Council's proposal to transfer 0.5% of the Schools Block funding in 2026/27 to the High Needs Block to help address ongoing cost pressures.

**9. Falling Rolls Fund Policy (Pages 61 - 63)**

Report from the Principal Finance Officer (CYPS).

**Recommendations:**

That Schools Forum:

1. Notes the DfE guidance on Falling Rolls.
2. Approves the adoption of the proposed Falling Rolls Policy for Rotherham.

**10. Early Years and Wraparound Expansion Update (Pages 65 - 68)**

Report from the Head of Service, Early Years and Childcare.

**Recommendation:**

1. That Schools Forum note and approve the content of the report.

**11. Safeguarding in Schools (Pages 69 - 71)**

Report from the Head of Service, Education and Education Safeguarding Lead

**Recommendation:**

1. That Schools Forum receive and note the content of the report.

**12. Schools Forum Forward Plan (Pages 73 - 74)**

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 16 January 2026  
commencing at 8.30 a.m.  
in Rockingham Professional Development Centre.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Edwards', with a stylized, flowing script.

John Edwards,  
**Chief Executive.**