

# What do the manifestos say about education?

SSAT guide to the 2017 manifestos

Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrats
<b>Funding</b>		
<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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Free school meals</b>		
<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		
<p>National review of school admissions policies</p> <p>Continue free school programme, building at least 100 new free schools every year.</p> <p>Prohibit councils from creating any new places in schools that have been rated either 'inadequate' or 'requires improvement' by Ofsted.</p> <p>Make universities charging maximum tuition fees sponsor academies or open free schools.</p> <p>Open a specialist maths school in every major city.</p> <p>Lift the current 50% cap on faith admissions to allow new Roman Catholic schools.</p> <p>Ensure at least 100 independent schools sponsor academies or open new free schools.</p> <p>Remove the ban on the expansion of selective schools and establishment of new selective schools, subject to condition.</p> <p>Funding to help primaries create nursery provision and allow nurseries to become academies and join MATs.</p>	<p>Ensure joined-up local admissions policies.</p> <p>Oppose wasteful free schools, grammar schools and forced academisation.</p>	<p>Give LAs clear responsibility for school places planning and repeal the rule that all new state funded schools must be free schools or academies.</p> <p>Scrap the planned expansion of grammar schools and devolve all capital money for new school spaces to local authorities.</p> <p>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.</p>
Curriculum and assessment		
<p>Expect every 11 year old to know their times-tables by heart.</p> <p>National target of 75% of students entered for the Ebacc subjects by 2022; and 95% by 2025.</p>	<p>Abandon plans for reception baseline test and review KS1 and KS2 assessment.</p> <p>Introduce arts pupil premium to every primary school.</p>	<p>Introduce a slimmed down core curriculum for all schools and academies, including PSHE and SRE.</p> <p>Make the curriculum the responsibility of an Educational Standards Authority.</p>

<p>A new curriculum fund to encourage cultural and scientific institutions to create resources.</p> <p>Introduce T-Levels and a UCAS-style portal for technical and vocational education.</p> <p>Help schools with largely monoracial populations to teach pluralistic, British values.</p>	<p>Launch a creative careers advice campaign in schools.</p> <p>Review the English Baccalaureate subjects and consider the inclusion of arts subjects.</p>	<p>Prioritise primary progress measures instead of floor thresholds and reform KS2 tests.</p> <p>Protect the availability of arts in the curriculum and remove barriers to pupils studying them.</p> <p>Improve links between employers and schools, encouraging all schools to participate in employment and enterprise schemes.</p>
<b>Accountability</b>		
<p>Improve KS3 accountability.</p>		<p>Reform Ofsted inspections so they include a focus on longer-term outcomes and sustainable improvement as well as teacher workload, sickness and retention.</p> <p>Allow Ofsted to inspect academy chains.</p>
<b>Teaching, recruitment and retention</b>		
<p>Offer forgiveness for student loan repayments when graduates teach.</p> <p>Create a single jobs portal.</p> <p>Introduce teaching apprenticeships.</p>	<p>End the public-sector pay cap, giving teachers more direct involvement in the curriculum, and reducing bureaucracy.</p> <p>Consult on introducing teacher sabbaticals and work placements.</p> <p>Reintroduce the Schools Support Staff Negotiating Body and national pay settlements for teachers.</p>	<p>End the 1% cap on teachers' pay rises.</p> <p>Guarantee all teachers in state-funded schools will be have or be working towards QTS from 2019.</p> <p>Introduce an entitlement to 25 hours per year of CPD by 2020, rising to 50 hours by 2025.</p> <p>Support long-term planning of ITT places.</p> <p>Establish an independent Education Standards Authority to pilot, phase-in and resource future policy changes.</p>

		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.
<b>Mental health, wellbeing, SEND and vulnerable students</b>		
Introduce mental health training for primary and secondary teachers and ensure a single point of contact with mental health services.	<p>Invest £90m into school-based counselling.</p> <p>Deliver a new SEND strategy and embed SEND into teacher training.</p> <p>New £250m children's health fund to help increase number of school nurses.</p>	<p>Ensure identification and support for SEND takes place "as early as possible".</p> <p>Ensure teachers have training to identify mental health issues and that schools provide immediate access to counselling.</p> <p>Make promoting wellbeing a statutory duty of a school and include in the Ofsted inspection framework.</p> <p>Ensure collaboration between education and family organisations.</p> <p>Tackle bullying in schools including bullying on the basis of gender and LGBT and tackle gender identity issues.</p>