

## **Election timetable for the Lincolnshire Schools' Forum vacancies October 2025**

**Wednesday, 1 October 2025** – Emails issued asking for nominations.

**Thursday, 16 October 2025** – Deadline for receipt of nomination forms.

If only one nomination is received, then candidates will be duly appointed to the Lincolnshire Schools' Forum. If more than one nomination is received then a ballot will take place involving all relevant representative categories, as follows:-

**Monday, 3 November 2025** - All representative categories will receive ballot papers.

**Monday, 10 November 2025** – Close of Poll

**Tuesday, 11 November 2025** Ballot papers will be counted, and all representatives informed of results.

### **The Role of the Schools Forum**

The Schools' Forum comprises of representatives from maintained schools and academies, along with representation from non-school organisations. The Schools' Forum acts as a consultative body on various finance related issues such as changes to the local funding formula; proposed changes to the operation of the minimum funding guarantee; changes to or new contracts affecting schools; and arrangements for pupils with special education needs. The Forum also decides on some issues including how much funding may be retained by the local authority within the dedicated schools grant; any proposed carry forwards of deficits on central spend from one year to the next; and proposals to de-delegate funding from maintained primary and secondary schools, and changes to the scheme of financial management.

The Forum meets four times a year, with most meetings being held remotely and some being held in person at Lincolnshire County Council County Offices, Newland, Lincoln, LN11YL.

Background information on Schools Forum operation and structure can be found from the following link:

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