

Schools Forum Timetable - Academic Year 2026-27

Date	Item	Lead officer/Team	Comments
September 2026	Updated 2026-27 DSG Allocations For in year recoupment C High Needs deductions	Schools Finance	Finance timeline • Secondary Consultative - G Sep • Primary Consultative - 16 Sep • Special Consultative - 23 Sept
Mon, 28 Sep 2026 @10:30am	Schools Forum Working Party Meeting	Schools Finance	
7 October 2026	• Election of Chair and Vice-Chair • Induction of new members • DSG monitoring • Initial DSG Budget Planning including High Needs and Early Years Blocks • Consideration of Schools Funding Formula for consultation with schools • Update from all Working Parties • HR Policies update • Union Facilities Time • Biannual Review of the de-delegation budget (update from services) • School Changes and Capital Works update • School Roll Projections • School Sustainability Reviews • High Needs Block Update • Forecast- contingency fund outturn • Update on the Contingency Fund	Schools Finance	• The Annual Report on School Roll Projections • Update on the School Sustainability Reviews • Annual Update on the Schools Capital Programme

October 2026	Autumn Term School Census Including Early Years Autumn 2026 data collection Disapplication 2027-28 Submit proforma (first disapplication window) High Needs Place Change 2027-28 Launch and process guidance issued	Schools Finance	Finance timeline
November 2026	Updated 2026-27 DSG Allocations For in year recoupment C High Needs deductions Disapplication 2027-28 Submit proforma (second disapplication window) Early Years • Final allocation for 2025-26 issued (to reflect Spring 2026 term adjustment) • Updated final allocation for 2026-27 issued • Operational Guidance 2027-28 published	Schools Finance	• Secondary Consultative - 13 Jan • Primary Consultative - 13 Jan • Special Consultative - 13 Jan

Mon, 16 Nov 2026 @10:30am	Schools Forum Working Party Meeting	Schools Finance	
25 November 2026	• Dedicated Schools Budget Strategy 2027-28: • Outcome of Formula consultation with schools • Recommendation to Council on Formula • Growth Fund • Initial consideration of: ○ CSSB retained budgets ○ Early Years Retained Budgets ○ High Needs Budgets ○ De-delegation maintained primary and secondary ○ De-delegation former ESG (maintained primary, secondary, special and PRU) • DSG monitoring • Update from Working Groups	Schools Finance Schools Finance/Service Heads Schools Finance Chairs of Working Groups	Phase Consultative Chairs to share information and obtain decision at the January Consultative meetings.
December 2026	Authority Proforma Tool (APT) 2027-28 APT with guidance and pupil numbers issued School Revenue Funding Settlement 2027-28 Announcement including details of the DSG and other grant funding Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR) Performance Data 2025-26 Published	Schools Finance	Finance timeline

January 2027	Spring Term School and Early Year Census Submit APT 2027-28 Updated 2025-26 DSG Allocations For in year recoupment C High Needs deductions High Needs Place Change 2027-28 Outcome issued with 2-week enquiry window Early Years 2026-27 Updated provisional allocation to reflect 2026 summer and autumn term adjustments	Schools Finance	Finance timeline • Secondary Consultative - 13 Jan • Primary Consultative - 13 Jan • Special Consultative - 13 Jan
Mon, 11 Jan 2027 @10:30am	Schools Forum Working Party Meeting	Schools Finance	
20 January 2027	• Update on Dedicated Schools Budget strategy including financial settlement and final Formula allocations • DSG Monitoring • Agree centrally retained and de-delegation budgets • Growth and Falling Rolls Fund allocations • Update on High Needs Block Strategy • Update on Early Years Block Strategy • Update from Working Groups	Schools Finance/Service Heads Head of Early Years Chairs of the Working Group	

February 2027	2027-28 School Budgets - Political ratification of pre-16 funding formulae - LA issues budgets to maintained schools	Schools Finance	Finance timeline
March 2027	Updated 2026-27 DSG Allocations For final recoupment data C High Needs deductions		Finance timeline Secondary Consultative - 10 Mar Primary Consultative - 10 Mar
April 2027			Secondary Consultative - 28 Apr
May 2027			Special Consultative - 12 May
June 2027			Primary Consultative - 6 Jun Secondary Consultative - 23 Jun Primary Consultative - 23 Jun

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