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**Central
Bedfordshire**

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NOTICE OF MEETING

SCHOOLS FORUM

Date & Time

Monday, 14 January 2019 3.00 p.m.

Venue at

**The Moorfield Room, The Rufus Centre, Steppingley Road,
Flitwick, MK45 1AH**

Richard Carr
Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of the SCHOOLS FORUM:

School
Members:

Peter Cohen, Oak Bank School/Academy of Central Bedfordshire
Joe Creswick, Ivel Valley School
Leigh Davies, Willow Nursery School
Caren Earp, Henlow Middle Academy
Carl Field, Alameda Middle School
Karen Hayward, Sandy Upper School
Michael Howe, Leighton Middle School
Sue Howley MBE, Fairfield Park Lower School
James Hughes, Beecroft Primary Academy
Alexia Moyle, Greenleas Lower School
Joanna New, Flitwick Lower School
David Penfold, Cranfield CofE Academy
Joe Selmes, Weatherfield and Oakbank Academies
Mahnaz Smith, Priory Academy
Sue Teague, Caddington and Slip End Lower School
Stephen Tikin, Beaudesert Lower School
Sally Wells, St Andrew's Lower School
Connie White, Harlington and Sundon Academy

Non School Members Paul Burrett, Church of England Diocese Representative
Ali Challis, Early Years Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) Provider Representative
Martin Foster, Trade Union Representative
Mary Morris, Catholic Diocese Representative
Sarah Mortimer, Post 16 Education Representative
Cllr Ken Ferguson, Chairman of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Observer: Cllr Steven Dixon, Executive Member for Education and Skills

Current Vacancies Secondary maintained head teacher

Officers	Ms S Bellamy	Acting Senior Finance Manager-Children's Services
	Ms L Bartos	Head of Service for SEND
	Mr P Fraser	Assistant Director, Education
	Ms S Griffin	Committee Services Officer
	Mrs S Harrison	Director of Children's Services
	Mr C Kiernan	Interim Head of School Improvement
	Mrs S Tyler	Assistant Director Business and Resources

Please note that there will be a pre-meeting starting **half an hour before** the Forum meeting to enable technical aspects of the reports to be discussed with officers before the Forum meeting begins.

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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**

To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitute Members.

2. **Election of Chairman for the municipal year 2018-19**

To elect a Chairman for the municipal year 2018-19.

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising**

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 November 2018 (copy attached) and to receive an update on any matters arising from these.

4. **Chairman's Announcements and Communications**

To receive any announcements from the Chairman and any matters of communication.

5. **Schools Forum powers and responsibilities**

To note the Schools Forum powers and responsibilities summary document issued by the Education Funding Agency (copy attached).

Information

Item Subject

6 **Sub-Groups of Schools Forum**

To receive an update from the Sub-Groups of Schools Forum on the work being undertaken.

Sub Group	Meetings held since last meeting of the Forum	Lead Officer	Update report attached
Early Years	N/A	Sue Tyler	
High Needs	8 Jan 2019	Peter Fraser	
Growth Fund	N/A	Victor Wan	

7 **Membership of the Central Bedfordshire Schools Forum**

To receive a verbal update on the membership of the Central Bedfordshire Schools Forum.

8 **Apprenticeship Levy**

To receive a presentation on the Apprenticeship Levy.

9 **The Growth Fund - additional modelling**

To receive a verbal update on additional modelling of the Growth Fund as requested at the Schools Forum meeting in November 2018.

10 **High Needs Block of the Dedicated School Grant**

To receive an update on the spend in regard to the High Needs Block (HNB) to date, the potential spend pressures for remainder of 2018/19, and the 0.5% investment 2018/19 into the HNB for this financial year, and to note the indicative High Needs Block DSG Allocation for 2019/20 and forecast spend including request for disapplication.

11 **Academy Schools: Balances on 31 August 2017**

To receive an update about the balances held by academy schools on 31 August 2017, the end of the 2016/17 financial year for academies and free schools.

12 **The National Funding Formula**

To receive an update on the National Funding Formula.

Proposals

Item	Subject
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13	Trade Union Facilities Time
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	To seek approval for the continuation of funding for facilities release time for Trade Unions and Professional Association.
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14	School Admissions Annual Report 2019/20
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	To receive an overview of the performance of the School Admissions Team during the 2018/19 academic year and seek approval for the 2019/20 continued funding.
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15	Early Years funding 2019/20
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	To consider the responses to the Consultation on Early Years Funding for 2019/20 and to agree funding approach for 19/20 in principle.
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16	Special School Banding - Single Value Top UP (SVT)
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	To receive an update on the assessment of the Single Value Top-Up as requested at the Schools Forum meeting in November 2018.
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17	Dedicated Schools Grant
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To receive an update on the Dedicated Schools Grant – **to follow**

18 **Schools Forum Budget**

To receive an update on the Schools Forum Budget – **to follow**

19 **Schools Contingency update**

To receive an update on Schools Contingency – **to follow**

20 **Work Programme**

To consider the work programme for the Central Bedfordshire Schools Forum.

21 **Date of the Next Meeting**

Monday 11 March 2019

Proposed meeting dates for 2019

11 June

16 September

18 November