

School Forum 27th September

Membership and Conduct of the School Forum

The DfE have issued new guidance and regulations on membership of the School Forum (Attached)

Due to its very wide and inclusive membership the Torbay school forum is largely compliant with the new , revised rules although changes will need to take place as the PRU will need to be represented in the future and the EFA have attendance rights as an observer.

The regulations state that a Forum no longer has to be a minimum of 15 people and suggest that smaller LAs might want to review Forum membership.

Possible Forum Composition

Torbay School Forum can review its membership . Possible pattern of representation

3 secondary school members. 2 head teachers and 1 governor representing 1 selective school, 1 maintained school and 1 comprehensive academy.

6 primary school members. 4 head teachers and 2 governors. These 6 represent 2 academies, 1 VA church school and 3 maintained schools.

1 Special school representative.

1 representative of the Early Years PVI sector.

1 PRU representative

1 representative of the 14-19 partnership

It is within the discretion of Schools Forum if they want to appoint other non school members as long as they do not make up more than one third of the Forum and they cannot be LA officers or elected members who can attend to give advice but cannot be members of Forum and cannot vote.

Representatives of the Diocese of Exeter and Plymouth fall within non schools members.