STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2020 No. 540

# The Schools Forums (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

## Amendment to [<sup>F1</sup>the] Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012

2.—(1) The Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012<sup>M1</sup> are amended as follows.

(2) After regulation 8(1) insert—

"(1A) A meeting of the schools forum is not limited to a meeting of persons all of whom, or any of whom, are physically in the same place and includes meetings held through remote means.".

(3) After regulation 8(2) insert—

(2A) "public meeting" includes a meeting of the schools forum that the public can access through remote means."

(4) After regulation 8(3) insert—

"(3A) For the purposes of regulation 8(3) reference to being "present" at the meeting includes members being present through remote means. A member will not be considered to be present through remote means unless the conditions in 8(3B) are satisfied.

(3B) A member accessing the meeting by remote means must be able to-

- (a) hear and be heard by, and where practicable, see and be seen by any members present;
- (b) be heard and, where practicable, seen by any members of the public at the meeting.".
- (5) After regulation 8(13) insert—

"(14) "Remote means" means access to a meeting to enable persons to attend or participate simultaneously by electronic means, including (but not limited to) telephone conferencing, video conferencing, live webcast, and live interactive streaming.".

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** Word in reg. 2 heading substituted (11.2.2021 with application in relation to the financial year beginning on 1.4.2021) by The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/59), regs. 1(1)(2), **35(3)** 

### **Commencement Information**

II Reg. 2 in force at 18.6.2020, see reg. 1(2)

#### **Marginal Citations**

M1 S.I. 2012/2261

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Schools Forums (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, Section 2.