

ROTHERHAM SCHOOLS' FORUM

Date and Time:- Friday 27 March 2026 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 3 - 11)

To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th January 2026.

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. Schools Budgets 2025-26 - Latest Position (March 2026) (Pages 13 - 17)

Report from the Principal Finance Officer (CYPS).

Recommendations:

That Schools Forum:

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

8. High Needs Budget and Funding Arrangements 2026/27 (Pages 19 - 29)

Report from the Head of Finance (CYPS).

Recommendations:

That Schools Forum:

1. Notes the high needs funding settlement for 2026/27.
2. Notes the proposed funding requirements across the range of SEND provision and the number of commissioned SEND places for 2026/27.

9. Falling Rolls and New Housing Developments (Pages 31 - 37)

Head of Service - Access to Education to report.

Recommendation:

That Members of Schools Forum receive and note the update.

10. Schools Forum Forward Plan (Pages 39 - 42)

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

11. Any Other Business

To receive any other items of urgent business.

**The next meeting of the Rotherham Schools Forum will
be held on Friday 12 June 2026
commencing at 8.30 a.m.
in Rockingham Professional Development Centre.**



John Edwards,
Chief Executive