



To: Directors of Children's Services in
Local Authorities in England,
Chairs of Schools Forums and the organisations
listed in the Annex to this letter

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Dear Colleagues,

**CONSULTATION ON THE SCHOOLS FORUMS (ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2009**

The Department is today launching a consultation on the new Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2009.

The main purpose of the draft regulations is to give effect to the government's recent legislation and policy developments. As such, one of the proposed changes is to bring academies into membership of the forum. These draft regulations replace the Schools Forums Regulations 2002 as already amended by the Schools Forums (Amendment) Regulations 2004, 2005, and 2008, and have been re-written for clarity.

We would also like to consult on making the representation of early years PVI providers more effective, and on giving local authorities the option of changing the composition of their schools members of Schools Forums to reflect locality working, from 2011. Additional questions seeking views on these subjects have been added to the accompanying notes.

The draft regulations and accompanying notes for consultation are available at www.teachernet.gov.uk/schoolfundingframework/. The notes ask for consultation responses to be sent to Schools.Forums@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk by Friday 28 August 2009. Please also send any queries on the draft regulations or the additional consultation questions to the same mailbox.

Yours sincerely

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Consultation on draft Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2009

Organisations invited to respond

Association of the Directors of Children's Services
Local Government Association
London Councils
Association of School and College Leaders
Association of Teachers and Lecturers
NASUWT
National Association of Head Teachers
National Union of Teachers
Professional Association of Teachers
GMB
TGWU
Unison
Independent Academies Association
Academies Finance Directors Forum
National Association of School Business Management
National Governors Association
Foundation and Aided Schools National Association
National Association of Special Schools
SEN Consortium
National Childminding Association
National Day Nurseries Association
Pre-School Learning Alliance
14-19 Partnerships
Audit Commission
Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy
General Teaching Council for England
Health and Safety Executive
Learning and Skills Council
National College of School Leadership
Ofsted
Training and Development Agency for schools
Communities and Local Government
Welsh Assembly
Association of Muslim Schools UK
Board of Deputies of British Jews
Catholic Education Service
Church of England
Churches Together in England
Free Churches
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Thyateira & Great Britain
Hindu Council UK
Hindu Forum of Britain
I-Foundation

Jewish Community Schools Advisory Board
Leo Baeck College
Methodist Church
Movement for Reform Judaism
Muslim Council of Britain
Network of Sikh Organisations
Quakers
Seventh Day Adventist Church
UK Islamic Education WAQF / Muslim Education Forum
Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations
United Synagogues Agency of Jewish Education