

Gloucestershire Schools Forum – High Needs Budget Working Group

One Page Strategy

Broad topic area	High Needs Funding and Strategy
Ambitions for the group	<p>For members of the schools forum working group to play an active role in informing, guiding and implementing the strategic aims identified in the high needs strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• an inclusive education system characterised by effective early intervention and supported by a skilled workforce able to access specialist support• high quality specialist provision available locally for those that need it• a sustainable budget
How do we perform at the moment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High rates of permanent exclusion (pre-covid19)• High rate of elected home education.• Significant use of independent specialist provision and alternative provision.• Significant overspend on high needs budget in 2021/22 and planned overspend in 2022/23.
Background information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High Needs Cabinet report• ISOS Report• Joint Additional Needs Programme
How will it operate	<p>The working group sessions will be interactive, facilitated discussions exploring high needs, school funding and early years issues and plans. The group will feedback to the full forum on its work. Sessions will be planned based on need, rather than a regular timetable.</p>