

# GE24

# Manifesto education pledges



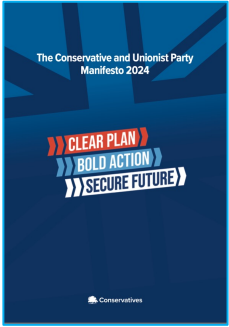
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# A reminder: CST's priorities to rebuild resilience

SUPPORTING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES	WORKFORCE	FUNDING	ACCOUNTABILITY & REGULATION
Wider public services and reforms, including SEND, mental health provision, and surrounding issues such as youth violence.	Evidence-led strategy, including the recruitment and retention of teachers and a plan to address shortage subjects.	Fair, sufficient, sustainable and equitable per pupil funding, weighted for disadvantage; a capital framework ensuring enough school places and that schools are safe and good places of learning.	Proportionate, intelligent and compassionate frameworks of public accountability, inspection, and regulation.
<b>A CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL NATIONAL STRATEGY TO TACKLE CHILD POVERTY</b> Departments including: Health and Social Care; Levelling Up, Housing and Communities; Transport; Justice; HM Treasury			

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# At a glance: Manifestos



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## Key pledges

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- Introduce the Advanced British Standard
- Expanded recruitment and retention premium



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- 6,500 new teachers in key subjects, and mental health professionals in school
- Ofsted reform, and introduction of Regional Improvement Teams
- Expert-led curriculum and assessment review



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- Per pupil funding above inflation every year
- Workforce strategy to ensure secondary subjects are taught by specialists
- Reform Ofsted, and introduce standing commission on curriculum

# At a glance: Conservatives

### FUNDING

- Per pupil funding protected in real terms over the next parliament
- PE and Sports Premium expanded to secondary schools

### WORKFORCE

- Expanded recruitment and retention premium, with bonuses for new teachers in priority areas, STEM and technical subjects over five years (expanded to FE colleges)

### COMMISSIONING, ACCOUNTABILITY AND REGULATION

- Legislate to introduce a register of children not in school
- New legislation to make clear parents have a right to see what their child is being taught and all materials should be shared
- "We will expand strong academy trusts."
- 60,000 more SEND places and 15 additional special free schools

### CURRICULUM

- Introduce the Advanced British Standard
- Mandate two hours of PE every week in primary and secondary

### SUPPORTING SERVICES/OTHER

- Banning the use of mobile phones during the school day
- A Family Hub in every local authority
- Fund School Games Organisers to encourage more competitive sport between schools and create UK-wide competitions
- Compulsory National Service (either year-long, full-time military placement, or 'civic service' - one weekend a month, or 25 days, volunteering in the community)
- 30 hours free childcare per week from 9 months to school start

# At a glance: Labour



## FUNDING

### WORKFORCE

- Recruit 6,500 new expert teachers in key subjects and review bursaries/retention payments
- Teacher Training Entitlement for continuing professional development
- Reinstate the School Support Staff Negotiating Body
- Specialist mental health professionals in every school
- 'Excellence in Leadership Programme', a mentoring framework to expand leadership capacity to improve schools

### COMMISSIONING, ACCOUNTABILITY AND REGULATION

- All schools to co-operate with LAs on admissions, SEND inclusion and place planning
- Replace single grade judgements with report card system, trust-level inspection, and annual review of safeguarding, attendance and off-rolling
- Regional Improvement Teams to enhance school-to-school support and spread best practice

### CURRICULUM

- Expert-led review of curriculum and assessment
- Early-language interventions in primary school
- Support children to study a creative or vocational subject until they are 16, ensuring accountability measures reflect it
- Protected time for PE
- National Music Education Network
- Guarantee two weeks work experience and improve careers advice in schools

### SUPPORTING SERVICES/OTHER

- Community-wide approach to SEND to improve inclusivity in mainstream and ensure special schools for most complex needs
- 3,000 new primary school-based nurseries through upgrading space in primary schools
- Free breakfast clubs in every primary school
- Limitation on branded items of uniform and PE kit
- A single unique identifier to improve data sharing across services
- Strategy to reduce child poverty, working with the voluntary sector, faith organisations, trade unions, business, local government and communities
- Network of Young Futures Hubs, with youth workers, mental health support workers, and careers advisers to support mental health and avoid young people engaging in knife crime
- Youth workers in every PRU

# At a glance: Liberal Democrats (1/2)

## **FUNDING**

- Per pupil funding above the rate of inflation every year, and investment in new buildings/repairs
- Tutoring guarantee for disadvantaged pupils needing extra support
- Early Years Premium tripled to £1,000 per year
- Young People's Premium, extending Pupil Premium to 16-18 year olds
- Commitment to funding STRB recommendations every year
- Redirect capital funding for 'unnecessary new free schools to clear the backlog of school repairs'
- A new National Body for SEND to fund support for children with very high needs
- Extra funding for LAs to reduce the amount schools pay towards EHCP

## **WORKFORCE**

- A workforce strategy to ensure every secondary school child is taught by a subject specialist
- Reform of STRB to be 'properly independent'
- Funding teacher training 'properly so that all trainee posts in school are paid'
- A funded programme of professional development

## **COMMISSIONING, ACCOUNTABILITY AND REGULATION**

- Reform Ofsted and end single-word judgements 'so parents get a clear picture of strengths and weaknesses'
- New parental engagement strategy including regular parent surveys and guidance for schools on providing accessible information to parents on what their children are learning
- Register of children not in school
- New National Body for SEND to fund support for children with very high needs
- Give Local Authorities with responsibility for education the powers and resources to act as Strategic Education Authorities – responsible for place planning, exclusions, admissions including in-year, and SEND functions

## **CURRICULUM**

- Standing commission to build consensus across 'parties and teachers' to broaden the curriculum and 'make qualifications at 16 and 18 for for the 21<sup>st</sup> century' (to look at IB and ensure skills like critical thinking and creativity)
- Improve quality of vocational education
- Strengthen careers advice and links with employers
- Include arts subjects in the English Baccalaureate, and give power to Ofsted to monitor curriculum
- Expand provision of extracurricular activities and introduce a free entitlement for disadvantaged children

# At a glance: Liberal Democrats (2/2)

## **SUPPORTING SERVICES**

- Five additional hours early years provision per week for children aged three and four (expanded to aged two when public finances allow)
- Tackle bullying by promoting pastoral leadership in schools and delivering high-quality relationships and sex education
- Pupil Premium Plus funding to children in kinship care, and guarantee any child taken into care a school place within three weeks if required to move schools
- Extend FSM to all children in poverty, and expand to all primary children when public finances allow
- Tackle child poverty by removing the two-child limit and benefit cap
- Independent commission to recommend increases in Universal Credit to ensure it covers 'life's essentials'
- Mental health hubs for young people in every community, and regular mental health check ups
- Extend young people's mental health services to age 25 and introduce a statutory Student Mental Health Charter for universities

## **OTHER**

- Appoint a Children and Young People (cabinet) Minister
- Incorporate the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into UK law
- Independent advocacy body for children's safety online
- A single childcare register
- Career strategy for nursery staff and a training programme for those working with children aged 2-4 to have an EY qualification (including a specific emphasis on SEND)
- A statutory, independent Mental Health Commissioner to represent patients, families and carers