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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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DfE's 'cluster takeover' plan to boost big academy trusts

Officials draw up proposals to help leading trusts expand into new regions.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/revealed-dfes-cluster-takeover-plan-to-boost-big-academy-trusts/>



Giving children the best start in life

In this blog post, Chris explains what we'll be doing as part of our strategy for early years education.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://earlyyears.blog.gov.uk/2022/11/04/giving-children-the-best-start-in-life/>



Councils should 'trigger' academy takeovers, says largest trust boss

But United Learning chief says local authorities should not run their own trusts, and calls for more intervention of struggling schools

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/councils-should-trigger-academy-takeovers-says-largest-trust-boss/>



'Not enough money': secondary school heads warn MPs of budget woes

Energy costs, staff pay rises and inflation have left schools unable to pay for repairs, mental health services and trips

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2022/nov/03/secondary-school-heads-warn-mps-budget-deficits>



Letters to academy trusts about poor performance

DfE letters to academy trusts about poor or inadequate performance or weaknesses in safeguarding, governance or financial management

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Local authority interactive tool (LAIT)

An interactive spreadsheet for comparing data about children and young people across all local authorities in England.

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New school proposals

Lists of local authorities seeking academy and free school proposers, and of all academies and free schools already set up.

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Promoting and supporting mental health and wellbeing in schools and colleges

Find out what help you can get to develop a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing.

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Early years qualifications achieved in the UK

Lists of qualifications that meet DfE's criteria for counting in the early years foundation stage framework staff:child ratios.

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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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