# 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

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### Lockdowns hurt child speech and language skills - report

There is growing evidence that the past year of lockdowns has had an impact on young children's language skills, according to research.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-56889035



## 1 in 3 heads using pupil premium to plug funding gaps

The Covid pandemic has led to more schools diverting funds aimed at the poorest pupils, finds charity.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE
https://www.tes.com/news/covid-schools-1-3-headteachersusing-pupil-premium-plug-funding-gaps



# Amanda Spielman at the 2021 Annual Apprenticeship Conference

HM Chief Inspector Amanda Spielman discussed the impact of COVID-19 and Ofsted's work at the annual Annual Apprenticeship Conference.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/amanda-spielman-at-the-2021-annual-apprenticeship-conference



# Ofsted publishes science research review – the first in a series of subject reviews

Ofsted has published the first review in a new series looking at what makes for a high-quality education in different subjects across the curriculum.

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https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofsted-publishes-science-research-review-the-first-in-a-series-of-subject-reviews

### **DfE** Insight

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



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#### **Technical qualifications within T Levels**

Information on how Ofqual is regulating the technical qualification component of T Levels.

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#### Early career framework reforms: overview

Details on the offer available to early career teachers and how this will be developed for national roll-out.

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### National professional qualifications (NPQs) reforms

The government's plans to introduce new national professional qualifications (NPQs) and review existing NPQs.

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#### **School governance update**

Important news and communications from the Department for Education (DfE) relating to governance in maintained schools and academy trusts in England.

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#### **Universities Minister speaks to TASO conference**

Universities Minister, Michelle Donelan speaks to TASO conference on the importance of social mobility and higher education reform.

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#### **Schemes for financing schools**

Statutory guidance for local authorities on producing and amending school financing schemes.

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