

Minutes of Dorset Schools' Forum Meeting

25th September 2026

Attendance Record

			25 Sep	7 Nov	16 Jan	27 Feb	27 Mar	3 Jul
MEMBERS								
Secondary Maintained	Phil Jones (Chair)	Head Teacher - Ferndown Upper School	P					
	Keith Hales (Vice Chair)	Head Teacher - Beaminster School	P					
	Luana Girling	Governor - Lytchett Minster School	P					
Primary Maintained	Simon Smith	Head Teacher - Parrett & Axe Primary School	P					
	Barbara Southcott	Governor - Cerne Abbas First School	P					
	Adam Gough	Head Teacher - Bincombe Valley Primary School	P					
Special Maintained	Clive Padgett	Head Teacher - Yewstock School & College	P					
Learning Centre Maintained	David Dinsmore	Head Teacher - Dorchester Learning Centre	P					
	Alison Glazier	Head Teacher - Compass Learning Centre						
Secondary Academy	Brian Boyes	Director of Secondary Education – Initio Learning Trust	P					
	Nick Rutherford	Head Teacher - Thomas Hardy School, Wessex MAT	P					
	Vacancy							
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Primary Academy	Paul Lavis	Interim Director of Education - SAST	P					
	Giles Pugh	Deputy Director of Education and Finance Director - Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education	P					
	Debbie Shutts	Chief Financial Officer - Wessex MAT	P					
	Mick Homer	Head Teacher - St Mary's First School, Charminster	P					
Special Academy	Katherine Seymour	Head Teacher - Wyvern Academy	P					
Learning Centre Academy	Kelly Knight	Head Teacher - Harbour Vale School, SAST	P					
Early years	Lorraine Clark	Proprietor - Hopscotch Pre-school	P					
	Dani Mark	Director - Muddy Monkeys Ltd						
	Alex Fulton	Little Birch Pre-School	P					
Post-16	Kate Wills	Principal - Coastland College	P					
Trade Unions	Sarah Randell	NASUWT - Dorset Teachers' & Support Staff Council						
NAMED OBSERVERS								
Maintained Learning Centres	Kieren Hasler	Governor - Forum Centre	P					
Maintained Special Schools	Bruce Bonwell	Governor- Westfield Arts College	P					
Local Authority	Clare Sutton	Portfolio Holder for Children's Services	A					
Church Schools	Giles Pugh	Deputy Director of Education and Finance Director - Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education	P					
Local Authority	Bridget Bolwell	Elected Member	A					
Local Authority	Carole Jones	Formal observer to the Schools Forum (Elected Member)						
OFFICERS								
Local Authority	Grace Benn	Education Finance Assistant	P					
Local Authority	Lisa Cullen	Senior Accountant (Children's)						
Local Authority	Sean Cremer	Director (Resources)	A					
Local Authority	Kerrie Courtaux	Education Finance Officer	P					
Local Authority	Liz Curtis-Jones	Principal Lead for Best Start in Life	A					
Local Authority	Rob Dabbs	Head of Service Business Support	P					
Local Authority	Hannah Davis	Accountant (Children's)	P					
Local Authority	Alice Deacon	Corp Dir All Age CPI Adults Commissioning	A					
Local Authority	Paul Dempsey	Executive Director (Children's)	P					
Local Authority	Ed Denham	School Admissions Manager						
Local Authority	Ellen Eager	Sufficiency and Funding Manager	P					
Local Authority	Tom Easterbrook	Schools' Forum Officer, (Clerk)	P					

Local Authority	Vanessa Eddey	Team Manager	P					
Local Authority	Jen Furnell	Corp Director – Education & Learning	P					
Local Authority	Lisa Gray	Head of Service Best Education for All	P					
Local Authority	Sharon Hammatt	Executive Assistant (Business Support Hub)						
Local Authority	Lee House	Service Manager (Finance)	P					
Local Authority	Rachel Nesbitt	Early Years Lead (Education & Funding)	A					
Local Authority	Kath Saunders	Head of Locality & Strategy - North	A					
Local Authority	Paul Scothern	Service Manager Capital Commissioning	P					

Key	
P	Present
A	Apologies
-	Absent without apologies / not due to attend
n/a	Not applicable