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Weekly Education News and Insight

A round up of national education news and DfE insight.



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Firefly's school apps struggle with 'unprecedented demand'

A leading provider of remote-learning tech to schools says it has struggled with record demand, causing its service to run slowly and suffer periods of being offline.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-52005999>



Coronavirus: Fewer teachers may risk work, warn heads

Heads' leaders say 'absence of clear advice on keeping safe' could lead to a cut in teachers willing to go to school.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://www.tes.com/news/coronavirus-fewer-teachers-may-risk-work-warn-heads>



Head's virus death and lockdown hit schools like 'bombshell'

The death of a head teacher after testing positive for Covid-19 and the national lockdown message have prompted head teachers to seek clearer guidance.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-52018309>



Low attendance at scaled-down schools sparks fears for vulnerable pupils

Relief at lack of demand for skeleton service mixed with concern for some absentees.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/23/parents-heeding-calls-to-keep-children-home-from-school-say-heads>



Routine Ofsted inspections suspended in response to coronavirus

Latest measures set out in the Government's coronavirus response.

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Behaviour hubs

The behaviour hubs programme will enable schools with exemplary behaviour to work with other schools to improve their behaviour culture.

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Statistics: higher education graduate employment and earnings

Official statistics on longitudinal education outcomes showing university graduate earnings and employment.

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Plans set out to support pupils eligible for free school meals

Children eligible for free school meals will be offered meals or vouchers as an alternative if they can no longer attend school due to coronavirus measures.

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Coronavirus (COVID-19): maintaining educational provision

Guidance about maintaining educational provision for schools, childcare providers, colleges and local authorities in England.

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Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for schools and other educational settings

Guidance and advice about coronavirus (COVID-19) in educational settings for staff, parents and carers, pupils and students.

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Further details on exams and grades announced

Further details on arrangements for exams which have been cancelled to fight spread of coronavirus.

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Find, join or create a network for school business professionals

How business professionals working in schools can find, join or create a network of local school business professionals.

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