



Subject Heading:

School Forum membership

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Eligibility to vote:

All members

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the School Forum composition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum:

- (i) Reviews the proposal to increase the primary phase academy membership from one representative to two representatives
- (ii) Notes the LA engagement with the Diocesan Board and Post 16 provision, with Forum to be updated on the progress at the next meeting

REPORT DETAIL

1. School Forum composition

Following the Autumn School 2024 Census being validated and now confirmed, the pupil numbers was used to review the composition of the School Forum.

The table below demonstrates that following the census update that the primary academy representation may need to increase to reflect the additional pupil numbers, with other sector unaffected.

School representatives based on October 2024 Census and current representative

	Proposal			Current
	Head Teachers	Governors	Total	Total
Primary Maintained	5	1	6	6
Primary Academies	2		2	1
Secondary Maintained	0	0	0	0
Secondary Academies	6		6	6
Special Maintained	1		1	1
Special Academy	1		1	1
AP Academy	1		1	1
Total	17		17	16

October 2024 census

	Pupils
Primary Maintained	17,437
Primary Academies	6,503
Secondary Maintained	0
Secondary Academies	15,966
Special Maintained	158
Special Academy	243
AP Academy	31
Total	39,906

Apportionment of pupils per representative

	Pupils	Representatives	Pupils per rep
Primary Maintained	17,437	6	2,906
Primary Academies	6,503	2	3,252
Secondary Maintained	0	0	0
Secondary Academies	15,966	6	2,661
Special Maintained	158	1	158
Special Academy	243	1	243
AP Academy	31	1	31
Total	40,338	17	2,373

Apportionment between primary and secondary

	Pupils	Representatives	Pupils per rep	Ratio
Primary	23,940	8	2,993	1
Secondary	15,966	6	2,661	0.89
Total	39,906	14	2,850	

Apportionment between LA Maintained and Academy

	Pupils	Representatives	Pupils per rep	Ratio
Maintained	17,437	6	2,906	1
Academy	22,469	8	2,809	0.97
Total	39,906	14	2,850	

2. School Forum nomination – Diocesan and Post-16

The LA is in the process or has approached the Diocese of Chelmsford (Church of England), the Diocese of Brentwood (Catholic), and New City College (post-16 providers) to inquire whether they would like to nominate a representative to fill the School Forum vacancy for their respective categories.