

Wiltshire Council

Schools Forum

28 March 2019

f40 Questionnaire

Purpose of the Report

1. To share with Schools Forum the example letter and questionnaire sent by a neighbouring authority which has been shared by the f40 group.

Main Considerations

2. Appendix 1 and 2 to this report provide examples of the letter and a draft questionnaire which could be shared with schools. The letter seeks ongoing support for the campaign to secure a fairer funding deal for its schools. Through a questionnaire link, headteachers are asked to provide specific case study examples to help the council and f40 gather evidence to better inform its campaign to government and local MPs for a fairer school settlement.
3. There is a great deal of activity underway currently to support fair and better funding for schools and involving headteachers in the campaign can only be beneficial. The outcomes from this letter and research is likely to provide invaluable information and evidence that we will be able to share. It is understood the collection of specific case studies in the neighbouring authority who began this campaign in January is going extremely well and a great deal of useful and practical information is being gathered.
4. To consider sending out a letter and online questionnaire jointly sent from the Chair of Schools Forum and Cabinet Member for Childrens' Services to all Wiltshire Schools.
5. Results will be collated by the local authority and shared with schools through the Right Choice, shared with Senior managers at the Council and Members and if requested, with the f40 for comparison with other local authorities.

Proposals

6. Schools Forum are asked to approve the draft letter and questionnaire.
7. Schools Forum are asked to complete the questionnaire and promote completion of the questionnaire through peer groups.

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