

# The Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2010

## Summary of key points

1. Schools Forum must consist of at least 15 members
2. If there are any Academies in the authority's area, at least one Academies member must be elected
3. Schools members and Academies members must together comprise at least two thirds of the membership of the forum.
4. Primary schools, secondary schools and Academies must be broadly proportionately represented on the forum, having regard to the total number of pupils registered at them.
5. At least one schools member must be a representative of a special school.
6. At least one schools member must be a representative of a nursery school.
7. Schools members must be elected to the schools forum by the members of the relevant group, or sub-group in the authority's area i.e. Headteacher Groups; Governor Groups; learning communities, etc.
8. The authority must appoint non-schools members to their schools forum comprising - one or more persons to represent the local authority 14-19 partnership; and one or more persons to represent early years providers.
9. The authority may appoint additional non-schools members to their forum to represent the interests of other bodies i.e. Unions; the Diocesan Board of Education.
10. The authority may not appoint any executive member or relevant officer of the authority to their forum as a non-schools member.
11. The schools forum must meet at least four times a year and are quorate if at least two fifths of the total membership is present at a meeting.
12. Any elected member or officer of the authority who is not a member of the forum may attend and speak at meetings of the forum.
13. Members of the forum must elect a person as chair from among their number and determine the chair's term of office.
14. The members of the forum may not elect as chair any member of the forum who is an elected member or officer of the authority.
15. The authority must consult the schools forum annually in respect of the authority's functions relating to the schools budget, in connection with the following—
  - (a) arrangements for the education of pupils with special educational needs;
  - (b) arrangements for the use of pupil referral units and the education of children otherwise than at school;
  - (c) arrangements for early years provision;
  - (d) arrangements for insurance;
  - (e) administrative arrangements for the allocation of central government grants paid to schools via the authority;
  - (f) arrangements for free school meals.
16. The authority may consult the forum on such other matters concerning the funding of schools as they see fit.