

## Gloucestershire Schools Forum – Elections 2019

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<b>Type of Decision</b>	For information
<b>Background Documents</b>	None
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<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To inform members of the plans for the Schools Forum elections 2019
<b>Key Recommendations</b>	To note the plans for the Schools Forum elections 2019
<b>Resource Implications</b>	None

### 1. Election of Schools/Academy members

It is now time for the Schools Forum biennial elections. Half of the Schools Forum school membership's term of office ends on 31 March 2019; the seats up for election are outlined in the table below.

Please note that Andrew Harris, Secondary Academy Headteacher, will be stepping down from the Forum as from 31 March 2019, and therefore his seat has been included in this election round. One of the three Secondary (Academy) Headteacher seats will therefore have a term of office of 2 years, instead of the usual 4 year term.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number of Seats</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Current Forum Member</b>
Special School Headteacher	1		Clare Steel Alderman Knight School
Primary School Headteacher	2	Maintained	Lisa Jones Innsworth Infant/Junior School
		Maintained	Karen Lewis Grangefield Primary
Primary School Governor	2	Maintained	Graham Doswell Swell and Longborough Primary
		Academy	Ian Marshall Highnam C of E Primary
Secondary School	3	Academy	Will Morgan The Cotswold School

Headteacher		Academy	Stuart Wilson Marling School
		Academy	Andrew Harris Katharine Lady Berkeley's School
Secondary School Governor	2	Academy	Sue Padfield All Saints' Academy
		Maintained	Vacant
<p><b>The new term of office for all seats is 4 years (1 April 2019 to 31 March 2023), this is with the exception of one of the Secondary (Academy) Headteacher seats which will have a term of office of 2 years (1 April 2019 - 31 March 2021).</b></p>			

The Gloucestershire Association of Special School Headteachers will be undertaking its own election process for the Special School Headteacher seat. Nominations for the other seats will be sought from the relevant parties from Friday 11 January 2019. The deadline for nomination forms to be returned to the clerk is **5pm on Friday 8 February 2019**. A notice of the election will be published in the Heads Up and What's up Gov bulletins.

Please note that a member of the Forum may seek election for another term.

## 2. Election Arrangements

If there are only sufficient nominations to fill the vacant seat(s) in any category, the member in that category will be elected unopposed.

If an election is required, ballot papers will be issued during the week commencing 11 February 2019, to the electors, to be returned by 5 pm on Wednesday 20 March 2019. The election count will take place on Thursday 21 March 2019.

The nomination round results and the results of any elections will be published on the Schools Forum webpage and in the What's Up Gov and Heads Up bulletins.

Further information on the election process can be found on the Gloucestershire Schools Forum webpage: - [LINK](#)

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