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4	The roadmap out On Monday the Government published the White Paper <i>COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021</i> . This was the PMs 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.	18	Inequalities in responses to school closures over the course of the first COVID-19 lockdown <i>Inequalities in Responses to School Closures Over the Course of the First COVID-19 Lockdown</i> , a paper from the IFS.
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