

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM
EXTRORDINARY MEETING OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM**



Tuesday 19 March 2013, Addison Annexe, 17:30-19:30

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2.00	Minutes of last meeting																																																	
2.01	Last meeting was held 16 January 2013. Minutes approved.																																																	
3.00	Final Budget 2013/2014																																																	
3.01	<p><i>Forum directed to documents:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Briefing paper – Approval of 2013-14 Budget</i> • <i>Appendix 1 – Proforma</i> • <i>Appendix 2</i> • <i>Appendix 3</i> • <i>Appendix 4</i> <p>AR presented the papers mentioned above to the Forum covering the school funding arrangements for 2013/14.</p> <p>Appendix 1 is unchanged from the paper presented at the January 2013 forum.</p> <p>Appendix 2 is the same data as submitted to the DfE. The School block lines have been changed to include business rates.</p> <p>It was noted that Randolph Beresford would be disadvantaged by the formula, Officers were tasked to work with the school to assess an appropriate amendment to support the school's delivery of services.</p>																																																	

Minutes (Cont'd ...)

	<p>IH advised Forum that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bridge Academy took over the management of The Courtyard (Langford's 8 place unit) part way through the financial year. • The Bridge Academy has gained Academy status. • Henry Compton School has changed its name to Fulham College Boys' School . <p>It was noted that Queensmill School had opened a Key Stage 3 facility within the Fulham College Boys' School, which had required funding from the contingency.</p> <p>Query raised as to whether Notional Funding was based purely on statements, AR advised it was not, it is based on FSM and IDACI.</p> <p>Query raised as to what happens to the funding when a child is statemented part way through the financial year. AR advised Forum that there is a national approach where the school does not receive the base funding of £6000, but would receive the top-up amount at the end of each term. Forum noted that this was a high risk strategy which had previously been identified. Forum agreed this should be reviewed at each Forum.</p> <p>Query raised as to whether IPS panels can reduce funding. AR advised that funding can go up or down and the reviews are taken through the SNAPT panel. This appears to work fairly as very few tribunals succeed.</p> <p>It was confirmed that for 2013 the pupil numbers for Queensmill's new unit at Fulham Primary School are already built into Queensmill's funding.</p> <p>Post 16 funding discussed. Their funding is transient. It was agreed this would be discussed at a future Forum when student movements were better known.</p> <p>Early Years block discussed. Some other boroughs were not currently providing 90% of the places assessed for 3+4 year olds in their boroughs, which was creating financial strains for them. This was not applicable to LBHF. Forum recommendation to create sub group for Early Years.</p> <p>Pupil Premium Grant discussed – There was a small decrease in the number of pupils claiming Free School Meals in the borough. There was confusion over the eligibility for FSM and whether families were claiming when entitled. The borough has provided clear guidance in the post to families, in various languages, and free school meal claims are processed by the benefits team to maximise claims. However the threshold of £15,860 disadvantages multi-sibling families in London.</p> <p><u>Action: AR to clarify FSM rules.</u></p> <p>Discussion held around the effect on schools which have a very mobile population and the need to find a solution to balance schools with mobility without affecting schools with stability. To be raised at a future Forum.</p> <p>All recommendations were approved.</p>	
5.00	Any Other Business	
5.01	None raised. Date of next meeting: to be held in June 2013.	