

Lancashire Schools Forum Governor Self Nomination 2026/27

The Schools Forum continues to work with the County Council to offer advice and guidance on school funding matters to ensure that a school perspective is considered. Information on the work of the Forum is publicised through numerous communications on the schools portal and via articles in the Lancashire Governor.

Governors play a key role on the Forum, with half the school membership being governors. In order to keep the Forum membership fresh, each year at least 10% of the schools membership of the Forum is re-elected on an academic year cycle.

Nominations for the Schools Forum for September 2026 Appointments

Whilst we do not yet know what vacancies will arise, any governors interested in joining the Forum are asked to self-nominate by completing an eform. A link is provided below. The closing date for receipt of self-nominations is 31 March 2026.

Once we know what vacancies are available for September 2026, we will contact those governors that have self-nominated to provide more details.

Further details about the Schools Forum:

The Schools Forum is a statutory body made up of headteacher and governor representatives from all phases of Lancashire school and advises the County Council on matters relating to school funding. The Forum also has some decision-making powers about school funding arrangements.

Applying for membership of the Schools Forum is in addition to your duties as a school governor and would require attendance at approximately 8 meetings each year. Meetings are currently being held face to face at County Hall in Preston. Travel expenses can be claimed for attending meetings in line with LCC arrangements. The mileage rate is currently 45p per mile.

If more nominations are received than there are vacancies available in each phase, an election process will be held to determine which nominee(s) should be appointed to the Forum. In the election, each School Governing Body in that phase will be entitled to one vote, with voting documentation being issued via the Chair of Governors. It should be noted that, depending on the governor vacancies that arise, and the nominations received, elections may not be required in all phases.

Further details about the functions of the Lancashire Schools Forum are available in the Forum's Operational Arrangements document, which can be viewed on the County Council website, together with national guidance from the DfE <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/practitioners/supporting-children-and-families/education/schools-forum.aspx>

A current Forum membership list and meeting agendas, papers and minutes are also available at this address.

Please note

- Colleagues that hold governorships at multiple types of school are free to self-nominate for each phase. This would require separate self-nominations to be

completed. If a governor was to be successful in an election process to represent more than one type of school, a decision would then need to be taken to choose which appointment to accept;

- Existing Forum members need not reapply.

Decision Required

The governing body is asked to note the information provided about the Schools Forum election process and to consider what arrangements they wish to make for voting in any election which may take place in the summer term 2026.

Individual governors are asked to consider joining the Schools Forum and those that wish to be considered are asked to complete the eform available from the link below, by 31 March 2026:

[Lancashire Schools Forum Governor Representative Self Nomination 2026](#)

Contact

If you require any further information about the Forum, please email schoolsforum@lancashire.gov.uk