

Survey Responses - Future of Schools Forum Meetings - April / May 2021

ID	Representing	Do you think Schools Forum meetings should be held remotely on a permanent basis?	Do you think Schools Forum meetings should be held face to face as soon as this is possible in line with Government guidance?	Do you think that Schools Forum meetings should be held remotely for the majority of meetings except for the budget meeting which is held in January of each year to enable members to have "in the ...	Would you be interested in an option to join a hybrid meeting where you would have the choice to attend the Schools Forum meeting in person in a room at County Hall, Trowbridge or join remotely su...	Is there anything else you would like to share to further improve the Schools Forum meetings or suggestions of how they could be conducted going forward.
1	PHF	No	No	No	No	I think there should be a combination approach.
2	WASSH	Yes	No	Yes	No	
3	Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (observer)	No	No	Yes	No	I am happy to go with the flow and to attend face to face or online. Maybe every other meeting could be online if you have a mixed response? Are attendance rates higher online? I'm not sure about the hybrid meeting. As I'm a hearing aid user I sometimes struggle with sound quality and clarity when people dial-in to face to face meetings on conference call. I guess it would depend on the technology used.
4	Local Authority	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Suggest LA staff might be best placed presenting from County Hall and meetings open to the press and the public would avoid needing to record meetings. Environmental benefits re: carbon reduction
5	School governors via the WGA	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
6	Primary Academy	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Car parking is not an issue when attending meetings remotely!
7	Special School Governors	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	It would be helpful if we could be sent paper copies of reports etc as before. It is not always possible to view the report and the forum
8	Wiltshire Council	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
9	WASSH - academy	Yes	No	Yes	No	Doing these meetings remotely would reduce travel time / costs and saves the use of using a meeting rooms - has an environmental gain I feel that the remote meeting has improved the efficiency of the meeting as well as reducing the impact in terms of time, the environment and my time out of school.
10	Secondary Academies /WASSH	Yes	No	Yes	No	
11	Wiltshire Council	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
12	Primary Heads	Yes	No	No	Yes	
13	Primary Head's Forum	No	No	Yes	No	
14	Special Academies	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
15	Salisbury Diocese Board of Education	Yes	No	Yes	No	Not at present.
16	Wiltshire Council	No	No	Yes	Yes	If officers were in a public meeting room presenting, the room is open to the public. SF members can join remotely and there is no need to record the meetings or have two demo svs officers supporting so saving time and effort.
17	LA - Schools Funding	No	No	Yes	Yes	I think it is definitely the preference to have members present for the Budget Setting meetings where there is regular voting on funding options but also where different funding options need to be demonstrated to the Forum. A blend of virtual and face-to-face meetings feels most appropriate and will save some of our members significant travel time.
18	Early Years	No	No	Yes	Yes	When meetings are held remotely I would like to see participants on camera. It can be difficult to follow who is speaking and makes it difficult for newcomers to get to know each other
	Teachers	No	No	Blended approach of mix of meetings		blended approach of mix of face-to-face and on-line meetings of School Forum, but more face-to-face, especially - during the autumn and winter when budget-setting takes place. As the Chair of SF said in January: I cannot get the feel of the meeting to make a decision as I cannot see your faces

Summary of Responses

	No = 6	No = 18	No = 2	No = 7
	Yes = 12	Yes = 0	Yes = 15	Yes = 10
			Blended = 1	No response = 1
	Total = 18	Total = 18	Total = 18	Total = 18
No in % terms	33%	100%	11%	39%
Yes in % terms	67%	0%	83%	56%
Other in % terms			6%	6%

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Two groups to consider

1. Schools Forum itself
2. Schools Forum Finance & SEN Working Group -