

Editorial

- 4 How to fund the education recovery**
To those in education the decision of government not to fund Sir Kevan Collins' Education Recovery Plan seems insane. Looked at from the Treasury's point of view, not so much.

News

- 1 PM launches damage limitation exercise**
- 5 Governance live membership launched**
- 6 What young people need to recover from the pandemic in post-COVID youth manifesto**
- G20 Education Ministers urged to back climate education**
- 7 Most SME leaders lack skills to successfully implement new tech into their businesses**
- 8 COVID-19 infographic for Scotland**
- 9 How the Treasury see education spending**
- 10 8 in 10 councils forced to overspend on children's social care budgets**
- North West hit hardest over absences**

People

- 10 EFSA**
EFSA has appointed Warwick Sharp as Director of Academies and Maintained Schools.

Features

- 12 Education faces enormous challenges**
Carole Willis, Chief Executive of NFER, outlines the enormous challenges that education faces in the aftermath of the COVID pandemic.
- 13 The resignation of Sir Kevan Collins**
The resignation letter from Sir Kevan Collins to the Prime Minister, in full.

Research

- 14 EPI research for the DfE on pandemic learning loss at a national and regional level**
Research carried out by the Education Policy Institute and Renaissance Learning, commissioned by the DfE, examined the extent of learning loss among primary and secondary school pupils in England during the spring and autumn terms, at a national and regional level.
- 16 A safe return to schools**
An analysis from Public Health England of outbreaks of COVID-19 variants in schools had found that in the weeks following the full re-opening of schools, outbreaks linked to school settings and cases among school age cohorts had remained low and had broadly reflected what had been happening in the wider community.
- 17 Challenge facing Government social care review**
The National Children's Bureau and University of Cambridge have raised concerns that support for vulnerable children is being driven by what is easiest to measure, rather than delivering the community-based and family-orientated services envisioned in the Children Act.
- 18 Mothers pay mental health price for school closures**
School closures are responsible for about half of the decline in mental health experienced by mothers during the pandemic.
- 19 Vegan diets in children**
Children on vegan diets have a healthier cardiovascular profile and less body fat than their omnivore peers, but the diets may affect growth, bone mineral content and micronutrient status.
- 20 COVID-19 latest developments in VOCs and VUIs**
Public Health England has published two more reports on COVID VOCs and VUIs.

- 23 COVID-19 round-up**
The latest R rate and growth rate ranges and a report from the CDC in America on the need for vaccination of children.
- Conferences**
- 24 Employers “too cowardly” to stand up for education**
Speaking at the University and College union’s annual congress, the UCU’S general secretary, Jo Grady, argued that the Government was “full of shameless liars” who relied on employers that were “too cowardly” to stand with UCU members and fight for education.
- International**
- 25 OECD conference on digital education**
The OECD held an international conference on digital education for a strong recovery.
- Document reviews**
- 26 Digital education**
Digital Education Outlook. Pushing the Frontiers with AI, Blockchain and Robots, from the OECD.
- 28 COVID-19 and local government finance**
COVID-19: Local Government Finance, from the Public Accounts Committee.
- Opinion**
- 29 The bridge - Part 2**
Professor Jan Willem de Graaf of Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Deventer, Netherlands, in the second of a four-part series, observes that biological systems arise from the coupling of many cyclic (oscillating) processes.
- Policy papers**
- 30 Policy papers published last week**
Details of policy papers from government, parliament and think tanks.
- Consultations**
- 32 Consultations**
There were no new education consultations or consultation outcomes published last week.
- Delegated legislation**
- 32 Statutory instruments issued last week**
There were no new statutory instruments on education issued last week.
- Parliament - Debates**
- 33 Education recovery**
A Ministerial Statement in the House of Commons on educational recovery.
- 34 Arts subjects in secondary schools**
The Earl of Clancarty (CB) asked the Government what support it would provide for education in arts subjects in secondary schools.
- Parliament - Questions**
- 35 Answers to written questions**
Answers to written questions to the Department for Education, the Department for Digital Culture Media and Sport, the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office and the Department of Health and Social Care.
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