

DfE Changes – Update August 2018 – October 2018.

More support to help schools with costs

1. A new toolkit to help schools save money to ensure every pound possible is being spent in the classroom has been published today by DfE. The School Resource Management Strategy provides schools with practical advice on how to reduce the £10 billion non-staffing spend spent across England last year. It is estimated schools could save up to a billion pounds through better procurement and buying strategies. More information can be found [here](#).

New education and skills measures

2. The DfE have announced a series of [measures](#) to make sure every child has access to a world-class education at every stage of their lives, regardless of their background. These measures include:
 - School sport action plan - A cross-government school sport and activity action plan will consider ways to ensure that all children have access to quality, protected PE and sport sessions during the school week and opportunities to be physically active throughout the school day.
 - Basic maths skills - Centres for excellence in maths will be established across the country to improve the quality of maths teaching in post-16 institutions, focusing on improving basic maths knowledge and skills for those aged 16 and over. 21 new centres for excellence will be established in post-16 institutions across the country – with at least one in every region of England.
 - English hubs - The government is announcing the names of 32 schools across England that will take a leading role in supporting schools that struggle to teach children to read by improving the teaching of early language and reading.
 - Capital funding for T Levels - £38 million is being made available to the first providers of T Levels to make sure pupils taking the new technical qualifications from 2020 have access to the equipment and facilities they need.
 - Careers guidance - The government will expand the network of schools and colleges across the country that is sharing and developing the best careers advice so young people get the guidance and support they need.
 - Tackling poor behaviour - The government will reform training so every teacher is equipped to manage behaviour.

Academies Update

3. Number in Wiltshire at the beginning of October 2018:

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| Academies | 94 |
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4. New academies in this period:

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| St Peters Primary, Salisbury | New school |
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Data protection

5. The DfE has updated guidance on how and when schools, local authorities and awarding bodies in England share the pupil, child and workforce data they collect, to include references to the Data Protection Act 2018. [More information.](#)

Sale of energy drinks

6. The government is seeking views from the public on ending the sale of energy drinks to children and young people in England. The [consultation](#) proposes that a ban would apply to drinks that contain more than 150mg of caffeine per litre and prevent all retailers from selling the drinks to children.
7. It follows the publication of the latest chapter of the government's [childhood obesity plan](#) in June 2018, which outlines a series of measures as well as a commitment to halve childhood obesity by 2030. The consultation closes on 21 November 2018.

New unit to tackle exploitation of vulnerable young people

8. The DfE is intending to contract a new service to tackle CSE together with other criminal threats involving child exploitation such as gangs, county lines, modern slavery of children and child trafficking. The new unit, which will operate from 2019 up until 2022, will provide tailored support to local areas so they can respond effectively to these safeguarding challenges and learn from what works. More information can be found [here](#).

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