

# Headteachers' Update

## The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

### **NCC PRESS RELEASE: New special free school for Northumberland**

A new special school for Northumberland has been announced - bringing 80 new places for children with autism and social, emotional and mental health needs.

The announcement of 35 new special free schools nationally was made on Sunday 19 July by the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, and one of these will be in Blyth.

Northumberland County Council was successful in its bid to establish a new special school and has run a formal competition for a trust to run the school.

Prosper Learning Trust has been the successful bidder and will manage the school, providing education for pupils aged 11 to 16, and scheduled to open in September 2022.

Further details can be found at:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/News/2020/July/New-special-free-school-for-Northumberland.aspx>

### **DfE Updates**

#### ***DfE SEN Letter to Children, Young People and their Families***

Find below the link to a joint open ministerial letter from Vicky Ford MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families, and Helen Whately MP, Minister of State for Care, to children and young people, their families and those who support them:

[http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/20200721\\_DfE\\_DHSC\\_joint\\_ministerial\\_letter.pdf](http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/20200721_DfE_DHSC_joint_ministerial_letter.pdf)

#### ***School Teachers' Review Body 30th report: 2020***

The DfE has published the recommendations from the School Teachers' Review Body on teachers' pay.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-teachers-review-body-30th-report-2020>

#### ***DfE PRESS RELEASE: Teachers set for biggest pay rise in fifteen years***

The DfE are reporting that the Education Secretary has accepted all recommendations to award teachers the largest pay increase in a generation, with new teachers receiving a 5.5% boost in salary

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/teachers-set-for-biggest-pay-rise-in-fifteen-years>

#### ***NEW INFORMATION: Coronavirus (COVID-19) catch-up premium***

The DfE has issued new Information for schools on the universal catch-up premium for 2020 to 2021 and the National Tutoring Programme. It includes how much funding schools will get and how it should be spent.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-catch-up-premium>

#### ***UPDATE: Guide to national funding formula***

The DfE has updated its guidance on how the schools national funding formula (NFF) is used to calculate core funding allocations to mainstream, state-funded schools in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guide-to-national-funding-formula>

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***DfE PRESS RELEASE: Every pupil in England to see another rise in funding in 2021***

The DfE has announced increases in per-pupil funding from April 2021. The increase comes in the second year of a three-year £14.4bn funding settlement for schools. It is early to know the implications of his announcement for Northumberland.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/every-pupil-in-england-to-see-another-rise-in-funding-in-2021>

**OFSTED Updates**

***OFSTED PRESS RELEASE: Changes to Ofsted's post-inspection processes and complaints handling***

Ofsted has revised its post-inspection processes and complaints handling to bring about greater consistency across its work.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/changes-to-ofsteds-post-inspection-processes-and-complaints-handling>

***CONSULTATION OUTCOME: Changes to Ofsted's post-inspection processes and complaints handling: proposed improvements***

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-ofsteds-post-inspection-processes-and-complaints-handling-proposed-improvements>