

Meeting title: Nottinghamshire Schools Forum
Date and time: 18th June February 2020, 2pm to 4pm
Location: Virtual – Windows Teams

Membership

'A' denotes absence

	Mr A Rossington	Maintained Primary Head Teacher
	Mr B Waldram	Maintained Primary Head Teacher
	Mrs H Atkins	Maintained Primary Head Teacher – (Vice Chair)
A	Ms L Toom	Maintained Primary Head Teacher
A	Ms L Corner-Brown	Maintained Primary Head Teacher
	Mr D Phillips	Maintained Secondary Head Teacher
	Mr A Seymour	Academy Representative
	Ms A Hall	Academy Representative
	Mr D Bell	Academy Representative
	Dr Philip Smith	Academy Representative
	Mrs H Angus	Academy Representative
	Mr J MacDonald	Academy Representative
	Mr N Holmes	Academy Representative
	Mr M Rooney	Special School Head Teacher
	Ms P Corfield	Academy Special School Head Teacher
	Ms A Williams	Governor Maintained Primary
	Mr C Barnard	Governor Maintained Primary
	Ms F Jones	Governor Maintained Primary
	Ms L Gapski	PVI - Early Years Group Member
	Mrs K Richards	PVI - Early Years Group Member
A	Mr C Cuomo	Diocesan Representative - (Chair)
	Ms L Knott	14-19 Partnership Representative
	Mr J Jefferies	Trades Union Representative
	Ms L Maddison	Trades Union Representative

In attendance:

Mr C Pettigrew	Corporate Director Children and Families
Ms I Kakoullis	Group Manager for Early Childhood Services
Ms J Burgess	Early Years Strategic Manager
Mr K Palframan	Group Manager Finance Strategy and Compliance
Mr L Jones	Service Director Commissioning and Resources
Mrs M Clay	Service Director Education, Learning and Skills
Mr M Needham	Finance Business Partner, Children and Families Finance
Mr S Hawkins	Senior Pupil Place Planning Practitioner
Mrs S Summerscales	Senior Finance Business Partner, Children & Families Finance
Mrs T Gardner (Clerk)	Assistant Accountant, Children and Families Finance

1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Helen Atkins welcomed all members to the forums first virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams.</p>	
	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Carlo Cuomo, and Ly Toom.</p> <p>Marion Clay shared with the group the sad news that we had lost one of our members, a letter will be drafted and sent to his widow from the LA and school forum members.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes – 27th February 2020</p> <p><u>School Forum Constitution</u> Resolution for full membership and the shift between maintained and academy representation. This is currently not an issue within Nottinghamshire, but a resolution is still required to be included into the constitution should the situation arise in the future.</p> <p>Minutes approved as accurate and correct</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>MC/TG</p>
3.	<p>3a – Distribution of the Pupil Growth Fund 2020-21</p> <p>Steve Hawkins presented the paper</p> <p>Andrew Rossington asked if any of the carry forward could be diverted to areas that are under pressure such as the HNB Block. Sue Summerscales advised that yes, the carry forward can be transferred to the HNB Block, but this would need agreement from the School Forum.</p> <p>Work will be carried out by LA officers over the summer to look at the growth fund budget, Marion Clay advised that we need to be careful with this budget as it is for growth, Matt Rooney was mindful that we should be prudent bearing in mind the state of the economy.</p> <p>Sue Summerscales commented that, before any monies are diverted, we would need to ensure that the school funding formula for 21-22 was affordable.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION/S</p> <p>That the Schools Forum</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the content of the report and agrees the allocations made from the growth fund for Autumn 20 and Spring 21 – report noted 2. Continues to monitor the use of this fund throughout 2020-21 and considers the level of funding and criteria for future years. Forum members will continue to monitor this fund, but consideration of the level of funding and criteria for future years will need to be re-looked at once the planned work is carried out over the Summer. 	
	<p>3b. Dedicated Schools Grant Outturn 2019/20</p> <p>Sue Summerscales presented the report and said that we were still awaiting confirmation of the final early years funding allocation for 2019-20.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION/S</p> <p>That the Schools Forum</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the contents of this report – report noted. 	

2. Approves the carry forward of underspends detailed in Appendix A into 2020/21.

Votes for	Votes against	Abstentions
14	N/A	N/A

3c. Central School Services Block Funding 2020-21

Sue Summerscales presented the paper.

It was felt that as the £285,000 shortfall was still to be found and further work would be undertaken by the local authority to try and address the shortfall, it would be best for this paper and recommendation to be re-visited at the September meeting.

3d DSG Financial Monitoring Report Period 2 2020-21

Mark Needham presented the paper.

A discussion was had around funding from the ESFA to cover expenses due to the covid-19 pandemic and the cost of missed education.

Why there was the possibility of funding for independent settings but nothing about funding for mainstream maintained or academy schools. The need for EHCP in some settings and not other and the issues and unfairness of this.

The local authority has not had any information regards any of this but suspect that the money spent will exceed any money received, the local authority will keep the forum members updated.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Schools Forum:

1. Notes the content of the report – report noted

3e Minster School – Application of the Minimum Per Pupil Methodology

Sue Summerscales presented the paper.

This is an anomaly with the NFF MPP methodology and does not impact any other Nottinghamshire school. It is an issue as the local authority funding is based on the NFF. Sue Summerscales advised that the local authority was going to write a letter to the ESFA asking if our funding for Minster could be amended to reflect this change. After a discussion it was agreed that the letter would be addressed from the local authority and Nottinghamshire school forum.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Schools Forum notes:

1. The action taken by the LA to redetermine Minster Schools 20-21 funding allocation and;
2. that there will be a requirement to make the alteration to the MPP methodology in future years if there is no change to the NFF methodology.

Both recommendations were noted.

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	<p>3f School Forum Constitution</p> <p>Toni Gardner presented the paper</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION/S</p> <p>That the Schools Forum:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the content of the report and agrees for the above to be added into the Nottinghamshire Schools Forum Constitution – report noted 																
<p>4.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Karen Richards – vulnerable children have been identified during lockdown and knows that there is nothing else financially but any means of support, pockets of money that could help the sector would be of great help.</p> <p>Sue Summerscales – Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA). Maintained schools had been advised that for this financial year and next they are unable to take advantage of the new RPA. 2022-23 would be the 1st year when schools would be able to take advantage of it. The Risk & Insurance Manager is intending to conduct a consultation on this and has asked if it could be included with the school funding formula consultation this year. Sue feels it should be a separate consultation held by Risk & Insurance and wanted to get the views of members.</p> <p>Fiona Jones supported a different consultation, James MacDonald seconded that and commented that it was not appropriate for the two consultations to be actioned together. Members agreed.</p>																
<p>5.</p>	<p>Confidentiality</p> <p>No item marked confidential</p>																
<p>6.</p>	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="143 1355 1037 1534"> <tr> <td>Thursday 17 September 2020</td> <td>2-4pm</td> <td>Virtual – Microsoft Teams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday 12 November 2020</td> <td>2-4pm</td> <td>Virtual – Microsoft Teams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday 10 December 2020</td> <td>2-4pm</td> <td>Virtual – Microsoft Teams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday 25 February 2021</td> <td>2-4pm</td> <td>Virtual – Microsoft Teams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday 17 June 2021</td> <td>2-4pm</td> <td>TBC</td> </tr> </table>	Thursday 17 September 2020	2-4pm	Virtual – Microsoft Teams	Thursday 12 November 2020	2-4pm	Virtual – Microsoft Teams	Thursday 10 December 2020	2-4pm	Virtual – Microsoft Teams	Thursday 25 February 2021	2-4pm	Virtual – Microsoft Teams	Thursday 17 June 2021	2-4pm	TBC	
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