



ISLINGTON SCHOOLS FORUM

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To: Head teachers of Primary schools
not represented on the Schools Forum

Cc: Head teachers of all Islington
Primary schools

Dear Colleague,

RE: ISLINGTON SCHOOLS FORUM	
Purpose of letter	To seek nominations to two primary head teacher vacancies, one vacant now, one due from 1 April 2021.
Target audience	Head teachers of primary schools not represented on the Schools Forum
Deadline for response	5pm, Monday 22 March 2021

National Framework

The Islington Schools Forum was established under The Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2002, initially to be consulted by the relevant authority (the Council) on matters pertaining to the local distribution of school funding. Since April 2006, Forums have also acquired some decision-making powers.

DfE guidance states that while members of a Schools Forum are representatives of their specific sector or phase, they should be able to consider the needs of the whole of the educational community.

The Schools Forum, follows consultation with schools, agrees how the Schools Block funding of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is distributed between schools, and how much is retained centrally for specific functions. The role of the Forum has remained important, ensuring funding is allocated fairly across all schools and academies. Furthermore, the local authority shares policy changes and funding allocations across the remaining DSG funding blocks and actively seeks Forum's view on direction of travel.

Schools Group Members

The membership of the Forum is divided into the Schools Group: ie heads and governors, elected by their peers; and the Non Schools Group: ie representatives of the wider education community, appointed by the local authority.

Membership of the Schools Forum in Islington

The full membership of Schools Forum is set out overleaf for information. In July 2006 the Council's Executive agreed that the term of office for all members should be 4 years, with the option of extending for one year.

At Schools Forum on 16 January 2020, it was agreed that members could stand again for election after a first term of four years plus one year's extension – this was to ensure continuity of experience and knowledge. Further, Schools Forum agreed at that meeting that, in exceptional circumstances, a member could stand for a third term, but with no extensions for a year after this term.

It was acknowledged that it was important for the Forum to be open to new members and for the maximum term of office to be no more than 10 years. However, the Forum felt it needed to have the flexibility to allow for the longer terms of office where it would be in the interests of Islington schools and providers. One example of exceptional circumstances is where there are very few schools in a category – eg special school, pupil referral unit or nursery school.

At the meeting on 16 January 2020, it was also agreed that in future elections and appointments, only one representative will be allowed per school, hard federation or multi-academy trust.

The next two meetings are being held on Thursday 20 May and Thursday 15 July 2021, 2-4pm, virtually / on MS Teams.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM IN ISLINGTON – FEBRUARY 2021

	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Category</u>
	<u>SCHOOLS GROUP MEMBERS</u>		
1	Primary head - vacancy		
2	Newington Green Primary	Abi Misselbrook-Lovejoy	Head (Chair)
3	Hargrave Park Primary – until 31 March 2021	Lisa Horton	Head
4	Yerbury Primary	Cassie Moss	Head
5	Prior Weston Primary and Children's Centre	Fiona Maccorquodale	Head
6	Primary governor (Montem)	Maggie Elliott	Governor (VC)
7	Primary governor (Rotherfield)	Andrew Bosi	Governor
8	Primary governor (St Peter and St Paul's)	Joe Simpson	Governor
9	Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Secondary (<i>"Islington Futures" - a Federation of Community Schools</i>)	Jo Dibb	Head (VC)
10	Kate Greenaway Nursery School	Fiona Godfrey	Head
11	Arts and Media School Islington (AMSI)	Susan Service	Head
12	Richard Cloudesley Special School	Francis Gonzalez	Head
13	Secondary governor (St Aloysius)	Paul Lasok	Governor
14	New River College (Pupil Referral Unit)	Nigel Smith	Head
15	Academies primary representative (William Tyndale)	Tanya Watson	Head
16	Academies secondary representative (City of London Academy Primary)	Claire Hersey	Principal Finance Officer
17	Academies secondary representative (St Mary Magdalene)	Vicky Linsley	Head
18	Academies special representative	Penny Barratt	Head
	<u>NON SCHOOLS GROUP MEMBERS</u>		
19	14-19 Partnership (City & Islington College)	Bryan Johnson	Other
20	Elected Member (non executive)	Cllr Rakhia Ismail	Other
21	Early Years Practitioner	Mita Pandya	Other
22	Voluntary and community sector	Anita Grant	Other

Nominations and Elections

All primary head teachers are eligible for consideration, including executive head teachers representing a formal federation or partnership, with the exception of those from schools already represented on Schools Forum.

For this vacancy we cannot accept nominations from head teachers of Newington Green, Rotherfield, St Peter and St Paul's and Education Collaborative Federation (Montem and Drayton Park) because these schools are already represented.

If there are only two nominations, they will be appointed to Schools Forum. If there are more than two candidates for the two vacancies, elections will be arranged.

Please note current members are eligible to stand again subject to meeting the requirements about terms of office – see above.

A nomination form is set out below this letter, and would be grateful if you could return it **by 5pm on Monday 22 March 2020** by email to jane.wright@islington.gov.uk .

In order to try to ensure that the Forum is representative of the education community, nominations from members of ethnic minority groups are particularly welcome across all categories.

Yours sincerely



Jane Wright
Manager for Schools and Early Years Governance and Clerk to Islington Schools Forum

ISLINGTON SCHOOLS FORUM
PRIMARY HEAD TEACHER NOMINATION FORM
March 2021

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SCHOOL/FEDERATION

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Please state why you would be interested in being a member of Schools Forum, and what contribution you would be able to make.

(This statement will be issued with ballot papers should an election be required.)

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SIGNATURE

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DATE

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