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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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## Pass rate falls for GCSE maths resits in England

The pass rate for GCSE maths resits in England has fallen, after more students had to take their exams again.

**READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-67937273>



## Ofsted promises to start recording inspection pauses in new era

Pledge comes after watchdog admits it holds no 'central record of the number of inspections that have been paused'.

**READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE**

<https://schoolsworld.co.uk/ofsted-promises-to-start-recording-inspection-pauses-in-new-era/>



## AET heads to get £100k worth of CPD and sabbaticals

Leaders will get up to 100 hours of professional development each year in scheme to 'bring joy back into the role'.

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<https://schoolsworld.co.uk/aet-heads-to-get-100k-worth-of-cpd-and-sabbaticals/>



## London's free primary school meals set to be extended

Primary school pupils in London will receive free lunches for another year, under plans put forward by Mayor Sadiq Khan.

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-67913337>

# Department for Education

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



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## Early years census: technical specification

Technical specification and validation rules for local authorities and software suppliers preparing for the early years census 2024 and 2025.

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## Check your data

Information on validating your data, resolving errors and checking any funding reports that use your school census return.

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## Pupil attendance in schools

Data on the levels of attendance and overall, authorised and unauthorised absence in state-funded primary, secondary and special schools.

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## Major national drive to improve school attendance

Attendance hubs to more than double to support 1,000 more schools and £15 million investment to expand the attendance mentor pilot programme.

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## Family hubs now open in 75 areas

Family hubs now open in local authorities across half the country as new Little Moments Together campaign launches.

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## Which schools and pupils to include

Find out which schools and pupils are in scope for the school census.

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