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Weekly Education News and Insight

A round up of national education news and DfE insight.



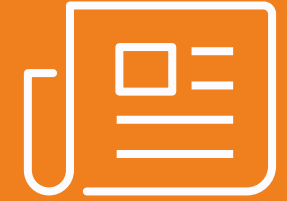
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Ofsted eyes tweaks to inspector role to boost expertise

As trusts poach inspectors and ‘highest ever’ levels of apathy towards joining inspectorate, how will Ofsted boost its expertise?

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<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/ofsted-eyes-tweaks-to-inspector-role-to-boost-expertise/>



DfE slashes secondary teacher recruitment targets

The government missed its targets for both primary and secondary last year.

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32,000 children wait at least 2 years for mental health treatment

Children’s commissioner calls for early intervention as pupils wait ‘significant portion of their young lives’ for support.

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Councils slice £67m from school budgets to prop up SEND deficits

Four-fold increase in the school funding councils have shifted to fill high needs budget blackholes.

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<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/send-high-needs-revealed-councils-slice-67m-from-school-budgets-to-prop-up-deficits/>

Department for Education

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



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DfE appropriate policy document

Information about the legal basis and safeguards in place for the sensitive processing of special category data and criminal offence data.

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Mandatory qualifications: specialist teachers

Mandatory qualifications for specialist teachers of pupils with hearing impairment, vision impairment or multi-sensory impairment.

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FE funding: initial teacher education (ITE) bursary

Guidance for FE ITE providers about bursary funding for the 2024 to 2025 academic year.

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ICT and digital qualifications with removed funding approval

List of ICT and digital qualifications that had funding approval from the Education and Skills Funding Agency removed between August 2021 and August 2023.

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Open academies, free schools, studio schools and UTCs

Information on all academies, free schools, studio schools and university technical colleges (UTCs) open in England, and those in the process of opening.

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Toolkit for schools: communicating with families to support attendance

This toolkit provides examples to help you communicate with parents and carers about school attendance.

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