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## Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

### Kirklees Schools Forum

The **Kirklees Schools Forum** will meet in the **Willow Room, Cathedral House, St Thomas Road, Huddersfield. HD1 3LG** at **10.00 am** on **Friday 10 October 2025**.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

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**Samantha Lawton**

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# Agenda

## Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

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**1: Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for absence**

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- Update on Schools Finance Team
- Membership update

Martin Wilby

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**2: Election of Chair for 2025/26**

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**6: Matters arising and actions from the meeting held on 20 June 2025**

**7: Kirklees Education & Learning Partnership Board (standing item)**

Kirklees Education & Learning Partnership Board (standing item)

KELPB Attendees

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**8: High Needs Block (standing item)**

High Needs Block (standing item)

- SEND area inspection
- Feedback from AP session

Jo-Anne Sanders / John Bartlett and Members present

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**9: Update on the national picture for school funding 2025/26**

Update on the national picture for school funding 2025/26

Verbal Update: John Bartlett / All

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**10: Schools premises disapplication request 2026/2027**

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Schools premises disapplication request 2026/2027

John Bartlett

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**11: High Needs Block transfer disapplication 2026/2027**

High Needs Block transfer disapplication 2026/2027

*Paper to Follow*

John Bartlett

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**12: Any Other Business**

**13: Confirm minutes of last meeting**

**Next Meeting: 12 December 2025**

## Kirklees Schools Forum

### CONSTITUTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE – July 2025

#### BACKGROUND, PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES

The Kirklees Schools Forum is operated in accordance with the Department for Education and Skills 'Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012' which lays down the statutory instruments in respect of the establishment of the forum, membership, and constitutional, procedural and administrative matters. The regulations were updated in 2020 to allow remote meetings to take place.

The purpose of the Kirklees Schools Forum is to provide unambiguous professional advice and strategic direction from Headteachers to education decision-makers regarding the funding of schools. The forum is a representative group of service providers who are required to use the variety of funding streams to ensure coherent educational provision for children and young people to maximise the positive impact of funding on the quality of teaching & learning and standards.

#### TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 1.1. The Kirklees Schools Forum provides a formal channel of communication between Kirklees LA and schools and serves as the principal mechanism for consultation and decision making relating to the funding of schools.
- 1.2. The Forum consults on any proposed changes to the school funding formula, and specifically any changes in relation to the factors and criteria, methods, principles and rules used to calculate schools budgets and the financial effects of any proposed changes.
- 1.3 The Forum acts as a consultative body on issues relating to:
  - Changes to the local funding formula
  - Proposed changes to the operation of the minimum funding guarantee
  - Changes to new contracts affecting schools
  - Arrangements for the education of pupils with special educational needs, in places commissioned by the LA, in alternative provision and in early years provision, the use of top-up funding and the administration of allocation of central government grants
- 1.4 The Forum is responsible for decisions on:
  - Movement of up to 0.5% from schools block to other blocks
  - The amount of funding to be centrally retained within the Dedicated Schools Grant
  - Proposed carry forward of deficits on central spend from one year to the next

- Proposals for de-delegation of funding from maintained primary and secondary schools (by relevant maintained school members)
- Changes to the scheme of financial management
- Central spend on pupil growth and falling role funds
- Voting procedures
- Election of a Chair of schools forum

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **General**

2. There is no maximum or minimum size of a schools forum. However, the forum will be kept to a reasonable size in order to ensure that it does not become too unwieldy. The membership shall be divided into school and non-school members, ensuring fair representation across all phases including special schools, early learning providers, alternative provision and Governors.
3. The non-school members will constitute a maximum of one-third of the total membership of the Forum to represent PVI providers of early learning and childcare, teaching unions, and Post 16 providers.
4. The schools members, who are drawn from existing schools and academies, must number at least two-thirds of the total membership of the schools forum. The balance between maintained primary, maintained secondary and academies must be broadly proportionate to the pupils in each category (confirmed by an annual review of pupil numbers). There is no requirement for academies members to represent specific primary and secondary phases, but where possible, representation in this category will remain broadly proportionate to pupil numbers. Of the total number of places available on the Forum for school members there shall be one representative each for governors, special schools, alternative provision, and nursery schools.
5. Kirklees Council elected members, including the Portfolio Holder for Education, are invited to attend meetings but may not be appointed as a member of the Forum. Other interested parties may be invited to attend meetings.. A representative from the Department for Education (DfE) may attend as an observer and participate in discussions to support the local process and provide a national perspective.
6. The Local Authority is represented by an officer nominated by the Executive Director for Children and Families and a finance representative nominated by the Chief Finance Officer. Additional officers attend, as invited, to contribute to discussion or set agenda items.

7. The composition and membership of the Kirklees Schools Forum is available online on the Kirklees Council Schools Forum website. All representatives or nominatives shall be appointed as members for an initial term of three years, which may subsequently be reviewed through re-election or re-nomination in a subsequent process.

#### **8. Election and nomination of maintained schools members:**

The nomination for maintained schools members will be managed by relevant members of Kirklees Primary Heads, Kirklees High School Heads and Kirklees Special School Heads. If there are more nominations than available vacancies the Local Authority will undertake a voting process where each constituent school has one vote. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, then the Local Authority must appoint the schools member instead.

There will be at least one member per subgroup of schools.

There is one maintained nursery school and the Headteacher is entitled to be a member of Schools Forum.

The Local Authority will appoint a maintained school governor as a schools member.

#### **9. Election and nomination of academy members:**

Academies members must be elected by the proprietor bodies of the academies in the local authority's area. Academies members are there to represent the proprietor bodies of academies and are, therefore, not necessarily restricted to principals, senior staff or governors. It is not appropriate, therefore, for headteacher phase groups to determine representation unless the academy proprietors have agreed.

There is no requirement for academies members to be split into primary and secondary subgroups. However, decision makers are encouraged to consider the pupil proportions across all academies when electing their representatives.

When a vacancy occurs for an academy member of schools forum the Local Authority will write to all Single Academy Trusts and Multi-Academy Trusts with an academy in the area requesting nominations along with a pen portrait of the nominee by a specific deadline. If there are more nominees than vacancies, the Local Authority will invite Single and Multi-Academy Trusts to vote for their preferred nominee on the basis of one vote per Trust.

There is a requirement to have a least one special school academy member. In the case of a special school academy vacancy, nominations and voting will be restricted to Single and Multi-Academy Trust with special school academy located in Kirklees.

There is one Multi-Academy Trust with state funded Alternative Provision academies in Kirklees who will be entitled to nominate an academy member. (Previously, pupil referral units)

## **10. Non-school members**

The purpose of non-schools members is also to bring greater breadth of discussion to schools forum meetings and ensure that stakeholders and partners other than schools are represented.

The Local Authority will appoint non-school members recognising it cannot appoint:

- an elected member of the local authority who is appointed to the executive of that local authority
- The Director of Children's Services or any officer employed or engaged to work under the management of the Director of Children's Services, and who does not directly provide education to children (or manage those who do)
- other officers with a specific role in management of and/or who advise on funding for schools

A non-school member representing Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) early years providers will be appointed by the Local Authority who will ideally be a member of the Kirklees Early Years Reference Group to help ensure effective communication and representation.

## **11. Other membership matters**

It's not appropriate for a single person to be elected to represent more than one group or sub-group concurrently, for instance, if they were a governor at a primary and secondary school. They can stand for election from either group but can be appointed to represent only one of those groups.

The local authority may set a date by which the election should take place and must appoint the schools member if the election has not taken place by that date. The person appointed should be a member of the relevant group.

Existing members can stand for re-election at the end of their term of office or if their circumstances change i.e. if they can no longer represent the group they were

elected to represent but there is a vacancy in a group they are now eligible to represent.

In the case of school members and academy members, the local authority may set a date by which the election should take place and will appoint a suitable member if the election does not take place by that date, or if an election results in a tie between two or more candidates.

## **12. The role of executive elected members**

A schools forum needs to ensure that there are systems in place for executive members of the Council to be aware of its views on specific issues and, in particular, any decisions it takes in relation to the Schools Budget and individual budget shares.

Executive members with responsibility for education/children's services or resources of the local authority are able to participate in schools forum meetings. By doing so such elected members are able to contribute to the discussion and receive first-hand the views of the schools forum: it is clearly good practice for this to be the case and the regulations provide the right for executive members to attend and speak at schools forum meetings. However, there is no requirement for this to happen.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

**13.** The clerking and officer support arrangements for Kirklees Schools Forum are provided through the appointed representatives from Council Finance and Children and Families Service

**14.** Forum meeting papers (current and past) are available online on the Schools Forum webpage [Browse meetings - Kirklees Schools Forum | Kirklees Council](#). Agendas and minutes are available 5 working days before each public meeting, and circulated to all members electronically.

## **CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

### **15. Timing and Frequency of Meetings**

Public meetings of the Forum will take place on at least three occasions per year/one occasion per term. However, the volume of business may require meetings to take place more frequently. The dates, times and Venues of public meetings are published on the Schools Forum webpage.

## **16. Quorum**

For Schools Forum to be quorate, 40% of members must be present. Inquorate meetings may proceed, but any key decisions may be deferred to a future meeting to ensure full representation of views.

## **17. Substitution**

Members of the Forum may nominate appropriate substitutes, representing the same group of providers, to attend meetings in their place in the event that they are unable to attend themselves. Substitutions for school representatives can only be by headteachers from the same constituent group.

## **18. Voting procedures**

The decisions and recommendations required of the Kirklees Schools Forum will be contained in the relevant written report and agreed at the start of discussion. The Forum aims to arrive at such decisions and recommendations by actively building a consensus around a proposed course of action.

There are certain voting restrictions in the regulations governing Schools Forum. Voting on:

- The funding formula is limited to schools members, academies members and PVI representatives
- De-delegation is limited to the specific primary and secondary phase of maintained schools members
- Retaining funding for statutory duties relating to maintained schools only is limited to maintained primary, secondary, special and PRU members

Withing these restrictions there will be one vote per eligible school member. In the event of an equal vote the Chair of the meeting will have the casting vote except in the case of De-delegation and retained funding for statutory duties decisions where a vote will be deferred to allow further discussion with constituent groups.

## **19. Urgent business**

The need for urgent business outside the scheduled of Schools Forum meeting will be avoided if possible. However, if an urgent decision is required, in consultation with the Chair/Vice Chair of schools Forum the Local Authority may arrange an unscheduled meeting (online or face to face) or seek a decision by e-mail correspondence.

## **20. Declarations of Interest**

Schools Forum members should, for reasons of probity, be aware of circumstances in which they should withdraw from meetings due to a conflict of personal interest.

## **21. Right of Attendance**

Kirklees School Forum Public Meetings are open to all. The Forum may also invite, by agreement, individuals to attend a meeting to provide information or reports. Visitors should be asked to leave if confidential items are discussed, unless the Forum have asked them to take part in a specific discussion. Additional briefing meetings may be called to enable discussion on detailed areas of funding in line with the DfE timetable for the submission of information.

## **ARRANGEMENTS FOR ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

### **22. Election of Chair / Vice Chair**

The Forum shall elect a chair and vice chair by a majority of votes cast on an annual basis at the first meeting in the academic year. The term of office of the chair will run until the first meeting in the following academic year

## **WORKING ARRANGEMENTS**

### **23. Sub Groups**

The Kirklees Schools Forum may establish sub groups and/or working groups on an adhoc basis for the consideration of specific matters as it deems necessary and shall decide upon the terms of reference for such groups and on additional individuals to invite as deemed necessary. The Forum shall consider the work of such sub groups or Working Groups and shall make decisions or recommendations to the LA as appropriate.

### **24. Kirklees Schools Forum budget / members' expenses**

Forum determines the annual budget for meeting costs and support, and reimburses all reasonable expenses incurred by members engaged in the work of the Forum.

## **25. ARRANGEMENTS FOR REVIEW AND REVISION**

Review of Terms of Reference:

The Terms of Reference are reviewed annually at the start of the new academic year, and more frequently as national changes and regulations require.

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## The KIRKLEES SCHOOLS FORUM PUBLIC

(Schools Funding Consultative Group)  
meeting held online on **Friday 20 June 2025**  
at 10.00am, Cathedral House, Huddersfield

**Present:**

Name:	Category of Membership:
	<b>Nursery School Head</b>
Diana Wilson, Helen Pearson, Katie Pearson	<b>Primary School Head</b>
Andrew Fell	<b>High School Head</b>
	<b>Special School Head</b>
	<b>Special Academy Head</b>
Darren Christian (Chair), Laura Willimott, Dave Wadsworth, Ian Rimmer	<b>Academy Head</b>
	<b>Alternative Provision</b>
Vicky Morris	<b>Non-school Member</b>
	<b>School Governor</b>
Liz Kilner (Minute Clerk), David Baxter, Emma Brayford	<b>Officers in Support</b>
Cllr Jane Rylah	<b>Observers</b>
Caroline Booth (Employee Healthcare) - part	<b>Others</b>

Item	Title	Actions
1	<p><b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were completed.</p> <p>Apologies were received as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debbie Kelly – Primary Academies</li> <li>• Rebecca Smith – Alternative Provision</li> <li>• Andi Gilroy-Sinclair – Nursery School</li> <li>• Hazel Danson – Kirklees NEU</li> <li>• Tom Brailsford – Executive Director – Children &amp; Families</li> <li>• Paul Brook – Academy</li> <li>• Jo-Anne Sanders - Service Director - Learning and Early Support</li> <li>• John Bartlett - Head of Finance</li> <li>• Martin Wilby - Head of Education, Places and Access</li> <li>• Mathew Pinder - Kirklees Governors</li> </ul>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of the Schools Forum Briefing meeting held on 10 January 2025</b></p> <p>The minutes were confirmed as an accurate record of the last meeting.</p>	
3	<p><b>Matters arising from meeting held on 10 January 2025</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising</p>	
4	<p><b>Kirklees Education and Learning Partnership Board (KELPB)</b></p> <p>It was confirmed that there has not been a KELPB meeting since the last Schools Forum meeting on 2 May 2025.</p>	

5	<p><b>High Needs Block</b></p> <p>The High Needs Place Termly report 20 June 2025 had been circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Emma Brayford updated the meeting.</p> <p>a) <u>High Needs Block Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been no further update on the AP free school, but the LA are hoping to receive an update soon.</li> <li>• There has been notification of a Statutory Override Settlement announcement (relating to off balance sheet council underfunding – shown as a debt in the Balance Sheet but not reported).</li> </ul> <p>b) <u>High Needs Place Report review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kirklees Special School costs per pupil on roll were reviewed.</b></li> <li>• <b>Exiting ARPs (excluding sensory provisions) cost per pupil on roll were reviewed.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Q. There is a large difference in the cost per pupil on roll between the different provisions (Windmill Primary vs Royds Hall Secondary)?</b> A. The high cost at Windmill is related to capacity issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Existing ARPs Sensory Provision cost per pupil on roll were reviewed.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Q. The cost of provision is significantly different? Are provisions significantly different?</b> A. Different specialisations impacts on cost per place. Specialisations include Vision Impairment, Hearing Impairment and Physical Impairment. Outreach work undertaken also has a significant impact on cost per place. There is a significant amount of outreach work done.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> To help understanding of significant differences in cost per place per pupil could additional notes of explanation be included in the notes column of the tables. This should include impacts on costs of outreach work undertaken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New Phase 1 ARPs (established September 2023) review of cost per pupil on roll.</b></li> </ul> <p>It was noted that provision physical environment limits should be considered in agreement of future provision.</p> <p><b>Q. Are differences in cost per pupil as a result of needs of the children or school staffing structures?</b> A. An update will be provided at a future Schools Forum meeting.</p> <p><b>Q. Could we consider a budget allocation by type per place per pupil for future agreements?</b> A. An update can be offered in terms of the methodology behind the per pupil price allocation.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> An update on drivers of cost per place per pupil to be brought to a future schools forum meeting considering needs of pupils vs staffing structures.</p>	<p>EB</p> <p>EB</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Outreach Referral numbers</b></li> </ul> <p>It was noted that the volume of referrals does help to explain the differences in cost per pupil per place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alternative Provision commissioned by Kirklees Council review of cost per pupil on roll</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Q. Why are there no students on roll for Employability Solutions Alternative Provision?</b></p> <p>A. This can be checked. We have two contracts for this setting. The numbers are higher than expected for one thread. We need to review the duration children spend in the setting, as some may have moved from one setting to another without this being reflected in the reported numbers.</p> <p><b>Q. Academy 21 is under capacity?</b></p> <p>A. This provision is on a pay as you go basis.</p> <p><b>Q. Where will be the additional 14 places that have been commissioned for 2025 be located?</b></p> <p>A. This information will be circulated.</p> <p><b>Q. When do we expect re contracting of places?</b></p> <p>A. In the main, places will be next up for tender in 18 months time. This will differ for Day 6 provision. A lot of work is currently being done to review capacity. There is a dependency on the AP Free school.</p> <p>The need for an ARP for SEMH (KS 4 particularly) was noted.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> The number of students on roll for Employability Solutions Alternative Provision to be checked.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> The location of the additional 14 places commissioned for 2025 to be circulated to all.</p> <p>The Chair noted thanks for the very clear report presented,</p>	<p>EB</p> <p>EB</p>
6	<p><b>DSG Close down 2024/25</b></p> <p>The 2024/2025 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Outturn 20 June 2025 had been circulated before the meeting</p> <p>David Baxter took members through the report.</p> <p>Schools Forum are asked to note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The overall deficit outturn of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2024/2025 of £63.9 million.</li> <li>- The total net surplus balance on individual maintained school accounts of £10.9 million.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q. Given the £20.2m overspend, do we expect the Woodley and Joseph Norton expansions to save costs?</b></p> <p>A. There will be a reduction in out of area place costs. There is a view of expected cost savings, but this has not been shared with Schools Forum.</p> <p><b>Q. How do we manage the ongoing year on year adverse movements in the deficit position?</b></p> <p>A. This is a serious concern for the LA.</p> <p><b>Q. In review of school excess balances, could we ensure clarity in the comparison of % of costs spent on staffing?</b></p>	

	<p>A. Yes we will ensure this is done.</p> <p><b>Q. Who do the LA owe for the £63m deficit balance?</b> A. In effect this is a Public Works Board loan.</p> <p><b>Q. Will the deficit position of £63m jeopardise the Safety Valve agreement?</b> A. We hope not. The LA has been removed from enhanced monitoring.</p> <p>The Chair noted that there is a concern from Schools Forum that the LA are still on track in relation to the Safety Valve deficit reduction plan.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Schools Forum to be updated on the expected cost reduction resulting from the expansion of special schools.</p>	
7	<p><b>Annual Schools Forum membership report</b></p> <p>The Annual Schools Forum membership review 20 June 2025 had been circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Emma Brayford updated the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The review of membership has considered the retirement of the Vice Chair.</li> <li>• The recommendation from the review is that the vacant position for a maintained primary representative should be replaced by an academy representative, ideally from the primary phase.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q. Can we request a representative from a Primary academy first?</b> A. Yes we can.</p> <p><b>Q. Should representation from geographical areas be considered?</b> A. Geographical areas could be considered.</p> <p><b>Q. How will we reflect the impacts of future academisations?</b> A. The review is at a point in time and the review next year will reflect academisations that have taken place.</p> <p><b>Q. Are we considering the vacant position for Early Years PVI settings?</b> A. Yes this has been considered.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the vacant position for a maintained primary representative should be replaced by an academy representative, ideally from the primary phase.</p>	
8	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>a) <u>SEN Inspection</u></p> <p>The Chair noted that the LA SEN inspection was currently ongoing. There will be inspection feedback and briefing later today. Feedback from schools in relation to visits has been very positive.</p>	
9	<p><b>Confirm minutes</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed above.</p>	
10	<p><b>Dates and time of next meeting</b></p> <p>A schedule of meeting dates for the next academic year has not yet been circulated.</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p>	

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**Signature (Chair)** .....

**Date**.....

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<b>Service Area:</b>	Schools Finance
<b>Presented By:</b>	John Bartlett
<b>Report:</b>	Schools Premises Disapplication Request 2026/2027
<b>Date:</b>	10 October 2025
<b>Purpose Of Report:</b>	To confirm the school premises disapplication requirements for 2026/2027 financial year.
<b>Is a Decision Required?</b>	No, however the view of Schools Forum is important
<b>Decision context</b>	LAs need to discuss with Schools Forum any proposals they intend to put to the Secretary of State about the use of exceptional factors

## Kirklees Schools Forum

10 October 2025

### Schools Premises Disapplication 2026/2027

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 In advance of the publication Schools operational guide for 2026/2027 the DfE have issued on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025 a summary policy document confirming that “the individual factors for 2026 to 2027 will operate in the same was as in 2025 to 2026”.
- 1.2 The guidance states that Local authorities can apply to the department to use exceptional circumstances relating to school premises. Local authorities should only submit applications where the value of the factor is more than 1% of a school’s budget and applies to fewer than 5% of the schools in the local authority’s area.

#### 2. Schools Premises Disapplication

- 2.1 The following schools incur additional premises costs (rents), due to individual and unique circumstances that the individual schools operate within.

School	Disapplication Amount	Comments
Birkenshaw Primary School	£48,306	Modular rental charges for years 5 and 6, first installed when Building Schools for the Future funding was withdrawn in 2012.
Denby Dale First & Nursey	£27,560	Modular rental charges
Gomersal St Mary's CE Primary	£19,686	Modular rental charges for years 5 and 6, first installed when Building Schools for the Future funding was withdrawn in 2012. There is a well-developed DfE led plan to rebuild this school at which point this will no longer be required.
Hanging Heaton CE J & I	£11,500	Rented schools premises (Savile Estates)
Wellhouse J & I	£23,000	Premises rented from the Methodist Church
<b>Total</b>	<b>£132,239</b>	

- 2.2 The five schools listed above all meet the conditions for exceptional circumstances, namely that is more than 1% of schools budget and applies to fewer than 5% of schools in the local authority area.
- 2.3 In addition to meeting the DfE criteria, the individual agreements with external providers have been requested for review and challenge. The information was subsequently confirmed with Schools Asset Management team. ~~with additional clarification sought where the initial information obtained was inconsistent between the school and the asset management team (e.g. linked to future building plans).~~
- 2.4 The total amount to be funded in 2026/2027 through the application of the ‘exceptional circumstances’ disapplication request is £130,294. ~~The list of schools where disapplication has been sought and subsequently approved has not changed for several years.~~

### **3. Recommendation**

- 3.1 Schools Forum members are asked to agree the application of the exceptional circumstances factor for the 2026/2027 financial year.

**Susan Phillips**  
**Schools Senior Finance Officer**  
**October 2025**

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