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Question 1: Yes

Question 2: Yes

Question 3: Yes

Question 4: I agree that there should not be a requirement for election to parent forums, however I think there has to be a degree of structure to the set-up and fear that this proposal for flexibility is excessive and could proved counterproductive.

Question 5: No - I think these proposals could lead to situations where two or more groups of parents want to set up rival parent forums in one school.

Question 6: Yes

Question 7: Yes

Question 8: I think that the education authorities should work with existing parental groups - school boards, pta's etc - where they exist to bring in the new proposals

Question 9: I think there should be clear guidelines from the education authority as to what the parent forums have been created for, otherwise the whole situation is ripe for 'hijacking' by groups or individuals with a specific cause.

Question 10: I think there should be a specified mix of equal numbers of teaching staff (including the Head Teacher) and parents with some non-school (ie parent or teacher) co-opted memers. There should not be a majority of either parents or teachers.

Question 11: No

Question 12: As parent forum members should not be directly involved with the care of children, there is no need for disclosure checks as such, however there should be some form of check undertaken to ascertain if there is any reason for the individual to be disbarred from taking part in the parents forum.

Question 13: I think that all teaching staff and parents should be able to attend, with other individuals invited.

Question 14: I think these functions should be used as a starting point, with provision for others to be added in the future if appropriate.

Question 15: I don't think there should be excessive definition of the remit of the parent forum

Question 16: Yes

Question 17: Yes

Question 18: Yes

Question 19: Yes

Question 20: I don't think the education department should be involving people with no experience in the process when appointing senior staff in schools. However the most up-to-date methodology for selection should be implemented.

Question 21:

Question 22: Yes