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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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## Schools in England given guidance to avoid biased teaching

Schools in England are being reminded to teach sensitive issues in a non-biased way, under new guidance.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-60405521>



## Rise in university applications from UK 18-year-olds, figures show

Latest figures cap decade-long rise in proportion of school-leavers opting for higher education.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2022/feb/17/rise-in-university-applications-from-uk-18-year-olds-figures-show>



## DfE guidance to 'safeguard political neutrality' in schools

The new guidance, which will be published in full today, is the first of its kind on how schools should approach the teaching of sensitive issues.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://www.tes.com/magazine/news/general/dfe-guidance-safeguard-political-neutrality-schools>



## Increase in home schooling since start of pandemic

There has been an increase in the number of children being permanently educated at home across the West since the beginning of the pandemic.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-wiltshire-60379562>



## First aid in schools, early years and colleges

Guidance for employers in early years, schools and colleges on first aid provision.

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## Political impartiality in schools

Explains schools' legal duties on political impartiality to help school leaders, teachers and other staff consider these in teaching and extra-curricular activities.

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## Review of the Education and Skills Funding Agency

Review of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), and changes to the way the Department for Education (DfE) will operate from 1 April 2022 onwards.

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## Pupils' progress in the 2020 to 2021 academic year

Research reports presenting findings from analysis into the progress pupils have made during the 2020 to 2021 academic year.

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## Subject knowledge enhancement (SKE): course directory

An overview and directory of subject knowledge enhancement courses for lead schools and initial teacher training (ITT) providers.

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## Behaviour hubs

Find out how the behaviour hubs programme helps schools improve their behaviour culture by working with exemplary schools.

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## Academy conversion: important dates

Deadlines for schools converting to academy status.

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## Plan your relationships, sex and health curriculum

Information to help school leaders plan, develop and implement the new statutory curriculum.

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