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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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Rising energy bills: NI schools face £13m power price hike

Schools in Northern Ireland are facing a £13m rise in energy costs over the next year, according to Department of Education (DE) figures.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-60512961>



Childcare providers no longer required to tell Ofsted about confirmed COVID-19 cases

From 21 February, childcare providers do not have to notify Ofsted of any COVID-19 cases at their setting, whether in staff or children.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/childcare-providers-no-longer-required-to-tell-ofsted-about-confirmed-covid-19-cases>



Post-18 education funding: the changes and their effects

Almost three years after Agur review, government unveils plans for tuition fees and student loans in England.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2022/feb/24/post-18-education-funding-changes-effects-tuition-fees-student-loans-england>



No English and maths GCSE, no university student loan, plans say

Students who lack English and maths GCSEs, or two A-levels at grade E, would not qualify for a student loan in England, under new plans.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-60491719>



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Higher education reform: equality impact assessment

Equality analysis of how policies and proposals to improve HE outcomes, access and value for money may affect groups with particular protected characteristics.

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Alternative provision: year 11 transition funding

Sets out the financial support available to alternative provision (AP) schools and colleges to support current year 11 students into post-16 education.

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Managing coronavirus (COVID-19) in education and childcare settings

What measures education and childcare settings should be prepared to introduce to manage coronavirus (COVID-19).

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Integrated curriculum and financial planning (ICFP)

How schools can use ICFP to create the best curriculum for pupils with available funding.

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Responsibility for exams

Guidance for schools, colleges and exam centres on who should enter students for exams, the health arrangements for exams and the support DfE is providing.

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