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The Children and Young People's Service

Report to Haringey Schools' Forum: 2rd July 2026

Report Title: Schools' Forum Membership and Terms of Reference

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Purpose: To review the membership and Terms of Reference of the Forum

Recommendations:

1. Agree the allocation of Schools Forum places based on the proportion of pupil places in schools at the January 2026 Census.
2. Adopt the amended Terms of Reference for the 2026/27 academic year, with possible review going forward due to the impact of some long-term vacancies.

Report

1. Membership

- 1.1 At the October 2025 Schools Forum Meeting, the Forum's membership was agreed upon until July 2026. The pupil numbers across Haringey from the January 2025 census were used to agree revision to Forum membership for 2025/26.
- 1.2 There is still a requirement for the annual review of the number of pupils to ensure that School Forum membership is proportionately representative of pupil numbers, encompassing maintained and academy across Special, Alternative Provision, Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools, based on the total number of pupils registered as on roll.
- 1.3 The January 2026 census data has been used to inform this report. There has been a reduction of pupils on roll overall since the January 2025 census data, with some changes in pupil populations. Whilst the number of children on roll in Alternative Provision is stable, there is also significant outreach work completed, which is not reflected in this figure.
This report recommends retaining the number and proportion of School Forum places as per 2025/26. Following discussion with the Chair, I would advise there is a review of the long-term vacancies on Schools' Forum and discussion of their impact.
- 1.4 Table A, below, sets out the number and proportion of pupils' attendance across the school settings and phases.
A general summary of the January 2026 census data shows:
- a total of 36,692 pupils were on roll in Haringey schools (37,394 Jan 2025)
 - 8,531 pupils on roll at Secondary Academy schools (8,708 Jan 2025)
 - 6,045 pupils on roll at Maintained Secondary schools (6,277 Jan 2025)
 - 3,802 pupils on roll at Primary Academy and Free schools (4,375 Jan 2025)
 - 16,217 pupils on roll at Primary Maintained schools (16,902 Jan 2025)

Table A

| Membership category | No of pupils | Places on Schools Forum |
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| School Members | | |
| Special Maintained | 547 (513 Jan 2025) | Percentage allocation 1.5% 1 x Headteacher place 1 x Governor place |
| Special Academy and Free | 159 (147 Jan 2025) | Percentage allocation 0.4% |
| Nursery | 415 (392 Jan 2025) | Percentage allocation 1% 1 x Headteacher place 1 x Governor place |
| Primary Maintained | 16,217 (16,902 Jan 2025) | Percentage allocation 44% 6 x Headteacher places 6 x Governor places |

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| Primary Academy and Free (Incl. Harris Tottenham all though Primary places) | 3,802 (4,375 Jan 2025) | Percentage allocation 10% 2 x Headteacher places 2 x Governor places |
| Secondary Maintained | 6,045 (6,277 Jan 2025) | Percentage allocation 16% 2 x Headteacher places 2 x Governor places |
| Secondary Academy (Incl. Harris Tottenham all through Secondary places) | 8,531 (8,708 Jan 2025) | Percentage allocation 23% 3 x Headteacher places 3 x Governor places |
| Alternative provision | 144 (117 Jan 2025) | Percentage allocation 0.4% 1 x Executive Headteacher place 1 x Management Committee place |
| Total school places | 36692 (37394 Jan 2025) | 32 |
| Non School Members | | |
| Non-Executive Councillor | N/A | 1 x Place |
| Trade Union Representative | N/A | 1 x Place |
| Professional Association Representative | N/A | 1 x Place |
| Faith Schools | N/A | 1 x Place |
| 14-19 Partnership | N/A | 1 x Place |
| Early Years Providers | N/A | 1 x Place |
| Independent chair | N/A | 1 x place |
| Total Non-School member places | | 7 |
| School members and non-school members combined total | | 39 |

2. Terms of Reference / Future of Schools Forum

2.1 The current terms of reference for Schools Forum can be found in Appendix A.