

# Notice of Meeting

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## Schools Forum

**Monday 1 December 2025 at 5.00pm**  
**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

The meeting can be watched live here: [www.westberks.gov.uk/schoolsforumlive](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/schoolsforumlive)

Date of despatch of Agenda: Tuesday 25 November

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## **Agenda - Schools Forum to be held on Monday 1 December 2025 (continued)**

**Forum Members:** Jay Armstrong, Kavash Bamfield, Reverend Mark Bennet, Catherine Bernie, Nicolle Browning, Heather Codling, Iain Cottingham, Jacquie Davies, David Fitter, Mel Godliman, Richard Hand, Michelle Harrison, Rebecca Hartley, Keith Harvey, Jon Hewitt, Jo Lagares, Steve Lewis, Julie Lewry, Jo MacArthur, Gary Norman, Chris Prosser, David Ramsden, Graham Spellman (Chair), Phil Spray, Chloe Summerville, Edwin Towill and Charlotte Wilson

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