



Schools Forum March 2024

Welcome to Issue 5, a pre-Forum Edition of the eNewsletter of the Lancashire Schools' Forum.

School Outturn Statements 2023/24

Schools were issued Outturn statements on 23 April 2024 on the Schools Portal.

Income and Expenditure 2024/25 and beyond

A letter outlining the return was published to all school on 25 April 2024. I&E forms are required by no later than **Friday 17th May 2024**. Please remember that even if the budget has not been formally approved by the full Governing Body it can still be submitted. Resubmissions will be accepted should there be any changes once governors have considered the budget after the deadline.

The form is available via the Schools Portal and is titled "**Income and Expenditure Form**". It is located in the Forms > Finance section of the menu on the left of the portal homepage.

Analysis of Balances at 31st March 2024

For the CFR return, we need to split the schools closing balance as at 31 March 2024 between committed and uncommitted balances. Examples of committed balances can include unspent Pupil Premium, PE Sports premium and other balances of income or funds held at 31st March for specific purposes which will be spent in the new financial year. Particularly given the circumstances relating to government grants during the last financial year, all schools should carefully consider this mandatory submission.

Please use the eform available from the link [here](#) to inform us of your 2023/24 committed balance as soon as possible, and by no later than **Friday 17 May 2024**.

Inclusion Hub Funding

The de-delegation of Primary Inclusion Hub funding for 2024/25 has been previously agreed by the Forum, following a consultation with schools.

The Forum have confirmed that the distribution methodology to allocate the funding to each district hub would be calculated on pupil numbers and a deprivation factor.



Money will be allocated to the banker schools in each district in the new financial year.

What's Happening Locally

The Great Lancashire Debate 2024

Following the success of last year's competition, we are excited to announce the return of The Great Lancashire Debate for 2024 – the public speaking competition for all schools in Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool!

At Lancashire County Council we are passionate about engaging young people in our democracy and hearing their ideas about how we can make Lancashire the best place to live. This year, the contest will be held in conjunction with the celebration of 50 years of Lancashire County Council. It will culminate with finals held during UK Parliament Week (18 – 22 November 2024).

For more information about the competition and how to enter, please visit our website www.lancashire.gov.uk/the-great-lancashire-debate/

Schools Forum Updates

Summer Term Schools Forum Dates

- Early Years Block Working Group 6 June 2024
 - Needs Block Working Group 11 June 2024
 - Schools Block Working Group 18 June 2024
 - Lancashire Schools Forum 2 July 2024

Schools Forum Minutes

The draft minutes from the Forum meeting held on March 2024 are available on the Schools Forum website [here](#)

Schools Forum Membership 2024

A membership list can be found on the Forum [website](#).

Questions?

Remember, if you have any questions about the Schools Forum, please contact Millie Parkinson, Forum Officer, 01772 534844, or email schoolsforum@lancashire.gov.uk

