Head Teachers' Termly Meeting

School Resource Management Adviser (SRMA) Deployments

An independent, free DfE service for Hillingdon schools

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What is an SRMA?

- A School Resource Management Adviser
- An experienced, DfE-accredited practitioner
- Independent and peer-to-peer; not an inspector or auditor
- Free of charge: fully funded by the DfE, no cost to the school
- Focus: financial sustainability and getting the most out of every pound

SRMA looks at, and what it doesn't do

These typically include:

What an SRMA looks at

- Your 3-year budget and forecasts
- Latest year end, and other relevant historical data
- Staffing, curriculum model, pupil numbers
- Procurement, contracts and contracts renewal
- Any pressures and risks

What an SRMA does NOT do

- Not an inspection
- Not an audit
- No ratings or judgements about your school
- Does not replace your leadership decisions

Maintained schools and academies

Maintained schools

- Route to DfE goes via Hillingdon
- Timelines are typically a little longer
- Same SRMA service, same DfE-quality-assured report

Academies

- Route is direct to the DfE
- Typically, faster timelines
- Same SRMA service, same DfE-quality-assured report

How to access an SRMA

Maintained schools

- Headteacher and governors agree to commission
- Speak to me (Schools Finance Team)
- I contact the DfE on your behalf and agree scope and dates

Academies

- Trust agrees to commission
- Contact the DfE directly:
- dfe.srma@education.gov.uk

Hillingdon: where we are

- A few Hillingdon schools have contacted me
- The SRMA process is now underway for them

Thank you

Any questions?