

What do the manifestos say about education?

SSAT guide to the 2017 manifestos

Funding		
CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS
<p>Continue plans for a fairer funding formula, ensuring no school has a budget cut.</p> <p>Increase school spending by £4bn by 2022.</p> <p>Continue to protect the pupil premium.</p>	<p>Ensure schools are properly resourced with the resources they need, by reversing real-term cuts.</p> <p>Introduce a fairer funding formula, ensuring no school has a budget cut.</p> <p>Restore the Education Maintenance Allowance for 16 to 18-year-olds.</p> <p>Remove requirement for schools to pay the Apprenticeship Levy.</p> <p>Bring post-16 funding in line with KS4 baselines. Reduce class sizes to 29 or less for infants.</p>	<p>Reverse cuts to frontline budgets and protect funding in real terms.</p> <p>Introduce a fairer national funding formula, ensuring no school has a budget cut.</p> <p>Protect the pupil premium fund and increase the early years premium to £1000.</p> <p>Increase school spending by £7bn by 2022.</p>

Free school meals		
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<p>Remove universal free school lunches in the first three years of school. Maintain free school lunches for low-income families in primary and secondary schools.</p> <p>Introduce free school breakfasts for every child in primary school.</p>	<p>Introduce universal free school meals for all primary children, paid for by removing VAT exemption on private school fees.</p>	<p>Extend free school meals to all children in primary education and promote school breakfast clubs.</p>

Types of schools and admissions

CONSERVATIVE

National review of school admissions policies.

Continue free school programme, building at least 100 new free schools every year.

Prohibit councils from creating any new places in schools that have been rated either 'inadequate' or 'requires improvement' by Ofsted.

Make universities charging maximum tuition fees sponsor academies or open free schools.

Open a specialist maths school in every major city.

Lift the current 50% cap on faith admissions to allow new Roman Catholic schools.

Ensure at least 100 independent schools sponsor academies or open new free schools.

Remove the ban on the expansion of selective schools and establishment of new selective schools, subject to condition.

Funding to help primaries create nursery provision and allow nurseries to become academies and join MATs.

LABOUR

Ensure joined-up local admissions policies.

Oppose wasteful free schools, grammar schools and forced academisation.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Give LAs clear responsibility for school places planning and repeal the rule that all new state funded schools must be free schools or academies.

Scrap the planned expansion of grammar schools and devolve all capital money for new school spaces to local authorities.

Rule out state-funded profit-making schools, and ensure that new schools are built in areas where there is a need for new school places.

Curriculum and assessment

CONSERVATIVE

Expect every 11 year old to know their times-tables by heart.

National target of 75% of students entered for the Ebacc subjects by 2022; and 95% by 2025.

Continues

LABOUR

Abandon plans for reception baseline test and review KS1 and KS2 assessment.

Introduce arts pupil premium to every primary school.

Continues

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Introduce a slimmed down core curriculum for all schools and academies, including PSHE and SRE.

Make the curriculum the responsibility of an Educational Standards Authority.

Continues

Curriculum and assessment *(continued)*

A new curriculum fund to encourage cultural and scientific institutions to create resources.

Introduce T-Levels and a UCAS-style portal for technical and vocational education.

Help schools with largely monoracial populations to teach pluralistic, British values.

Launch a creative careers advice campaign in schools.

Review the English Baccalaureate subjects and consider the inclusion of arts subjects.

Prioritise primary progress measures instead of floor thresholds and reform KS2 tests.

Protect the availability of arts in the curriculum and remove barriers to pupils studying them.

Improve links between employers and schools, encouraging all schools to participate in employment and enterprise schemes.

Accountability

CONSERVATIVE

Improve KS3 accountability.

LABOUR

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Reform Ofsted inspections so they include a focus on longer-term outcomes and sustainable improvement as well as teacher workload, sickness and retention.

Allow Ofsted to inspect academy chains.

Teaching, recruitment and retention

CONSERVATIVE

Offer forgiveness for student loan repayments when graduates teach.

Continues

LABOUR

End the public-sector pay cap, giving teachers more direct involvement in the curriculum, and reducing bureaucracy.

Continues

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

End the 1% cap on teachers' pay rises.

Guarantee all teachers in state-funded schools will be have or be working towards QTS from 2019.

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Teaching, recruitment and retention *(continued)*

Create a single jobs portal. Introduce teaching apprenticeships.

Consult on introducing teacher sabbaticals and work placements.

Reintroduce the Schools Support Staff Negotiating Body and national pay settlements for teachers.

Introduce an entitlement to 25 hours per year of CPD by 2020, rising to 50 hours by 2025.

Support long-term planning of ITT places.

Establish an independent Education Standards Authority to pilot, phase-in and resource future policy changes.

Support the establishment of a new, independent Foundation for Leadership in Education, working under the umbrella of the Chartered College of Teaching and continue support of the EEF.

Mental health, wellbeing, SEND and vulnerable students

CONSERVATIVE

Introduce mental health training for primary and secondary teachers and ensure a single point of contact with mental health services.

LABOUR

Invest £90m into school-based counselling.

Deliver a new SEND strategy and embed SEND into teacher training.

New £250m children's health fund to help increase number of school nurses.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Ensure identification and support for SEND takes place "as early as possible".

Ensure teachers have training to identify mental health issues and that schools provide immediate access to counselling.

Make promoting wellbeing a statutory duty of a school and include in the Ofsted inspection framework.

Ensure collaboration between education and family organisations.

Tackle bullying in schools including bullying on the basis of gender and LGBT and tackle gender identity issues.