

**AGENDA FOR  
BURY SCHOOLS' FORUM**



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**To: All Members of Bury Schools' Forum**

Dear Member/Colleague  
**Bury Schools' Forum**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Bury Schools' Forum which will be held as follows:-

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, 9 July 2026
<b>Place:</b>	Microsoft Teams
<b>Time:</b>	4.00 pm
<b>Briefing Facilities:</b>	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
<b>Notes:</b>	

## **AGENDA**

**1 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** *(Pages 3 - 8)*

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Schools Forum held on January 12 2026 are attached

**2 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT(DSG) POSITION 2025 - 2026** *(Pages 9 - 16)*

DSG Deficit position attached  
Schools balances update attached  
Schools balances list attached

**3 BURY'S SCHOOL FORUM REPRESENTATION** *(Pages 17 - 20)*

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**4 SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS** *(Pages 21 - 22)*

Report attached

**Bury Schools Forum  
Monday 12 January 2026  
Microsoft Teams**

**Attendance****Early Years**

Rachel O'Neil Headteacher

**Maintained Primary**

Simon Waddington Headteacher Hollins Grundy

**Maintained Secondary**

None in Attendance

**Maintained Special**

Katy Neild Headteacher Millwood

**Academy Primary**

James Gabrieleles Headteacher Sunny Bank Primary  
Kelly Macadam MAT CEO  
Ruth Onyekaba Headteacher Gorsefield Primary

**Academy Secondary**

None in Attendance

**Special**

None in Attendance

**Governor**

Richard Ainsworth, Governor (Plus Governors Forum)

**Pupil Referral Unit**

None in Attendance

**Non-Schools Sector**

Karen Hopwood NASUWT

**16 – 19 Education Representative**

Carina Vitti Holy Cross College

**Children's Services Department**

Ben Dunne Director of Education and Skills  
Philip Herd CYP Finance Business Partner  
Alison Vidler Senior Schools Finance Officer (Schools & Systems Finance)

**Observer(s)**

Katherine Ashworth Millwood School  
Elissa Reevel Children's Services

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Martin Van Hecke  
Helena Thom  
Clare Ferguson

Headteacher St Thomas's CE Primary  
National Education Union  
Oak plc

## 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

### It was agreed:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2025 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

Richard Ainsworth referred back to the vacancies on the Schools Forum highlighted at the previous meeting and requested that an up-to-date membership list be circulated to members. This would allow them to see which categories currently have vacancies and consider individuals who may be interested in joining.

## 4. SCHOOLS ACADEMIES AND FUNDING 2026 - 27

Alison Vidler presented the Schools & Academies Funding update 2026-2027.

### 1. Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2026-27

Following the publication of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations on 17 December 2025, which takes into account the fully validated October 2025 pupil census, the 2026-27 DSG for Bury was summarised in the table set out in the report.

It was explained that the 2025-26 baseline shown includes the Core Schools Budget Grant, Teachers Pension Grant and Teachers Pay Grant in the Schools Block and the Early Years Budget Grant in the Early Years Block. This is for the purpose of demonstrating the actual variance as these have been incorporated into the 2026-27 DSG.

### 2. Schools Block

The application of the NFF unit values, agreed at Schools Forum in December 2025, results in the allocations shown in Table 2 in the report. The amount of funding distributed to schools, including the centralised Rates payments, equates to almost 100% of the Schools Block Funding. The effect of pupil number variances between the October funding census collections for 2024 and 2025 needs to be noted in respect to the impact on the figures included in the table.

Primary schools have seen an overall net reduction of 334 funded pupils.  
Secondary schools have seen an overall net reduction of 69 funded pupils.

It was stated that for both sectors there will be individual schools with reductions, and others with gains to pupil numbers. They will all need to financially plan for pupil number changes, in order to sustain their balanced budget positions.

£349,750 transfer to the High Needs Block is 0.2% of the total Schools Block. This is within the permitted 0.5% which was approved at the December 2025 meeting. The increase from the previous year is due to the lower amount available last year as a result of the increase in deprivation factors.

### **3. Central Schools Services Block**

It was explained that Schools' Forum is required to approve the allocation of budgets included under the CSSB, which was created several years ago in place of the former Education Services Grant (ESG) retained functions funding for Local Authorities. The former ESG funding was added to the DSG in April 2018 in order to help sustain the services that it is intended to support.

The overall amount of grant in the 2026-27 CSSB has increased by 2.2%.

The following should be noted:

Each service funded via the CSSB has been increased in line with the overall funding increase.

This leaves an unallocated balance of £131,200 available to transfer to High Needs. Movements from the Central Services Block to any other block are not subject to any limit and can be made in consultation with Schools Forum.

#### **Decision:**

Bury's Schools' Forum recommend the allocation of CSSB budgets as outlined to the applicable services for 2026-27 and to transfer the remaining balance of £131,200 to the High Needs Block in support of High Needs cost pressures and the DSG Management Plan.

### **4. High Needs Block**

It was explained that high needs funding is provided to local authorities through the high needs block of the DSG, enabling them to meet their statutory duties under the Children and Families Act 2014.

It was also explained that, due to the pending review of High Needs funding, the overall amount of grant in the 2026-27 High Needs Block has been frozen at the 2025-26 grant level, with the addition of the previously separate grants. The final allocations do not include any adjustments for census data.

Further changes to the High Needs Block funding are made in-year where there are changes, particularly in relation to import/export adjustments.

### **5. Early Years Block**

It was reported that the Early Years Block would be adjusted in-year in respect to fluctuations in Early Years Participation. The final funding allocation for 2026 – 27 will be based on termly census data:

Summer Term data collection 13/38ths  
Autumn Term data collection 14/38ths  
Spring Term data collection 11/38ths

Therefore, the funding received from the DfE is based on take up of places as at the termly census dates. The Authority funds Early Years providers on actual take up of places, as notified by providers through the Early Years Portal which means that there is inevitably a variance in the funding allocated and the actual costs each year.

The free childcare offer has been extended so that eligible working parents in England will be able to access 30 hours of free childcare per week for 38 weeks per year from the term after their child turns 9 months to when they start school. The full year effect of this increase is included in the 2026-27 indicative allocation.

There has also been an above inflation increase to the Pupil Premium funding rate in the Early Years Block. This has risen from £1 per hour to £1.15 per hour

A table setting out the figures and variation was included in the report.

For 2026-27 Local authorities are required to pass-through at least 97% of funding for each of the following funding entitlement streams individually:

- 3 & 4YO entitlements
- Under 2s
- 2YO disadvantaged offer
- 2YO working parents

This pass-through requirement ensures that most of the government funding reaches providers so that they can deliver the government's free entitlements. Bury has historically passported more than the minimum requirement for 2, 3 and 4 year-olds.

It should be noted that the DfE has increased the minimum pass-through requirement from 95% in 2024-25 to 96% for 2025-26, and 97% in 2026-27.

The percentage retained by Local Authorities is used to contribute to Early Years SEN inclusion costs, central support services covering advisory support, sufficiency requirements, free entitlement eligibility checking, and management and administration of the complex Early Years Single Funding Formula determinations, allocations, systems, and statutory reporting requirements.

A table showing the proposed Central Early Years budget was included in the report.

## **Decision:**

**Bury's Schools' Forum approve the central budget allocation of the Early Years Block as set out in the report.**

## **5. HIGH NEEDS BLOCK (HNB) FUNDING AND ESTIMATED SPEND 2026-2027**

Philip Herd presented a report setting out the HNB allocation for 2026-27 and the estimated spend for 2026-27.

The DfE High Needs operational guide quotes: Local authorities must ensure any changes to SEND provision and high needs funding arrangements are made in close consultation and co-production with the schools and colleges which will be affected. The local authority's school's forum is one way through which partnership working across the education sector can be strengthened to ensure the local authority's spending decisions are most effective. Local authorities must consult with the school's forum about their high needs funding arrangements,

which should include funding for place number changes and top-up funding rates, as well as budgets for independent school placements and central support services.

High Needs Funding Allocation for 2026-27 The DFE operational guide quotes: - 'In 2026 to 2027 we are temporarily suspending the high needs national funding formula (NFF), which in previous years we have used to calculate local authorities' high needs allocations. Instead, local authorities' allocations will be based on their 2025 to 2026 allocations, with some adjustments. Following wider reforms to the SEND system, which the government will set out in early 2026, we will review the methodology for allocating high needs funding so that it supports the SEND reforms. In practice this means that the HNB is cash flat, i.e., no inflationary increases. Previous specific grants for special schools and other providers have been rolled in to the main DSG allocation'.

#### High Needs Funding Allocation for 2026-27

The allocation for 26-27 was set out in the report

The estimated spend for 2026-27 and 2025-26 comparisons were set out in the report.

The special schools spend and HNB allocation have both increased by £2.395m due to former specific grants being rolled in to the HNB allocation.

It is expected that all local authorities will have an in-year deficit in 2026-27 due to there not being an inflationary increase. Many similar local authorities will have far higher deficits.

These figures assume the current PSV arrangements continue, i.e. the General Fund contribution of £2m and PSV contribution £0.75m will remain.

#### Special Schools

The estimated spend on special schools was set out in the report.

It was explained that the funding will change as numbers change during the year. These are estimates for the purpose of the HNB only.

#### Resourced Provision

The estimated funding for Resourced Provision is £2.729m

#### Mainstream EHCP Top ups

The estimated cost of mainstream EHCP's for 2026-27 is £12.254m. A comparison of this against previous years is shown

The total funding for special schools is £25,606m.

#### Independent Special Schools

The estimates funding was set out in the report.

The spend on Independent Special Schools has been relatively stable over the last 4 years. This is due to their being far more capacity in Bury Special Schools.

#### Post 16 Places

Expenditure on post 16 places has been approximately £1.8m but for 2025-26 it is estimated to be £2.1m. On the basis this continues 2026-27 spend is estimated to be £2.4m

## Alternative Provision

There is also a large increase this year on AP expenditure. Previous years spend has been about £0.9m but now is £1.750m. For this reason the estimate for 2026-27 is £2m.

## Future Funding Arrangements

Future funding will be dependent on the outcome of SEND reforms. This will include a reform of how the funding is allocated to local authorities. Bury's allocation on a per capita basis is higher than statistical neighbours' but other factors will be taken into account when a new formula is consulted on.

## **It was agreed:**

That the estimated spend for 2026-27 be noted

That the Forum note there is not the flexibility to allow for inflation on current rates.

Note: The meeting started at 4pm and ended at 5.00pm

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## Department for Children and Young People

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### For information

## Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Deficit Position 2025-26

The Council had a deficit position of £19.041m at the beginning of the 2025-26 financial year. During the financial year, the service has worked on making savings where possible, whilst facing increased demand.

Due to the ongoing significant demand for high needs funding, the Council had agreed a revised DSG deficit recovery plan with the Department for Education (DfE), which extended the period for deficit recovery until 2028-29.

The Council's financial accounts have now been prepared with the DSG deficit position at the end of the 2025-26 financial year (pre audit) standing at £20.285m, an increased deficit position of £1.244m.

During 2025-26, the DfE announced the introduction of the High Needs Stability Grant for Autumn 2026, which will fund 90% of the DSG Unusable Reserve at the end of 2025-26. The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) statutory override is a temporary accounting rule in England that allows local authorities to separate DSG deficits (particularly from High Needs/SEND blocks) from their main revenue budgets. This protection prevents councils from breaching their legal duty to set a balanced budget. In accordance with the Statutory override, the unusable reserve is taken from the 2021-22 deficit position of £21.473m.

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### Schools Balances

Schools Balances brought forward from 2024-25 totalled £2.484m. At the end of the 2025-26 financial year, Schools Balances totalled £2.290m, a total reduction of £0.194m. These numbers do not include academies that the Local Authority does not report on.

The outturn position is split as follows:

<b>2025-26 Closing School Balances £</b>	
Nursery	114,016
Primary	78,820
Secondary	1,167,823
Special	929,193
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,289,852</b>

Included at Appendix 1 is the School Balances detail per Bury School.

It should be noted that, as shown at Appendix 1, the number of schools which are in a deficit position has reduced from 12 at the end of 2024-25, to 9 at the end of the 2025-26 financial year.

#### Other areas to note

All schools are facing increasing cost pressures, particularly in relation to staff, energy costs and high needs support. Many Primary schools are facing additional pressures due to a reduction in pupil numbers. Academy schools, that have recently converted, are still included if the balance at conversion has not yet been finalised. However, academies funding is not included in the Council's figures once the balances at conversion are finalised. The surplus balances, for schools that converted late 2024-25 or in the 2025-26 financial year, were transferred to the academy trusts after finalisation of the accounts in accordance with Department for Education (DfE) guidelines. These were:

Old Hall Primary	Parrenthorn High School
Greenmount Primary	Spring Lane School (now Ash Grove)
Sedgley Park Community Primary	

There are 7 schools with a surplus above the recommended maximum percentage of 8% for Nursery, Primary and Special Schools and 5% for High Schools. These schools are shaded blue.

9 schools ended the year with a deficit, and these schools are shaded red. Schools are required to adhere to their budget limits but, in the event of an unplanned deficit occurring, this will be deducted from the following year's budget share. Schools that aren't able to produce a balanced budget for 2026-27 can request approval to set a deficit budget by submitting a deficit recovery management plan to the Executive Director of Children and Young People. The deficit should normally be recovered within two years.

Of the 12 schools that ended 2024-25 with a deficit:

3 recovered the deficit in 2025-26;

7 have an approved deficit recovery plan;

1 has yet to agree a deficit recovery plan;

1 planned to balance in 2025-26, but still ended the year with a deficit.

Of the 9 schools ending 2025-26 with a deficit:

7 already have an approved deficit recovery plan, 2 of which are subject to review;

1 plan is currently being prepared before submission for approval;

1 is converting to academy status during the summer term.

The Director of Education has introduced Finance Improvement Group meetings with schools facing challenges in setting a balanced budget.

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Costc	School Name	Revised	Amount	2025-26 Balance	% Balance	£ Above Maximum Threshold	2024-25 Balance
DH40050	Manchester Mesivta	1,790,732	1,790,610	122.21	0.0%	0	75,216.31
DH40070	The Derby High	7,644,089	6,435,659	1,208,430.24	15.8%	826,226	876,786.58
DH40040	The Elton High	7,505,913	7,546,643	-40,729.29	-0.5%	0	-31,353.37
DN10030	Hoyle Nursery School	899,447	785,431	114,016.27	12.7%	42,061	81,824.83
DP30170	All Saints C of E Primary Stand	1,325,323	1,143,072	182,250.56	13.8%	76,225	165,294.54
DP33490	Bury and Whitefield Jewish Primary	759,663	1,257,677	-498,013.66	-65.6%	0	-349,871.57
DP20130	Chantlers Primary	1,749,853	1,693,414	56,438.82	3.2%	0	45,604.87
DP20450	Chapelfield Primary	1,788,261	1,725,026	63,235.33	3.5%	0	33,176.57
DP30160	Christ Church Ainsworth C of E Primary	1,196,769	1,167,661	29,107.20	2.4%	0	-22,509.87
DP33300	Emmanuel Holcombe C of E Primary	728,061	848,870	-120,809.47	-16.6%	0	-116,199.86
DP20060	Fairfield Community Primary	1,669,157	1,560,198	108,958.60	6.5%	0	137,489.71
DP33200	Guardian Angels RC Primary Bury	1,352,168	1,384,620	-32,451.41	-2.4%	0	-29,314.37
DP20420	Holcombe Brook Primary	1,452,091	1,409,504	42,586.98	2.9%	0	49,078.07
DP20460	Hollins Grundy Primary	1,157,831	1,105,061	52,770.15	4.6%	0	2,167.94
DP33360	Holly Mount RC Primary Bury	1,408,690	1,386,303	22,386.73	1.6%	0	14,142.66
DP20200	Lowercroft Primary	1,275,085	1,415,126	-140,041.16	-11.0%	0	-157,627.77
DP20290	Mersey Drive Community Primary	1,588,528	1,563,659	24,869.33	1.6%	0	16,625.40
DP33370	Our Lady of Grace RC Primary	1,487,660	1,545,915	-58,255.22	-3.9%	0	-104,121.29
DP33280	Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary	1,355,621	1,338,135	17,486.12	1.3%	0	-46,903.82
DP33460	St Andrew's C of E Primary Radcliffe	1,534,224	1,486,923	47,300.06	3.1%	0	25,857.83
DP30180	St Andrew's C of E Primary Ramsbottom	1,083,658	1,056,186	27,471.81	2.5%	0	-15,105.31
DP33480	St Hilda's C of E Primary	1,122,231	1,103,020	19,211.54	1.7%	0	11,620.01
DP33520	St John with St Mark C of E Primary	2,261,240	2,074,136	187,104.45	8.3%	6,205	233,262.54
DP33530	St Luke C of E Primary	2,651,164	2,753,420	-102,256.02	-3.9%	0	-50,502.01
DP30150	St Margaret's C of E Primary	1,259,409	1,329,746	-70,337.06	-5.6%	0	-72,853.20
DP33240	St Marie's RC Primary Bury	1,537,963	1,472,443	65,520.12	4.3%	0	21,600.83
DP33320	St Mary's C of E Primary Hawkshaw	571,260	653,938	-82,678.20	-14.5%	0	-61,366.58
DP33340	St Mary's C of Primary Prestwich	1,344,569	1,198,885	145,683.39	10.8%	38,118	58,743.61
DP30060	St Peter's C of E Primary	1,537,950	1,446,669	91,280.72	5.9%	0	77,194.95
DS70090	Cloughside	1,803,769	1,397,779	405,990.35	22.5%	261,689	398,516.23
DS70100	Millwood Primary Special	5,852,699	5,329,497	523,202.43	8.9%	54,987	483,025.01
	<b>Total Balances</b>	<b>60,695,079</b>	<b>58,405,227</b>	<b>2,289,852</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>1,305,509</b>	<b>1,749,499</b>

School Revenue Balances	2,289,851.92	1,749,499.47
Elton High already put to capital unapplied re 3G pitch	105,000.00	80,000.00
Total School Balances (CFR)	2,394,851.92	1,829,499.47

Deficit	9	12
Deficit £	-1,145,571	-1,057,729
Surplus	22	19
Surplus £	3,435,423	2,807,228
Net Variance	2,289,852	1,749,499

Nursery	899,447	785,431	114,016	12.7%
Primary	32,315,911	32,474,055	-158,144	-0.5%
Secondary	16,940,735	15,772,912	1,167,823	6.9%
Special	2,882,519	2,645,555	236,964	8.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,038,611</b>	<b>51,677,952</b>	<b>1,360,659</b>	

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ACADEMY BALANCES SEPTEMBER 2024 TO AUGUST 2025

Data source: DfE Financial Benchmarking and Insights

Surplus/Deficit data for academies in a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) includes a share of MAT central finance, and does not necessarily reflect balances available to the school.

Where no balance is shown, data is unavailable due to the date of conversion

Academy Name	Trust	2024-25 In Year Balance	2024-25 Surplus/ Deficit(-)
Butterstile Primary	Collective Community Trust	£157,446	£412,408
Cams Lane Primary	Collective Community Trust	£49,714	£72,179
Chesham Primary	Northern Education Trust	-£314,532	£331,225
Christ Church C.E.P, Walshaw	Sycamore CE Trust	-£304,966	-£52,070
East Ward Community Primary	Vision Multi Academy Trust	£375,432	£120,140
Elton Community Primary	The Keep Learning Trust	£39,838	£209,027
Gorsefield Primary	Forward as One CofE Multi Academy Trust	-£184,805	£444,301
Greenhill Primary	Forward as One CofE Multi Academy Trust	-£41,017	£20,046
Greenmount Primary	The Keep Learning Trust	-£2,174	£37,456
Hazlehurst Primary	Northern Education Trust	-£289,707	£191,474
Heaton Park Primary	Collective Community Trust	£131,411	£309,306
Higher Lane Primary	Vision Multi Academy Trust	-£152,588	£130,848
Holy Trinity C.E. V.A. Primary	Sycamore CE Trust	£40,445	£81,114
Old Hall Primary	The Keep Learning Trust	-£28,376	-£3,639
Park View Primary	The Keep Learning Trust	-£114,296	-£34,566
Peel Brow Primary	Vision Multi Academy Trust	-£50,542	£28,599
Radcliffe Primary	The Keep Learning Trust	£69,007	£207,723
Radcliffe Hall C.E./Meth Primary	Sycamore CE Trust	£107,496	£183,777
Ribble Drive Community Primary	Collective Community Trust	£64,893	£110,192
St. Bernadette's R.C. Primary	St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust	-£122,881	-£6,543
St. John's C.E. Primary, Radcliffe	Sycamore CE Trust	£139,624	£217,397
St. Joseph's R.C. Primary	St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust	-£73,605	-£224,856
St. Joseph & St. Bede R.C. Primary	St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust	£6,982	£81,741
St. Mary's R.C. Primary, Radcliffe	St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust	-£137,282	-£132,943
St. Michael's R.C. Primary	St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust	-£252,828	-£441,551
St. Paul's C.E. Primary, Bury	Forward as One CofE Multi Academy Trust	-£221,036	£47,614
St. Stephen's C.E. Primary	Sycamore CE Trust	£34,980	£99,312

Academy Name	Trust	2024-25 In Year Balance	2024-25 Surplus/ Deficit(-)
St. Thomas's C.E. Primary	Sycamore CE Trust	-£416,578	£322,470
Sedgley Park Community Primary	Collective Community Trust	£69,500	£111,563
Springside Primary	Prestolee Multi Academy Trust	£47,548	£174,349
Summerseat Methodist Primary	Epworth Education Trust	£20,395	£77,463
Sunny Bank Primary	Vision Multi Academy Trust	-£81,302	£56,414
Tottington Primary	Prestolee Multi Academy Trust	£38,823	£232,820
Unsworth Primary	Oak Learning Partnership	-£275,984	£25,816
Wesley Methodist Primary	Epworth Education Trust	£120,869	£330,663
Whitefield Community Primary	Collective Community Trust	£64,893	£110,192
Woodbank Primary	Collective Community Trust	£101,339	£231,350
Yesoiday HaTorah Boys	Yesoiday Hatorah	-£43,000	£56,000
Yesoiday HaTorah Girls	Yesoiday Hatorah	-£31,000	£59,000
Bury C of E High School	Bishop Fraser CE Trust	£264,661	£1,474,501
Hazel Wood High School	Oak Learning Partnership	£230,062	£1,035,979
Parrenthorn High School	Vision Multi Academy Trust	N/A	N/A
Philips High School	Oak Learning Partnership	-£399,264	£438,316
St Gabriel's RC High School	St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust	£283,226	£1,200,402
St Monica's RC High School	St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust	£446,404	£1,305,107
STAR Academy Radcliffe	Star Academies	-£49,589	£26,240
The Heys School	The Rowan Trust	-£91,315	£513,945
Tottington High School	Shaw Education Trust	-£102,358	£85,361
Unsworth Academy	Shaw Education Trust	£407,639	£576,501
Woodhey High School	Shaw Education Trust	-£334,365	£139,694
Elms Bank	Oak Learning Partnership	£764,409	£1,671,223
Ash Grove (PRU)	Oak Learning Partnership	-£376,378	£9,410
Brookhaven School	Shaw Education Trust	£549,665	£814,906
<b>Total Balances</b>		<b>£134,933</b>	<b>£13,519,396</b>

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Bury Council

## Department for Children and Young People

### Bury Schools' Forum Representation – January 2026 Census

#### For information.

Membership of Schools forum should be proportionate to the number of pupils in maintained schools and academies.

Pupil numbers from the January 2026 census confirm Bury has 80% of its Primary and Secondary pupils in Academies and 20% in Maintained Schools. Forum representation also reflects the proportion of Secondary and Primary age children within each category, which confirms Academies with 47% Secondary and 53% Primary, and Maintained Schools with 24% Secondary and 76% Primary.

Due to recent and forthcoming academy conversions, the current representation of Forum needs to be adjusted so that it continues to be representative. The current representation is summarised below.

Academies have 11 representatives; 5 Secondary (of which 5 are currently vacant), 5 Primary (of which 1 is currently vacant) and 1 Special.

Maintained Schools have 5 representatives; 1 Secondary (which is currently vacant), 3 Primary (of which 1 is currently vacant) and 1 Special.

Member Type	Current	Vacancies	Total
Academy High	0	5	5
Academy Primary	4	2	6
Academy Special	1	0	1
Pupil Referral Unit	0	1	1
Maintained Secondary	0	1	1
Maintained Primary	2	0	2
Maintained Special	1	0	1
16-19	1	0	1
Teachers Professional Assoc.	3	0	3
Early Years Providers	1	0	1
Governor	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>

Note: one of the Maintained Primary positions will become vacant in September.

Representation will continue to be updated to reflect pupil number proportions.

The table below shows the number of pupils per school and sector representation.

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DfE School	Jan-26	Status	July 2026
4000 Unsworth ACADEMY	954	Academy High	
4001 Hazel Wood High School ACADEMY	673	Academy High	
4002 The Heys School ACADEMY	548	Academy High	
4003 St. Gabriel's R.C. High School	1035	Academy High	
4006 St. Monica's RC High School	1037	Academy High	
4007 The Derby High School	930	Academy High	Converted 1 July 2026
4008 Star Radcliffe ACADEMY	286	Academy High	
4020 Tottington High School ACADEMY	819	Academy High	
4022 Parrenthorn High School ACADEMY	1027	Academy High	Converted 1 September 2025
4025 Philips High School	872	Academy High	
4026 Woodhey High School	1115	Academy High	
4603 Bury Church of England High School	805	Academy High	
<b>Total Academy High</b>	<b>10101</b>		<b>12</b>
2027 Butterstile Primary ACADEMY	360	Academy Primary	
2036 Cams Lane Primary ACADEMY	204	Academy Primary	
2022 Chesham Primary ACADEMY	293	Academy Primary	
3016 Christ Church Ainsworth C.E. Primary ACADEMY	221	Academy Primary	Converted 1 February 2026
3333 Christ Church C.E. Primary ACADEMY	195	Academy Primary	
2047 East Ward Community ACADEMY	441	Academy Primary	
2002 Elton Primary ACADEMY	280	Academy Primary	
2006 Fairfield Community Primary ACADEMY	209	Academy Primary	Converted 1 April 2026
2003 Gorsefield Primary ACADEMY	301	Academy Primary	
2012 Greenhill Primary ACADEMY	233	Academy Primary	
2032 Greenmount Primary ACADEMY	229	Academy Primary	
3320 Guardian Angels' R.C. Primary	213	Academy Primary	Converted 1 July 2026
2023 Hazlehurst Primary ACADEMY	156	Academy Primary	
2037 Heaton Park Primary ACADEMY	390	Academy Primary	
2033 Higher Lane Primary ACADEMY	458	Academy Primary	
2042 Holcombe Brook Primary ACADEMY	269	Academy Primary	Converted 1 April 2026
2010 Holy Trinity C.E. Primary ACADEMY	200	Academy Primary	
2019 Old Hall Primary ACADEMY	173	Academy Primary	
3328 Our Lady of Lourdes R.C. Primary	178	Academy Primary	Converted 1 July 2026
2038 Park View Primary ACADEMY	402	Academy Primary	
5200 Peel Brow Primary ACADEMY	89	Academy Primary	
2001 Radcliffe Primary ACADEMY	209	Academy Primary	
2011 Radcliffe Hall C.E./Methodist ACADEMY	267	Academy Primary	
2030 Ribble Drive Community Primary ACADEMY	189	Academy Primary	
3341 St. Bernadette's R.C. Primary ACADEMY	308	Academy Primary	
2008 St. John's C.E. Primary ACADEMY	191	Academy Primary	
3326 St. Joseph & St. Bede R.C. Primary ACADEMY	312	Academy Primary	
3335 St. Joseph's R.C. Primary ACADEMY	172	Academy Primary	
3324 St. Marie's R.C. Primary	218	Academy Primary	Converted 1 July 2026
3350 St. Mary's R.C. Primary, Radcliffe ACADEMY	308	Academy Primary	
2018 St. Michael's R.C. Primary ACADEMY	176	Academy Primary	
2024 St. Paul's C.E. Primary, Bury ACADEMY	184	Academy Primary	
2021 St. Stephen's C.E. Primary ACADEMY	173	Academy Primary	
3009 St. Thomas's C.E. Primary ACADEMY	407	Academy Primary	
2039 Sedgley Park Community Primary ACADEMY	215	Academy Primary	
2048 Springside Primary ACADEMY	217	Academy Primary	
2017 Summerseat Methodist Primary ACADEMY	89	Academy Primary	
2009 Sunny Bank Primary ACADEMY	215	Academy Primary	
2035 Tottington Primary ACADEMY	296	Academy Primary	
2050 Unsworth Primary ACADEMY	219	Academy Primary	
3022 Wesley Methodist Primary ACADEMY	303	Academy Primary	
2041 Whitefield Community Primary ACADEMY	160	Academy Primary	
2014 Woodbank Primary ACADEMY	265	Academy Primary	
5201 Yesoiday HaTorah Boys ACADEMY	376	Academy Primary	
2016 Yesoiday HaTorah Girls ACADEMY	381	Academy Primary	
<b>Total Academy Primary</b>	<b>11344</b>		<b>45</b>
<b>Total Academies</b>	<b>21445</b>		<b>57</b>

DfE School	Jan-26 Status July 2026	
4004 The Elton High School	1019	Maintained High
4005 Manchester Mesivta	235	Maintained High
<b>Total Maintained Secondary</b>	<b>1254</b>	<b>2</b>
3017 All Saints C.E. Primary	187	Maintained Primary
3349 Bury and Whitefield Jewish Primary	95	Maintained Primary
2013 Chantlers Primary	269	Maintained Primary
2045 Chapelfield Primary	261	Maintained Primary
3330 Emmanuel Holcombe C.E. Primary	101	Maintained Primary
2046 Hollins Grundy Primary	211	Maintained Primary
3336 Holly Mount R.C. Primary	233	Maintained Primary
2020 Lowercroft Primary	204	Maintained Primary
2029 Mersey Drive Community Primary	179	Maintained Primary
3337 Our Lady of Grace R.C. Primary	251	Maintained Primary
3346 St. Andrew's C.E. Primary, Radcliffe	200	Maintained Primary
3018 St. Andrew's C.E. Primary, Rams.	178	Maintained Primary
3348 St. Hilda's C.E. Primary	184	Maintained Primary
3352 St. John with St. Mark C.E. Primary	312	Maintained Primary
3353 St Luke's C.E. Primary	412	Maintained Primary
3015 St. Margaret's C.E. Primary	199	Maintained Primary
3332 St. Mary's C.E. Primary, Hawkshaw	99	Maintained Primary
3334 St. Mary's C.E. Primary, Prestwich	212	Maintained Primary
3006 St. Peter's C.E. Primary	213	Maintained Primary
<b>Total Maintained Primary</b>	<b>4000</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Total Maintained</b>	<b>5254</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Total All Maintained + Academies</b>	<b>26699</b>	<b>78</b>

Proportionate Representation by Pupil Numbers			Forum Members		
January 2026 Pupil Census					
	Jan-26	%	% Pupils		% Forum
Total Academy High	10101	47%	38%	5	36%
Total Academy Primary	11344	53%	42%	6	43%
<b>Total Academies</b>	<b>21445</b>		<b>80%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>79%</b>
Total Maintained Secondary	1254	24%	5%	1	7%
Total Maintained Primary	4000	76%	15%	2	14%
<b>Total Maintained</b>	<b>5254</b>		<b>20%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Total All Maintained + Academies</b>	<b>26699</b>			<b>14</b>	

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### For Information

## Proposed revisions to the Scheme for Financing Schools

There are no new directed revisions to the Scheme for 2026-27 and no local amendments. Therefore, the only change is to the list of maintained schools as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 included at Annexe A:

Primary & Nursery Schools	Secondary Schools
All Saints C.E. Primary, Stand	Manchester Mesivta High
Bury and Whitefield Jewish Primary	The Derby High
Chantlers Primary	The Elton High
Chapelfield Primary	Special Schools
Emmanuel Holcombe C.E. Primary	Cloughside School
Guardian Angels R.C. Primary	Millwood Primary School
Hollins Grundy Primary	
Holly Mount R.C. Primary	
Hoyle Nursery School	
Lowercroft Primary	
Mersey Drive Community Primary	
Our Lady of Grace R.C. Primary	
Our Lady of Lourdes R.C. Primary	
St. Andrew's C.E. Primary (Radcliffe)	
St. Andrew's C.E. Primary (Ramsbottom)	
St. Hilda's C.E. Primary	
St. John with St. Mark C.E. Primary	
St. Luke's C.E. Primary	
St. Margaret's C.E. Primary	
St. Marie's R.C. Primary	
St. Mary's C.E. Primary, Prestwich	
St. Mary's C.E. Primary, Hawkshaw	
St. Peter's C.E. Primary	

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