

Notice of Schools Forum

Date: Monday, 21 September 2026 at 10.00 am

Venue: Teams Meeting (Online)



Chairman:

Geoff Cherrill Maintained Special

Vice-Chairman:

Patrick Earnshaw Academies – Secondary

Kate Carter	Academies – Primary
Esther Curry	Academies – Primary
Chris Jackson	Academies – Primary
Chris Moody	Academies – Primary
Sean Preston	Academies – Primary
Heather Spring	Academies – Primary
Gemma Sutter	Academies – Primary
Mark Avoth	Academies – Secondary
Sian Phillips	Academies – Secondary
Michelle Dyer	Academies – Secondary
Phil Midworth	Academies – Secondary
Matthew Woodville	Academies – Secondary
Vacancy	Academies – Secondary
Sarah McCurrie	Special Academies
Ben Doyle	All Through Academies
Russell Arnold	Alternative Provision Academy
Chris Barnett	Maintained Secondary
Phillip Gavin	Mainstream PRU
Vicky Peters	Early Years
Damon Parker	Early Years
Vacancy	Catholic Diocese
Richard Wharton	C of E Diocese Representative

All Members of the Schools Forum are summoned to attend this remote meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

The press and public are welcome to attend this remote meeting and should email any request to do so to the meeting contact below, and a meeting invite will be sent.

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If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Sinead O'Callaghan on 01202 096660 or email democratic.services@bcpCouncil.gov.uk

Press enquiries should be directed to the Press Office: Tel: 01202 118686 or email press.office@bcpCouncil.gov.uk

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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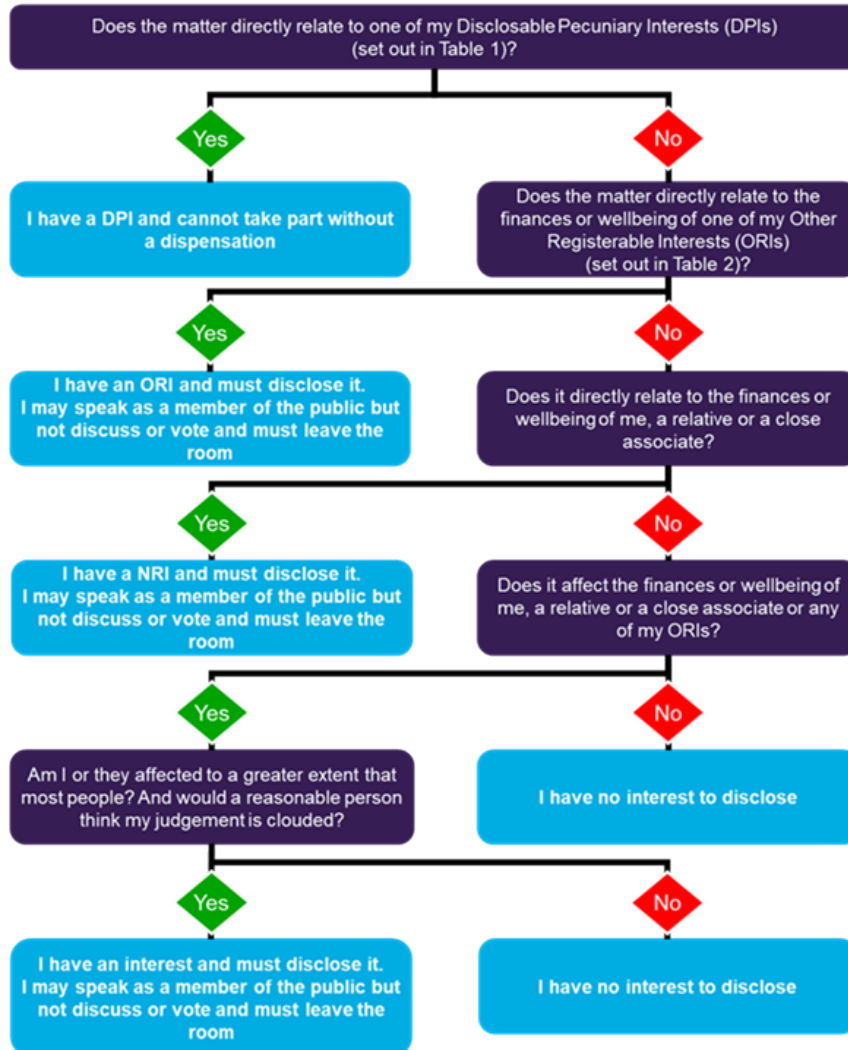


Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

Declaring interests at meetings

Familiarise yourself with the Councillor Code of Conduct which can be found in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution.

Before the meeting, read the agenda and reports to see if the matters to be discussed at the meeting concern your interests



What are the principles of bias and pre-determination and how do they affect my participation in the meeting?

Bias and predetermination are common law concepts. If they affect you, your participation in the meeting may call into question the decision arrived at on the item.

Bias Test

In all the circumstances, would it lead a fair minded and informed observer to conclude that there was a real possibility or a real danger that the decision maker was biased?

Predetermination Test

At the time of making the decision, did the decision maker have a closed mind?

If a councillor appears to be biased or to have predetermined their decision, they must NOT participate in the meeting.

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer

Selflessness

Councillors should act solely in terms of the public interest

Integrity

Councillors must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships

Objectivity

Councillors must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias

Accountability

Councillors are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this

Openness

Councillors should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing

Honesty & Integrity

Councillors should act with honesty and integrity and should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned

Leadership

Councillors should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs

AGENDA

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

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| 1. Election of Chair
To elect a Chair of the Schools Forum until September 2027. | |
| 2. Election of Vice-Chair
To elect a Vice-Chair of the Schools Forum until September 2027. | |
| 3. Apologies for Absence
To receive any apologies for absence. | |
| 4. Declarations of Interest
Councillors are requested to declare any interests on items included in this agenda. Please refer to the workflow on the preceding page for guidance. Declarations received will be reported at the meeting. | |
| 5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 22 June 2026, as a correct record. | 5 - 12 |
| 6. School Forum Membership

To provide a update to the Forum on Schools Forum Membership. | Verbal Report |
| 7. Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) - Budget Monitoring and High Needs Update at Quarter One 2026-27

The quarter one budget monitoring for the DSG reported to the council's Cabinet on 2 September 2026 is a projected high needs funding gap for 2026-27 of £95.7m.

Other DSG budgets for 2026-27 are forecast to be balanced.

The cumulative deficit at 31 March 2027 is projected to be £275.5m | 13 - 18 |
| 8. BCP SEND Reform Plan 2026-2029

Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, working with NHS Dorset and wider local area partners, submitted its Local SEND Reform Plan to the Department for Education in June 2026. The Plan sets out a three-year roadmap to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND, strengthen inclusive mainstream provision, improve family confidence and support the long-term sustainability of the High Needs Block. The Plan is underpinned by co-production with children, young people, parents, carers and practitioners, a local partnership maturity assessment, an Inclusive Place Sufficiency Strategy, an Experts at Hand partnership model and a | 19 - 220 |

clear Theory of Change. It responds to increasing demand, including sustained growth in Education, Health and Care Plans, whilst building on BCP's strengths and improving partnership arrangements. A key component of delivery is the introduction of a Targeted Cluster Funding Model, funded through £1.5m per annum from the High Needs Block, to support earlier intervention, inclusion and prevention activity. Schools Forum is asked to consider the proposed approach and provide its views to Cabinet on 30 September 2026.

9. Forward Plan

To consider and note the Forward Plan

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10. Dates of Future Meetings

The Forum is asked to note the previously agreed dates:

- 16 November 2026
- 11 January 2027
- 21 June 2027

And to agree to its future meeting dates as outlined below:

- 20 September 2027
- 22 November 2027
- 10 January 2028
- 19 June 2028

11. Any Other Business

To consider any other business, which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

No other items of business can be considered unless the Chairman decides the matter is urgent for reasons that must be specified and recorded in the Minutes.