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# Weekly Education News and Insight

A round up of national education news and DfE insight.



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# National Education News

A round up of national education news from various sources



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## Class sizes grow to keep up with GCSE resits

Colleges in England say they are having to expand class sizes and hire exam halls to cope with a rising number of pupils taking compulsory GCSE resits.

**READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-67192631>



## The schools trying to go green, and what's stopping them

We lay bare the challenges leaders encounter as they go green, following warnings DfE could miss carbon goals.

**READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE**

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/the-schools-trying-to-go-green-and-whats-stopping-them/>



## £40m 'hardship fund': Council schools in just 35 areas to get help

Government also confirms the cash to help schools afford teacher pay rise will be for one year only.

**READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE**

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/40m-hardship-fund-council-schools-in-just-35-areas-to-get-help/>



## 'Cost of children crisis': UK parents on coping with half-term on a shoestring

As food and heating costs rise with children at home, compromises range from washing less to cancelling holidays.

**READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE**

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2023/oct/26/cost-of-children-crisis-uk-parents-on-coping-with-half-term-on-a-shoestring>

# Department for Education

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



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## Teachers' pension scheme payments: 2023 to 2024

Teachers' pension scheme payments made on behalf of the Department for Education (DfE) in the 2023 to 2024 financial year.

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## Wraparound childcare: guidance for local authorities

Explains the role of local authorities and the funding they'll get to expand the availability of wraparound care in their areas from September 2024.

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## Investment in childcare boosted by new resources and online tools

More nursery and early years places and spaces to be delivered, with an online childcare eligibility checker to give information about new support.

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## Generative artificial intelligence (AI) in education

The Department for Education's (DfE) position on the use of generative AI in the education sector.

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## Statistics: children in need and child protection

Statistics on children referred to and assessed by children's social services.

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## Participation measures in higher education

Statistics relating to participation measures in higher education.

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