

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WORCESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM (WSF)

Wednesday 23 November 2023
Remote Meeting Held Via MS Teams

The meeting started at 2.30 PM.

IN ATTENDANCE:

a. WSF Members

Bryn Thomas (Vice Chair) [BT] - HT Wolverley CE Secondary ~~S252~~ /F1 1.13

funding for school transport. Maybe this could also be used to provide a bit of joined up thinking around transporting of pupils.

EF raised the concern of cost to parents covering this for pupils within special schools, and that this could lead to it becoming unviable for special schools to run the provision and parents believing they have a right to this provision. Especially if you have a child needing either one to one, or two to one support. This also raises where special schools are taking from a wider area which could be counted as local.

NJ also raised the problems with having to increase the hours of staff and if this could be done or staff be found who would want these additional hours. RP reiterated that this does not all need to be supplied by schools and that this could be school working with a private childcare provider.

LP raised that this could have major impact for special schools as they have pupils with very specific needs that need to be met, which again needs specifically trained staff, which is at a cost, and is V