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- 4 Skills for jobs**  
The Government has generated widespread support for its long-awaited FE White Paper, Skills for Jobs. Now it must provide the funds to turn the fine rhetoric into reality.

### News

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- 9 Most schools offer free period products**
- 10 Free school meals voucher scheme opens**
- Lateral flow tests decision**
- 11 Learning in lockdown: Sutton Trust report**
- 13 COVID-related teacher and pupil absences**
- 14 Wider reopening of schools and colleges**
- NEU launches Remote Education Hub**
- 15 COVID-19 infographic for Scotland**

### Conference

- 16 The role of governance in academy trusts**  
Baroness Berridge at the ICSA conference.

### People

- 17 PM appoints new Envoy on Girls' Education**  
Helen Grant MP has been appointed the Government's new Envoy on Girls' Education.

### Research

- 18 SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern**  
A report on the Public Health England paper *Investigation of Novel SARS-CoV-2 Variant, Variant of Concern 202012/01, Technical Briefing 4*, and the NERVTAG paper *COVID-19 variant of concern B.1.1.7*.

- 23 COVID-19 mitigating measures among children and young people**  
*Working Paper: COVID-19 Mitigation Measures Among Children and Young People*, produced by APS Scotland for the Scottish Government.

- 25 Incidence and secondary transmission of SARS-CoV-2 infections in schools**  
A report on the paper *Incidence and Secondary Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 Infections in Schools*, published in the American journal *Pediatrics*, which is based on research on transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in schools in North Carolina, USA.

- 30 COVID-19 round-up**  
A round-up of news on COVID-19.

### International

- 31 OECD report on getting skills right**  
This OECD report, published yesterday, underlines the challenges countries face helping the people, especially low-skilled adults, who have lost their jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic and will need to upskill or retrain to find work.

### Opinion

- 32 Dehumanisation**  
Jan Willem de Graaf, Professor of Brain and Technology, Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Deventer, Netherlands, argues that the emancipation of law, violence and information dehumanises us and therefore makes us a little more dangerous.

## Document reviews

- 33 Tackling child sexual abuse**  
*Tackling Child Sexual Abuse Strategy 2021*, from the Home Office.
- 34 Skills for Jobs White Paper**  
*Skills for Jobs: Lifelong Learning for Opportunity and Growth*, from the Department for Education.
- 36 Review of Post-18 education and training**  
*Interim Conclusion of the Review of Post-18 Education and Funding*, from the Department for Education.

## COVID-19 announcements

- 37 Government advice on COVID-19**  
Details of all new documents on COVID-19 issued by governments across the UK.

## Policy papers

- 40 Policy papers published last week**  
Details of policy papers from government, parliament and think tanks.

## Consultations

- 42 Consultations**  
There was one new education consultation and one consultation outcome published last week.

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- 43 Statutory instruments issued last week**  
There was one new relevant statutory instrument on education issued last week.

## Parliament - Committees

- 44 Work and Pensions on child poverty**  
The House of Commons Work and Pensions Select Committee has launched an investigation into children in poverty.

## Parliament - Debates

- 45 Education and children issues**  
The monthly session of oral questions to Ministers at the Department for Education.
- 48 Skills for Jobs White Paper**  
A Ministerial statement in the House of Commons on the Government's White Paper, *Skills for Jobs*.

## Parliament - Questions

- 50 Answers to written questions**  
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