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Weekly Education News and Insight

A round up of national education news and DfE insight.





National Education News

A round up of national education news from various sources





Most schools in England affected by strikes

More than half of schools in England either restricted attendance or closed during teacher strikes on Wednesday, government data suggested.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-64406520



Free schools: DfE loses millions on unused sites

Government also spent £10.9 million on upkeep, such as security, maintenance and utility bills, on the empty sites.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE https://schoolsweek.co.uk/free-schools-dfe-loses-millions-on-unused-sites/



Children's care system plan focuses on early support

Children's social care in England will be revamped with more early support for families, backed by £200m extra funding over two years, ministers say.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-64458311



Amanda Spielman's speech at the Big Conversation, 2023

Ofsted's Chief Inspector reflects on the last year in early education and explores the features of our early years research reviews.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/amanda-spielmans-speech-at-the-big-conversation-2023

DfE Insight

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



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Information rights requests relating to personal data

How to recognise and handle information rights requests relating to personal data in your school, including subject access requests.

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Data protection in schools

The policies and processes schools and multi-academy trusts need to protect personal data and respond effectively to a personal data breach.

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Managing breaches of data in schools

Good practice for preventing personal data breaches in your school. It explains how to recognise and respond effectively to a personal data breach.

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Long-term strategy launched to fix children's social care

Government to transform children's social care, with ambitious plans that put families at the heart of reform

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Free school meals: guidance for schools and local authorities

Guidance for schools and local authorities about providing school meals including information on free school meal eligibility.

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How the online education accreditation scheme works

How providers of full time online education can join the Department for Education's online education accreditation scheme.

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