

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS' FORUM 14th January 2025

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	2020-2024	2021-2025	2022-2026	2023-2027	2024-2028	Total
5	Primary Headteachers		2	1	1	1	5
3	Primary Governors	1	1	1			3
1	Secondary Headteachers						0
1	Secondary Representative						0
1	Special Headteacher				1		1
1	Special Governors				1		1
1	Nursery Representative			1			1
13	Total Schools Membership						11
9	Academy Representative		2		2	4	8
9	Total Academy Membership						8
1	Non-teacher representative				1		1
1	Teacher representative				1		1
1	Catholic Diocese		1				1
1	Church of England Diocese						0
1	16-19 representative						0
3	PVI Early Years Providers					2	2
8	Total Non-Schools Membership						5
30	Total Membership	1	6	3	7	7	24

1.3 There are currently 6 vacancies.

- There is 1 x 16-19 provider vacancy
- There is 1 x Secondary Headteacher vacancy
- There is 1 x Secondary Representative vacancy
- There is 1x PVI Representative vacancy
- There is 1x Church of England Diocese representative vacancy
- There is 1 x academy representative vacancies

1.4 New Members

There has been **one** new members since the October report:

Kerrie Spiby, Director of Business and Finance of Upton Hall school as the Academy Representative

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

1.5 Membership Changes

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

Current		Pupil no's Jan 24 Census	Expected	
8	Primary	20,185	42.0%	8.0
2	Secondary	3,823	8.0%	1.5
9	Academy	23,403	48.7%	9.2
19.0		47,411	100.0%	19.0

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Forum notes the report.

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Director of Children, Families and Education

Appendix 1

SCHOOLS' FORUM MEMBERSHIP as at January 2025

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 (Wallasey)	St Alban's	Sep-21	Aug-25
Schools	Christine Wright	Primary Headteacher (Deeside)	Hoylake Holy Trinity	Oct-24	Sep-28
Schools	Chris Mervyn	Primary Headteacher (Beb/Brom)	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-21	Oct-26
Schools	Julie Merry	Primary Governor	Cathcart	Jan-21	Dec-24
Schools	Vacancy	Secondary Headteacher			
Schools	Vacancy	Secondary Representative			
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	Maira Loftus	Academy Rep (Chair)	Townfield Primary	Jun-21	May-25
Academy	Kate Ball	Academy Rep	Brookdale	Sep-24	Aug-28
Academy	Jane Whisker	Academy Rep	Hilbre High School	Jul-24	Jun-28
Academy	Emma Ball	Academy Rep	Greasby Junior	Jan-23	Dec-27
Academy	Andrea Gaunt	Academy Rep	Upton Hall School	Jul-24	Jun-28
Academy	Luci Jones	Academy Rep	Cheshire Academies Trust (Gayton, Woodchurch Road and Rock Ferry academies)	Sep-23	Aug-27
Academy	Mark Bellamy	Academy Rep	Hilbre High School	Sep-21	Aug-25
Academy	Kerrie Spiby	Academy Rep	Upton Hall School	Dec-24	Nov-28
Academy	Vacancy	Academy Rep			
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	Vacancy	Church of England Diocese			
Non-Schools	Vacancy	16-19 Provider			
Non-Schools	Nicky Prance	PVI Early Years Providers	Barnston Buddies	Mar-24	Feb-28
Non-Schools	Simon Davies	PVI Early Years Providers	Penguins Nurseries	Mar-24	Feb-28
Non-Schools	Vacancy	PVI Early Years Providers			