**Schools Forum Timetable - Academic Year 2025-26**

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| **Date**  | **Item**  | **Lead officer/Team** | **Comments**  |
| **September 2025** | **Updated 2025-26 DSG Allocations**For in year recoupment & High Needs deductions | Schools Finance  | Finance timeline **Secondary Consultative – 10 September****Primary Consultative – 17 September****Special Consultative – 24 September** |
| **9 October 2025** | * 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
 | ClerkSchools Finance  | * The Annual Report on School Roll Projections
* Update on the School Sustainability Reviews
* Annual Update on the Schools Capital Programme
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|  **October 2025** | **Autumn Term School Census**Including Early Years Autumn 2025 data collection**Disapplication 2026-27**Submit proforma (first disapplication window)**High Needs Place Change 2026-27**Launch and process guidance issued | Schools Finance  | Finance timeline  |
|  **November 2025** | **Updated 2025-26 DSG Allocations**For in year recoupment & High Needs deductions**Disapplication 2026-27**Submit proforma (second disapplication window)**Early Years*** Final allocation for 2024-25 issued (to reflect Spring 2025 term adjustment)
* Updated final allocation for 2025-26 issued
* Operational Guidance 2026-27 published
 |  Schools Finance | **Secondary Consultative – 19 November****Primary Consultative – 19 November** |
| **27 November 2025** | * Dedicated Schools Budget Strategy 2026-27:
* 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 FinanceSchools Finance/Service HeadsSchools FinanceChairs of Working Groups | Phase Consultative Chairs to share information and obtain decision at the **January Consultative** meetings. |
| **December 2025** | **Authority Proforma Tool (APT) 2026-27**APT with guidance and pupil numbers issued **School Revenue Funding Settlement 2026-27**Announcement including details of the DSG and other grant funding**Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR) Performance Data 2024-25 Published** | Schools Finance | Finance timeline  |
| **January 2026** | **Spring Term School and Early Year Census****Submit APT 2026-27****Updated 2025-26 DSG Allocations**For in year recoupment & High Needs deductions**High Needs Place Change 2026-27**Outcome issued with 2-week enquiry window**Early Years 2025-26**Updated provisional allocation to reflect 2025 summer and autumn term adjustments | Schools Finance | Finance timeline **Secondary Consultative – 7 January****Primary Consultative – 7 January****Special Consultative – 21 January** |
| **15 January 2026** | * 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 HeadsHead of Early YearsChairs of the Working Group |  |
| **February 2026** | **2026-27 School Budgets*** Political ratification of pre-16 funding formulae
* LA issues budgets to maintained schools by 28 February 2026
 | Schools Finance | Finance timeline  |
| **March 2026** | **Updated 2025-26 DSG Allocations**For final recoupment data & High Needs deductions |  | Finance timeline**Secondary Consultative – 11 March****Primary Consultative – 11 March** |
| **April 2026** |  |  | **Secondary Consultative – 29 April** |
| **May 2026** |  |  | **Special Consultative – 13 May** |
| **June 2026** |  |  | **Primary Consultative – 3 June****Secondary Consultative – 24 June****Primary Consultative – 24 June**  |
| **18 June 2026** | * Individual Schools Budget outturn
* DGS Outturn:
* Schools Block
* Early Years Block
* High Needs Block
* Biannual Review of the de-delegation budget (outturn)
* Schools Balances
* Review Forum Membership
* Workplan 2026-27
* Update from Working Groups
 | Schools Finance Chairs of Working Group |  |