

### Editorial

- 4 The roadmap out**  
On Monday the Government published the White Paper *COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021*. This was the PM's much vaunted roadmap out of lockdown. Along with this morning's announcement of an extra £700m to fund catch-up, it shows the way forward for schools and colleges but much less so for universities.

### News

- 1 New £700m catch-up package**
- 6 Scottish schools go back**
- More unitary local government reform**
- 7 PHE offers Psychological First Aid training**
- Unions unite to reject pay freeze**
- 8 Joint statement on vaccine prioritisation**
- 10 Education Recovery additional funding in Scotland: local authority allocations**
- 11 Wider opening of schools in England**
- Next phase of schools reopening in Wales**
- 12 COVID-19 infographic for Scotland**
- 13 Expansion of prison kitchen training scheme**

### Research

- 14 Inequalities in responses to school closures over the course of the first COVID-19 lockdown**  
*Inequalities in Responses to School Closures Over the Course of the First COVID-19 Lockdown*, a paper from the IFS.
- 17 Free Schools - the formative first ten years**  
*Free Schools: The Formative First Ten Years. An Analysis of the Impact of Free Schools Since 2010*, a research report from NFER.
- 20 Update on long COVID prevalence estimate**  
*Update on Long COVID Prevalence Estimate*, a paper from ONS presented to SAGE on an illness that will affect some schools and college staff.
- 21 COVID-19 round-up**  
A round-up of news on COVID-19.
- 22 Study reveals need to develop better measures of children's mental health**  
Children's mental health could be put at risk because systems of measuring their emotions and feelings about themselves are often not adequate, new research from the University of Derby has suggested.

## Opinion

- 23 Thought experiment and time travel**  
Professor Jan Willam de Graaf of Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Deventer, Netherlands, reflects that the most beautiful memories in life are often moments when everything turned out unexpectedly different.

## Document reviews

- 24 Education catch-up support across the UK**  
*Education Reopening and Catch-up Support Across the UK*, from EPI.

- 26 Boost demand for higher technical education**  
*Making a Market for the Missing Middle: Higher technical education*, from the Learning and Work Institute.

## COVID-19 announcements

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

## Policy papers

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

## Consultations

- 32 Consultations**  
There was one new education consultation published last week.

## Delegated legislation

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

## Parliament - Debates

- 34 No debates**  
Parliament was in recess last week, so there were no debates.

## Parliament - Questions

- 34 Answers to written questions**  
Answers to written parliamentary questions from the Department for Education, the Church Commissioners, the Department for Digital Culture Media and Sport, the Department of Health and Social Care, the Department for Work and Pensions and the House of Lords.

## Publisher information

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