Briefing note on School Forum Membership Review

**(to accompany report on the School Forum Constitution)**

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1. **Background.**
   1. The previously agreed Schools Forum Constitution (2019) comprised of a total 28 members, 24 school members and 4 non-school members.
   2. During the year, School’s Forum agreed that the non-school members should increase to 5, to include the Tower Hamlets Education Partnership representative. Thus, the school members will reduce to 23 to retain the total combined membership of 28
2. **Review of Representation**
   1. The school members include two representatives from each of the following settings:

* Nurseries
* Special Schools
* PRU’s

The remaining 17 school members are to be from mainstream settings.

* 1. Schools Finance conducted a review of the ideal proportions for the 17 mainstream settings, based on the numbers on roll (NoR) information on the 2020-21 Authority Proforma Toolkit (APT).
  2. The following table sets out the ideal proportions for the mainstream settings:

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| **Setting** | **NoR** | **Ideal Proportions** |
| Primary Maintained | 19,380.00 | 9 |
| Secondary Maintained | 9,586.00 | 4 |
| Total Maintained | 28,966.00 | 13 |
| Primary Academy | 3,837.00 | 2 |
| Secondary Academy | 5,045.25 | 2 |
| Total Academy | 8,882.25 | 4 |
| **Total Mainstream** | **37,848.25** |  |

* 1. There are three sub-groups for academy members:
* mainstream academies
* special academies
* alternative provision (AP) academies
  1. Where there is only one academy in a sub-group in the local authority’s area, their proprietor body must select the person who will represent them.
  2. In the case of Special Schools, both representatives are from a maintained setting (Phoenix School) but one of these should be filled by an academy member.