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To Directors of Children's Services and Chairs of Schools Forums in England

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Dear Colleague

SCHOOL BUDGET SHARES (PRESCRIBED PURPOSES)(ENGLAND)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2010 SCHOOLS FORUM (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2010 SCHOOL FINANCE (ENGLAND)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2010

These three sets of regulations will be coming into force shortly. Teachernet page www.teachernet.gov.uk/schoolfundingframework includes detailed guidance note for each set of regulations, but the main points to note are:

- Schools will be able to use their delegated budgets to contribute to pooled budgets and to the work of Children's Trust Boards
- Schools Forums must have Academies members if there is at least one Academy in their local authority's area
- All Schools Forums must have non-schools members a small number currently do not
- Local authorities will be required to appoint a schools or Academy member if an election for such a member has failed to take place or an election has resulted in a tie
- Local authorities will be able to apply a lower weighting for dually registered pupils within their funding formula
- Local authorities must publish their Scheme for Funding Schools on a publicly available website and must make it clear when any revised version comes into force

This letter has been copied to local authority finance managers.

If you have any questions about the regulations, please contact me at keith.howkins@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk or on 0207 227 5163

Yours sincerely

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