

Southwark School Forum Code of Conduct

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The conduct of Forum Members at meetings will follow the principles laid down below:-

Selflessness

Members should serve only the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage on any person or individual school.

Integrity

Members should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned, should not behave improperly and should on all occasions avoid the appearance of such behaviour.

Objectivity

Members must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

Accountability

Members should be accountable for their actions and the way they carry out their responsibilities and should co-operate fully and honestly with any scrutiny appropriate to their role.

Openness

Members should be as open as possible about their actions and should be prepared to give reasons for those actions.

Honesty

Members should be truthful.

Personal Judgment

Members should take account of the views of their elective / nominating bodies to reach conclusions on the issues before them and act in accordance with those conclusions.

Respect for Others

Members should promote equality by not discriminating unlawfully against any person, and by treating people with respect, regardless of their race, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability. They should respect the impartiality and integrity of the local authority's officers.

Duty to Uphold the Law

Members should uphold the law, and on all occasions, act in accordance with the trust that their elective / nominating group is entitled to place in them.

Stewardship

Members should do whatever they are able to ensure that the local authority uses Dedicated Schools Grant prudently and in accordance with regulations.

Leadership

Members should promote and support these principles by leadership, and by example and should act in a way that secures or preserves schools' confidence.

Confidentiality

Members should observe complete confidentiality when matters are deemed confidential or where they concern specific members of the Forum. Forum members will always exercise the greatest prudence when discussions regarding Schools Forum business arise outside a Forum meeting.

Adopted by: Southwark School Forum on the 18th of September

We agree that this code of conduct will be reviewed annually endorsed by the forum .