

Editorial

- 4 **Education settings return, but at a price**
This week all schools and FE colleges in England saw all their pupils return, while some university students also returned to in-person study. But there is a price to pay. COVID infections will now increase again.

News

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- 5 **Chancellor Rishi Sunak's Spring Budget**
- 7 **Obtaining parental consent, biggest challenge for school COVID-19 tests**
- School attendance figures**
- 8 **Wellbeing check-in sessions for Welsh schools**
- Mental health funding boost**
- Northern Ireland teachers accept pay offer**
- 9 **Families Connect programme supports parents to strengthen the home learning environment**
- Havering tops London councils for parental choice**
- 10 **Education unions publish joint statement on the wider reopening of schools**
- FE remote and blended learning**
- 11 **Unsustainable pressure could put education recovery at risk**
- Dr Alex George and UCAS unite to help students research options for their future**
- 12 **COVID-19 infographic for Scotland**
- 13 **Pilot to reduce reoffending by young adults**

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- 14 **Education Secretary speaks to FED**
The Secretary of State spoke at the FED National Education Summit.

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- 15 **Can an employer force staff to vaccinate?**
Lawyer Alec Colson looks at the minefield of forcing staff to take a COVID vaccination.

Research

- 16 **The importance of ventilation**
Public Health England have published *Ventilation of Indoor Spaces to Stop the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)*.
- 18 **COVID round-up**
A round-up of news on COVID-19.
- 19 **National professional development programme for early career teachers**
UCL Institute of Education has been appointed by the Department for Education to deliver the national roll-out of the Early Career Framework for teachers.

- 20 **Two-thirds of parents concerned about lost learning**
Data from a survey has provided evidence on how parents viewed the scale of the challenge of lost learning.

Opinion

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Professor Jan Willam de Graaf of Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Deventer, Netherlands, argues that in our large-scale, organized existence, we are not only mass consumers, but also mass products.

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Designing an English Social Mobility Index, from HEPI.

- 24 **Adult skills**

Skills for Life: A New Strategy for English, Maths, ESOL and Digital, from FETL.

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