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Schools Forum June 2026

Welcome to Issue 17, a pre-Forum Edition of the eNewsletter of the Lancashire Schools' Forum.

Summer Term 2026 Cycle

The working groups will consider issues in June 2026 and recommendations to be presented to the Schools Forum in July. Amongst the main items to be presented are:

- Schools Budget Outturn 2025/26
- School balances at 31 March 2026 and proposed clawback arrangements
- Schools Forum Annual Report 2025/26
- Scheme for Financing Schools in Lancashire
- 2027/28 funding proposals, including Schools Block, High Needs pressures and transfers
- Early Years and High Needs funding updates, including inclusion and mitigation arrangements
- Updates to funding policies, including special schools and exceptional circumstances

Schools Forum Membership 2026

As part of the annual review process, the following vacancies have arisen for the Schools Forum from September 2026. If you are interested in becoming a forum member, please complete the appropriate link below.

- [Secondary Head \[2\]](#)
 - [Secondary Gov](#)
 - [Primary Head \[4\]](#)
 - [Primary Gov](#)
- [Academy Secondary Gov \[2\]](#)
 - [Academy Primary Gov](#)
 - [Academy - Special Gov](#)
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Please contact the schools forum clerk, schoolsforum@lancashire.gov.uk, if you would like any further information on becoming a member of the forum.



Income and Expenditure return

Many thanks to all those maintained schools that have submitted their annual **Income and Expenditure (I&E)** return for 2026/27

Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS) 2025/26

Many thanks also to all maintained schools and their **Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS)** submission. **100%** of returns were received and the annual SFVS assurance statement has now been submitted to the DfE confirming that all submissions had been received by the LA.

Closure of Accounts 2025/26

As part of the financial year-end closure of County Council accounts for 2025/26, all school accounts for were closed in accordance with the County Council closure timetable.

The County Council would like to say a big thank you all schools for their considerable efforts in closing the 2025/26 accounts.

Clawback at March 2027

The Schools Forum meeting on 3 July 2026 will include a discussion and vote on the implementation of clawback on excess balances as at March 2027.

Following the final decision, a letter will be issued to all maintained schools. The Clawback Policy for 2025/26 is also available on the [Schools Forum Website](#).

Early Years Outcomes Meeting

The next Early Years Outcomes Meeting is 22nd June at 3:00pm. This will be led by Head of Education Improvement, Aby Hardy, and will focus on plans for the next year as well as a review of where we are up to now. *(Please note this date has been rearranged from the meeting on the 16th June).*

The meeting is held at County Hall, in the Exchange on the 4th floor or the meeting can be joined virtually via the [Teams](#).

Subsequent meetings are arranged for:

- 15th September 2026 – 3:00pm
- 26th November 2026 – 3:00pm
- 4th March 2027 – 3:00pm

These meetings will follow the same format, so will face to face at County Hall with the option of joining virtually online.



Schools Forum Updates

Summer Term Schools Forum Dates

- High Needs Block Working Group 11 June 2026
- Early Years Block Working Group 22 June 2026
- Schools Block Working Group 23 June 2026
- Lancashire Schools Forum 3 July 2026

Schools Forum Minutes

The draft minutes from the Forum meeting held on 20 March 2026 are available on the Schools Forum website [here](#)

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

Questions?

Remember, if you have any questions about the Schools Forum, please contact schoolsforum@lancashire.gov.uk

