

Schools Forum Membership March 2013

A further review has been done of the balance of the current Schools Forum membership across phases and academies and maintained schools. This is based on the January 2013 census data below.

School Census Data - 17th January 2013

Total NOR in Academies + Free Schools	12031
Total NOR in Primary Academies + Free Schools	4988
Total NOR in Secondary Academies	7043
Total NOR in Maintained Schools (Exc. Nursery + Special)	13487
Total NOR in Maintained Primary (Exc. Nursery + Special)	10164
Total NOR in Maintained Secondary (Exc. Special)	3323

The data above does not include any nursery or special school
The data above is based at numbers on roll as at 17th Jan 2013

12031
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25518

Summary and Recommendations

1 Total membership across academies and maintained schools:

Of the total 25,518 pupils, 47% are being educated in academies and 53% in maintained schools. We currently have 7 academy members and 9 from maintained schools. In line with the percentage split above and to reflect the shifting balance as well as the current vacancies in the maintained sector it is recommended that:

Recommendation 1

- An additional academy representative is elected by the academy proprietors (giving 8 members)
- Nicky Willis is approved as substitute for both Gillian Coffey and Barbara Clark
- One current vacancy in the maintained membership is not filled (leaving 8 members).

2 Academy membership across phases:

It is for the academy proprietors to elect members and to decide on the phase balance but Schools Forum would wish to suggest that account be taken of the relative number of pupils in each phase. Across the academies, 41% pupils are in the primary phase and 59% in secondary which would suggest 3 primary members and 5 secondary. There are currently 3 primary academy members and 4 secondary.

Recommendation 2

- That the academy proprietors group be asked to elect a further member and to consider this being a secondary representative to reflect phase balance.

3 Maintained schools membership across phases:

Across the maintained schools, 75% of pupils are in primary schools and 25% in secondary. There are 3 primary and 3 secondary members currently with a further 2 vacancies in the primary phase (if Recommendation 1 has been agreed to reduce to 8 maintained schools members).

If the 2 vacancies in the primary phase are filled this would mean 5 primary members and 3 secondary, giving 62.5% primary and 37.5% secondary.

Recommendation 3

- The Primary Headteachers group is asked to elect 2 members to fill the vacancies, being mindful of the balance of types of schools in electing those members.

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