



Department
for Education

Working group 1: 2025 to 2026 membership and meeting dates

Membership

Chair

- Mike Antoniou – University Schools Trust London

Vice chair

- To be confirmed

Working group lead

- Craig Alderson – Department for Education

Working group deputy lead and secretariat

- Matt Smith – Department for Education

Members

- Louise Bridgett – PKF Francis Clark (chartered accountants)
- Angela Cox OBE – Catholic Education Service
- Catherine Dottridge – TENAX Schools Trust
- Emma Harrison – Association of School and College Leaders
- Jim Farquhar – Nicholas Postgate Academy Trust
- Sam Henson – National Governance Association
- Lee Hughes – Peterborough Diocese Education Trust
- Stephen Lester MBE – School Resource Management Advisor and Institute of School Business Leadership
- Alison Moon – Veritas Multi-Academy Trust
- Lizzie Oliver – Trust Governance Professionals
- Patrick Overly – Learning Partners Academy Trust
- Samira Sadeghi – Confederation of School Trusts
- Diane Slack – Westbourne Primary School
- Anne Slade – The Pioneer Academy

Meeting dates

- Thursday 6 November 2025
- Wednesday 4 February 2026
- Thursday 12 March 2026
- Thursday 23 April 2026 (if required)
- Thursday 23 June 2026

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