

# **Schools Forum**

**Thursday 16 November 2023**

## **Minutes**

- Minutes and actions from 16 November 2023

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## WARWICKSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

### Voting and Actions of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

#### Microsoft Teams meeting 14:00 – 16:00 pm

#### SCHOOL FORUM MEMBERS

Alison Ramsay	Nicholas Chamberlaine School (Academy)
Amy Woodward	North Leamington School (Academy)
Andy Mason	Stratford Upon Avon School (Academy)
Blake Francis	The Avon Valley School
Catherine Crisp	Hillmorton Primary School Rugby (Maintained)
Claire Jeffs-Watts	Bridgetown Primary School (Maintained)
Jane Burrows	Myton School (Academy)
Mary Anne Burrows	PVI – The Burrow Nursery & Pre-School
Michael Cowland	The Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust
Nicci Burton	Atherstone and Bedworth Heath Nursery School (Maintained)
Philip Johnson	Whitestone Infant School (Maintained Governor)
Rebecca Harrison	Park Hill Thorns Federation (Maintained)
Ricky Emms	The Priors School (Academy)
Rose Gunn	Arden Forest Infant School (Maintained)
Sarah Bromley	PVI - Castle Nursery
Siobhan Roberson	Harris Church of England School (Academy)
Sybil Hanson	Coventry Church of England Diocese Representative

#### OFFICERS/OBSERVERS

Brian Smith	Education, Children and Families Technical Specialist
Councillor Kam Kaur	Portfolio Holder for Education
Dalbir Kaur	Accountant, Children & Education - Clerk to Schools Forum
Johnny Kyriacou	Director of Education
Purnima Sherwood	Service Manager for Finance
Ross Caws	Lead Commissioner - Strategy and Commissioning
Ruth Bell	Programme Manager (Education)
Stephanie Phillips	Senior Accountant (Team Lead) - Children & Education

#### 1. Apologies (Started 0:0:00, Ended 0:0:15)

Please note: the start and the end time is the recording time of the meeting.

#### Apologies were received from the following members and officers:

Andrew Felton	Assistant Director - Finance
Carrie Clare	Park Lane Primary & Race Leys Junior (Academy)
Nick Evans	Evergreen School (Special Maintained)
Paul Hostead	The Warwickshire Academy
Peter Husband	16-19 Partnership Sector
Sophie Thompson	School Improvement Networks Lead Officer

#### The following members did not attend and did not give their apologies:

Aveninder Kaur	Representative from a Teacher's Union
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**Matters for decision:**

**2. Voting and Actions from the Last Meeting (Chair) (Started 0:0:17, Ended 0:0:43)**

Agreed

Correction on voting and action paper – Alison Ramsay attended the meeting on 28 September 2023 and paper is amended.

**3. Schools Block Funding 2024-25 (Ross Caws) (Started 0:0:43, Ended 1:36:24)**

**Recommendation:**

Schools Forum members are asked to agree:

- a) The transfer of up to 0.5% of Schools Block funding to the High Needs Block for 2024-25

**Voting:** 5 members in favour  
9 members against  
Recommendation did not carry

If the Schools Forum do not agree this recommendation, then the Schools Forum members are asked to consider a second recommendation:

- b) The transfer of up to 0.25% of funding from the School Block to the High Needs Block in 2024-25

**Voting:** 6 members in favour  
8 members against  
Recommendation did not carry

Chair proposed third option to transfer 0.125%

**Voting:** 6 members in favour  
8 members against  
Recommendation did not carry

**Actions:** Send presentation slides to Schools Forum members.  
Local Authority to submit disapplication to the Secretary of State.

**4. Forward Plan (Dalbir Kaur) (Started 1:36:37, Ended 1:37:2)**

Next Schools Forum is on 11 January 2024. There are three items for decision and two for information and comments.

Members can add item on the agenda by sending the relevant information to:  
schoolfunding@warwickshire.gov.uk

**Chair Phil Johnson (Started 1:37:3, Ended 1:38:22)**

**Phil Johnson:**

- Thanked Nick Evens for his contribution over the years to schools forum. Nick Evans handed his resignation due to work pressure at work.
- There will be an article in Newsletter (HeadsUp) to fill the vacancies before Spring.
- Chair sent his apologies for the next meeting (11 January 2024) as he will not be available and confirmed that Nicci Burton will be chairing that meeting.
- Thanked everyone for the debate.
- Thanked officers for their contribution for preparing the reports and particularly Ross for his presentation.
- Wished everyone good Christmas.

**Note:** All voting took place via Hands up function on teams.

**Meeting concludes at 15:42pm.**

If you would like to listen to the full meeting, please click [here](#)

**Next Meeting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 2:00pm to 4:00 pm Via Microsoft Teams.**

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