
NOTICE OF MEETING

SCHOOLS FORUM

WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY 2019 AT 4.30PM

CONFERENCE ROOM B, SECOND FLOOR, THE CIVIC OFFICES

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Membership

Schools Members

Two head teacher representatives - primary phase

One head teacher representative - secondary phase

One head teacher representative - special phase

Four academy representatives - primary proprietor

Five academy representatives - secondary proprietor

One academy representative - special proprietor

One governor - primary phase

One governor - secondary phase

Non School Members

Four Councillors (one from each political groups)

One 16-19 Education Providers representative

One Early Years Providers representative

(NB This agenda should be retained for future reference with the minutes of this meeting).

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Declarations of Interest**
- 3 Membership Changes.**
- 4 Minutes and matters arising from the previous meeting held on 28 November 2018. (Pages 5 - 8)**

5 Early Years SEND funding review. (Pages 9 - 18)

Purpose.

The proposed closure of the Willows Nursery School provides an opportunity to remodel the way in which Portsmouth City Councils supports early year's children to access their funded entitlement. This report outlines the proposed changes to the funding and support for young children with SEND.

RECOMMENDED that the Schools Forum endorse the following changes to funding and support for early years children with SEND (which are fully outlined in section 5):

- 1. Commission places for early year's children with complex SEND through a specialist provision at Cliffdale Primary Academy (subject to the conclusion of the current consultation on the closure of Willows Nursery School).**
- 2. Establish a single funding stream for mainstream early years providers which has 2 elements:**
 - A flexible 'complex needs' funding stream (*EY Inclusion Fund - Enhanced*) where funding will follow the child to the setting of their parent's choice. This element will be funded through the DSG High-Needs Block, using the funding released from the proposed closure of Willows Nursery School.**
 - A refocussed Early Years Inclusion Fund (*EY Inclusion Fund - Core*) which supports children with 'low and emerging' needs, in-line with Statutory Guidance. This is already funded from the Early Years Block.**
- 3. Subject to consultation with the current service providers, refocus the allocation of funding to early years outreach on a resource which can consistently deliver practical support and role modelling to settings across the spectrum of needs. A SEND outreach officer role will be managed either through the Early Years Area SENCO team or Portage Plus.**
- 4. Review existing training and development opportunities for mainstream early year's providers to ensure they meet the needs of children and the settings they access.**

6 Schools funding arrangements 2019-20.

This report will follow.

7 Any other business.

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