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Weekly Education News and Insight

A round up of national education news and DfE insight.



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Vocational and training qualifications decline during pandemic

The number of vocational and technical qualifications (VTQs) awarded in Northern Ireland fell by about 20% during the Covid pandemic.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-62380620>



Government promise to end 15-year school cash squeeze 'won't be met'

The IFS think tank says per-pupil funding will actually be 3 per cent lower in real terms by 2024-25.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/school-funding-budgets-costs-2023-2024-election/>



Teacher sick days soar as poor conditions take toll on mental health

Increased workloads, class sizes, low pay and Covid legacy are leading to more absences and an exodus of staff.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2022/jul/31/teacher-sick-days-soar-as-poor-conditions-take-toll-on-mental-health>



'A race to the bottom': Pay rises push struggling schools to the brink

More than two in five leaders say they will need to consider job cuts without further government cash.

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<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/a-race-to-the-bottom-pay-rises-push-struggling-schools-to-the-brink/>



Skills needs in selected occupations over the next 5 to 10 years

This independent research examines changing skills needs within a select group of occupations over the next 5 to 10 years.

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Local skills improvement plans

Statutory guidance for the development and review of local skills improvement plans (LSIPs).

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Find, join or create a network for school business professionals

How business professionals working in schools can find, join or create a network of local school business professionals.

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DfE: department and executive agency spend over £25,000

Documents on Department for Education and executive agency spend over £25,000.

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School census 2022 to 2023: technical information

Technical specification and validation rules for submitting 2022 to 2023 school census data.

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Monthly statistics on initial teacher training (ITT) recruitment

Numbers of candidates and applications for initial teacher training (ITT) for the 2022 to 2023 academic year.

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