

Report for Schools Forum

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| Service Area: | Learning and Early Support / Schools Finance |
| Presented By: | Martin Wilby |
| Report: | Annual Schools Forum membership review |
| Date: | 20 June 2025 |
| Purpose Of Report: | To present the methodology and outcome of the annual Schools Forum membership review and seek consensus for the recommendations |
| Is a Decision Required? | Yes |
| Decision context | It is fundamental that there is confidence that Schools Forum is representative of the local school system. |

Annual Membership Review to be reported to Schools Forum

Current Kirklees Schools Forum Membership May 2025

| School Members | | Non-School Members | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Andi Gilroy-Sinclair | Local Authority Nursery School | Vacant | Early Years PVI settings (shared position) |
| Diana Wilson (Vice Chair) | Maintained Primary Schools | Vicky Morris | NASUWT |
| Helen Pearson | Maintained Primary Schools | Hazel Danson | NEU |
| Katie Pearson | Maintained Primary Schools | Sally Rawson | Kirklees College (Post 16) |
| Jenny Shore | Maintained Primary Schools | Matthew Pinder | Kirklees Governors |
| Rik Robinson | Maintained Special Schools | Cllr Rylah | Cabinet Member for Education* |
| Andrew Fell | Maintained Secondary | Local Authority Officers in Support | |
| Debbie Kelly | Primary Academy | Jo-Anne Sanders | Service Director - Learning and Early Support |
| Laura Willimott | Primary Academy | Tom Brailsford | Strategic Director Children and Families |
| Todd Cheetham | Special Academy | Vacant | Head of Educational Outcomes |
| Darren Christian | Secondary Academy | Martin Wilby | Head of Education, Places and Access |
| David Wadsworth | Secondary Academy | David Baxter | Finance Manager |
| Ian Rimmer | Secondary Academy | Elizabeth Kilner | Minute Clerk |
| Rebecca Smith | Alternative Provision (state funded) | Kevin Mulvaney | Service Director - Finance |
| Paul Brook | Secondary Academy | Emma Brayford | Senior Kirklees Learning Partner |
| | | John Bartlett | Head of Finance |
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* Non-voting member

Quorate position:

15 school members + 5 non school (voting) members. 40% of members required to be quorate = **8 members**

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School Members vs voting non-school members check

| No. of school members | Total members | % of school members | Compliance |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------|--|
| 15 | 20 | 75% | Compliant with the 67% minimum requirement for school members |

Mainstream school membership check

Current mainstream school membership:

| | Maintained | | Academy | | Total | |
|------------------|------------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|--------|
| Primary | 4 | 36.4% | 2 | 18.2% | 6 | 54.5% |
| Secondary | 1 | 9.1% | 4 | 36.4% | 5 | 45.5% |
| Total | 5 | 45.5% | 6 | 54.5% | 11 | 100.0% |

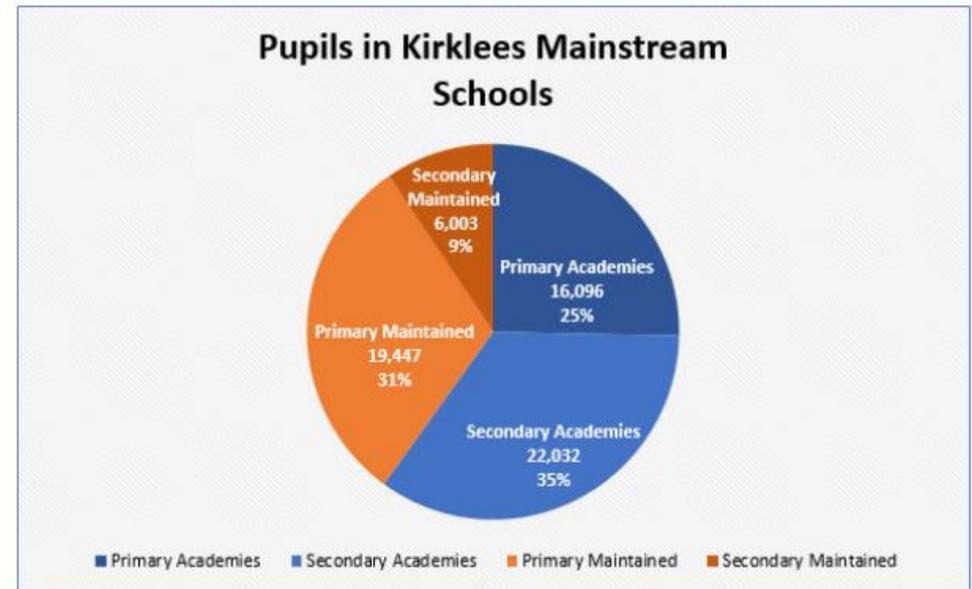
May 2025 mathematical 'ideal' membership model:

| | Maintained | | Academy | | Total | |
|------------------|------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|--------|
| Primary | 3.4 | 30.6% | 2.8 | 25.3% | 6.1 | 55.9% |
| Secondary | 1.0 | 9.4% | 3.8 | 34.7% | 4.9 | 44.1% |
| Total | 4.4 | 54.5% | 6.6 | 45.5% | 11 | 100.0% |

The model is based upon the status of each in May 2025 and January census 2025 pupil numbers.

May 2025 Membership Review Recommendation:

The next vacant position for a maintained primary representative should be replaced by an academy representative, ideally from the primary phase.



N.B. This information is provided by the January 2025 School Census.

Checks are based on requirement from: [Schools Forum – Operational and good practice guide](#), DfE March 2021

Appendix 1 - Mathematical ideal model workings and history

May 2025

Pupil numbers

| | Maintained | | Academy | | Total | |
|-----------|------------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| Primary | 19447 | 30.6% | 16096 | 25.3% | 35543 | 55.9% |
| Secondary | 6003 | 9.4% | 22032 | 34.7% | 28035 | 44.1% |
| Total | 25450 | 40.0% | 38128 | 60.0% | 63578 | 100% |

May 2024

Pupil numbers

| | Maintained | | Academy | | Total | |
|-----------|------------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| Primary | 22885 | 35.6% | 13215 | 20.6% | 36100 | 56.2% |
| Secondary | 5993 | 9.3% | 22123 | 34.5% | 28116 | 43.8% |
| Total | 28878 | 45.0% | 35338 | 55.0% | 64216 | 100% |

Note: Changes between the May 2024 to May 2025 models – The May 2024 model was based upon School status and census in January 2024. Whereas the May 2025 model is based upon school status in May 2025 and January census 2025 pupil numbers. Hence the changes between the models reflect 18 months of academy conversion.