

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS' FORUM 16th January 2024

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION

Forum Membership Review

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report describes the current representation of the Forum and membership changes.

1.2 Current Representation

The table below details the current makeup of the Wirral Schools' Forum representation and when the terms of office are due to expire.

Schools Forum Membership							
Total Membership	Role	2019-2023	2020-2024	2021-2025	2022-2026	2023-2027	Total
5	Primary Headteachers			2	1	2	5
4	Primary Governors			2	1		3
1	Secondary Headteachers		1				1
1	Special Headteacher					1	1
1	Special Governors					1	1
1	Nursery Representative				1		1
13	Total Schools Membership						12
9	Academy Representative			2		4	6
9	Total Academy Membership						6
1	Non-teacher representative			1			1
1	Teacher representative					1	1
1	Catholic Diocese			1			1
1	Church of England Diocese			1			1
1	16-19 representative						0
3	PVI Early Years Providers			1			1
8	Total Non-Schools Membership						5
30	Total Membership	0	1	10	3	9	23

1.4 There are currently 7 vacancies

- There is 1 x 16-19 provider vacancy. No nominations have been received.
- There is 1 x Primary Governor vacancy. Expressions of interest will be sent out shortly to fill this position.
- There are 3 x academy representative vacancies. The expressions of interest have been sent out but at the time of writing this report, no nominations have been received.
- There are 2 PVI Early Years Providers vacancies. Expressions of interest will be sent out shortly to fill this position as the terms of expired end of December.

1.5 New Members

There has been **one** new member since the September report, as follows: -

Kate Williams, member of Wirral Unison as the Non-teacher Representative replacing Gillian Harris.

Appendix 1 identifies all current members and their role on School's Forum.

1.6 Membership Changes

Regulations governing the forum requires school/academy membership to take account of pupil weighting.

Current	Pupil no's Jan 23 Census	Expected	
9 Primary	21,263	44.2%	8.4
1 Secondary	3,842	8.0%	1.5
9 Academy	22,975	47.8%	9.1
19.0	48,080	100.0%	19.0

1.7 As the primary schools are converting to academy, this reduces the membership of maintained primary schools to 8 but increases the maintained secondary schools back up to 2. The regulations allow for flexibility during periods of change so it would be reasonable to keep 9 primary members and 1 secondary member as we await more academy conversions later in the year.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Forum notes the report.

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Appendix 1

SCHOOLS' FORUM MEMBERSHIP as at January 2024					
Group	Name	Category of Membership	School/Establishment	Term of Office	
Schools	Lorraine Prescott	Primary Headteacher (Birkenhead S)	St Anne's Catholic	Oct-23	Sep-27
Schools	Sue Ralph	Primary Headteacher (Birkenhead N)	St Michael & All Angels	Sep-21	Aug-25
Schools	John McDonald	Primary Headteacher	St Albans Primary	Sep-21	Aug-25
Schools	Kate Ball	Primary Headteacher (Deeside)	Brookdale	Sep-23	Aug-27
Schools	Chris Mervyn	Primary Headteacher	Brackenwood Infants	May-22	Apr-26
Schools	Charlotte Scott	Primary Governor	St Georges Primary	Aug-21	Jul-25
Schools	Shaun Allen	Primary Governor	Raeburn Avenue	Nov-22	Oct-26
Schools	Julie Merry	Primary Governor	Overchurch Infants/Cathcart	Jan-21	Dec-24
Schools	Vacancy	Primary Governor			
Schools	Simon Goodwin	Secondary Headteacher	South Wirral High	Sep-20	Aug-24
Schools	Holly Barker	Special Headteacher	Stanley School	Sep-23	Aug-27
Schools	Paula Wareing	Special Governor	Meadowside School	Feb-23	Jan-27
Schools	Kathryn Kennedy	Nursery Representative	Ganneys Meadow	Mar-22	Feb-26
Academy	Moira Loftus	Academy Rep (Vice-Chair)	Townfield Primary	Jun-21	May-25
Academy	Adrian Whiteley	Academy Rep (Chair)	St Anselms	Sep-23	Aug-27
Academy	Vacancy	Academy Rep			
Academy	Emma Ball	Academy Rep	Greasby Junior	Jan-23	Dec-27
Academy	Mark Bellamy	Academy Rep	Hilbre High School	Sep-21	Aug-25
Academy	Luci Jones	Academy Rep	Cheshire Academies Trust (Gayt	Sep-23	Aug-27
Academy	Vacancy	Academy Rep			
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Academy	Carys Wynn-Green	Academy Rep	Concordia	Sep-23	Aug-27
Non-Schools	Kate Williams	Non-teacher representative	Wirral Unison	Dec-23	Nov-27
Non-Schools	Michael Farrelly	Teacher representative	NEU	Sep-23	Aug-27
Non-Schools	Joanne Proctor	Catholic Diocese	Christ the King	Sep-21	Aug-25
Non-Schools	Brian McGregor	Church of England Diocese	Woochurch CE Primary	Sep-21	Aug-25
Non-Schools	Vacancy	16-19 Provider			
Non-Schools	Vacancy	PVI Early Years Providers			
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Non-Schools	Jessica Trigg	PVI Early Years Providers	The Mulberry Tree	Oct-21	Sep-25