

Lancashire County Council

Lancashire Schools Forum – Early Years Block Working Group

Thursday, 25 September 2025, 9:00am in the Bow Suite, The Exchange, County Hall, Preston

Agenda

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| 1. | Attendance and Apologies for Absence |
| 2. | Minutes of the Last Meeting (Attached) |
| 3. | Matters Arising |
| 4. | Dedicated Schools Grant Monitoring 2025/26 and 2026/27 Forecast |
| 5. | Early Years Block Funding Arrangements 2026/27 (Attached)
To consider the proposal presented by Aby Hardy, Head of Education Improvement. |
| 6. | Strategic Support Partnership Handbook - SRAS De-delegation Criteria 2026/27
Presented by Aby Hardy, Head of Education Improvement |
| 7. | Early Years Payment Terms (Attached)
Presented by Mel Foster, Operational Delivery Lead (Early Years Funding & Sufficiency). |
| 8. | New Ofsted Inspection Framework Funding Implications (Attached)
Presented by Mel Foster, Operational Delivery Lead (Early Years Funding & Sufficiency) |
| 9. | Early Years Net Closure Update
Verbal update from Mel Foster, Operational Delivery Lead (Early Years Funding & Sufficiency). |
| 10. | Any Other Business
Sapphire to provide verbal update on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Informal arrangements between setting / parent or carer to delay entry to Reception.• STS Inclusion Funding / Service offer update. |
| 11. | Date of Next Meeting
The next scheduled meeting of the School Block Working Group is arranged for 1:00pm 25 November 2025. Meeting arrangements to be confirmed in due course. |

