

Report to the Schools Forum

Meeting to be held on Thursday 15th October 2026

Item 5

Forum Membership

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Brief Summary

This report summarises the changes to the Forum membership since the last meeting.

Recommendation

The Forum is asked to:

- a) Note the report.
- b) Welcome new members to their first Schools Forum meeting.
- c) Thank Claire Thompson and Caroline Morrison for their support to the Schools Forum.

Background

This report provides information on Forum membership issues that have arisen since the last Forum meeting. Details are provided below.

Annual Membership Review

As part of the annual membership review process, several members left the Forum at the end of the 2025/26 academic year, with the thanks of their colleagues, and several new appointments have been made from September 2026.

The Forum will wish to welcome the following new members to their first meeting:

Primary Representatives

Governors

- Amy Holland - Winmarleigh C of E Primary School
- Lesley Crook - Lea Community Primary School
- Paul James - Overton St Helens Church of England Primary School

Headteacher

- Shelley Bennett - Abbey Village Primary School
- Amanda Cronshaw - Sabden Primary School
- Sarah Irvine - Great Harwood St Bartholomew's Parish CE VA Primary School



- Joanne Ramsbottom - Briercliffe Primary School

Secondary Representatives

Governors

- Justine Lee - Alder Grange
- Kevin Wilson-Hall - Shuttleworth College

Headteacher

- Andrew Cafferkey - Cardinal Allen Catholic High School
- Sharon Hall - Penwortham Girls' High School

Primary Academy Representatives

- Peter Duffy - St Bernards Catholic Primary Academy

Special school Headteacher Representatives

- Kate Walker – Pear Tree Special School
- Ian Dickson – Mayfield School

High Needs Block Working Group Chair

This will be Claire Thompson's final Forum meeting as Chair of the High Needs Block Working Group. The special school sector has nominated two Special Headteacher Representatives to represent the sector, as noted above.

If any members of the High Needs Block Working Group wish to self-nominate for the role of Chair, please contact the Forum Clerk.

We currently have the following vacancies which we are seeking representative for;

- [Maintained](#)
 - Primary School Governor [4]
 - Secondary School Governor
- [Academy Representative](#)
 - Alternative Provision [2]
 - Special
 - Secondary [2]

We would also like to note that this Forum will be the last for Caroline Morrison - Accountant (Schools) who works alongside the Principal Accountant for Schools and Forum Clerk.

