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# Weekly Education News and Insight

A round up of national education news and DfE insight.





### **National** Education News

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## Special Education Needs: Hundreds sign open letter condemning failures

More than 500 families have signed an open letter demanding improved support for children with special needs.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hereford-worcester-60319388



### Mental health support for children 'lacks ambition'

Government plans for mental health support teams in a third of schools in England by 2022-23 lack ambition and need to be stepped up, MPs have heard.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-60304665



#### Zahawi 'ready to ask for more' catch-up cash

The education secretary faced public questions about catch-up, schools' soaring energy bills and more – here's all you need to know.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

https://www.tes.com/magazine/news/general/nadhim-zahawi-ready-ask-more-catch-cash-school-funding-covid



# Good attendance: listen, understand, empathise and support

A new report by Ofsted looks at different aspects of pupil attendance and how schools tackle the current challenges they face.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/good-attendance-listen-understand-empathise-and-support

### **DfE** Insight

A round up of DfE insight, guidance, research and key educational information.



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#### Early years qualifications and ratios

The staff:child ratios regulations that providers working with children at early years foundation stage (EYFS) must follow.

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#### Flexible apprenticeships to boost jobs in key sectors

BBC and NHS among employers to recruit up to 1500 apprentices on new flexi-job apprenticeships.

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#### Pathway into early years education

Career planning information and tools for those interested in working in the early years education sector.

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#### Higher education student data UK: 2020 to 2021

Detailed open data tables about students at HE providers in the United Kingdom (UK) for the academic year 2020 to 2021.

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#### Improvement notices and directions

Improvement notices and directions about children's services issued to councils by the Department for Education.

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### September Guarantee: education and training for young people

Details of the September Guarantee, which requires local authorities to find education and training places for 16- and 17-year-olds.

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