

Westminster Education Forum policy conference
Improving school buildings in England - latest on implementation, design and rollout, and priorities for benefiting learning, wellbeing and local areas

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 26th May 2021

*****Taking Place Online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Liz Twist MP, Opposition Whip, Commons, and Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Building Communities
- 9.05 **The ten-year school rebuilding programme - outlook for the first phase**
Rory Kennedy, Director, Capital, Department for Education
Jane Balderstone, Deputy Director of School Rebuilding, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Implementing the rebuilding programme - preparation, providing clarity to schools, and what is needed to provide tangible benefits for local areas and the schooling experience**
Andy Byers, Headteacher, Framwellgate School Durham
Dr Pamela Woolner, Senior Lecturer in Education, School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences, Newcastle University
Alex Isted, Integrated Strategic Business Director, Morgan Sindall Construction
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 Break
- 10.30 **Lessons learned during the pandemic for improving the adaptability and design of school buildings - use of space, safety and hygiene, ventilation and heating, costs, and implementing virtual learning facilities**
Richard Hyams, Director, astudio
Kerry-Jane Packman, Executive Director of Programmes, Membership and Charitable Services, Parentkind
Sacha Corcoran, Principal, Big Creative Academy, Walthamstow
Neil Watkins, CEO, Everything ICT
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Liz Twist MP, Opposition Whip, Commons, and Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Building Communities
- 11.25 Break
- 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Brendan Clarke-Smith MP, Member, Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee
- Focus areas for improving facilities in school buildings - accessibility, sustainability and promoting good health**
- 11.40 **Inclusivity for students with disabilities - choices in architectural design, specialised equipment and spaces, and supporting pupils with both visible and hidden challenges**
Jane Edgerton, Chief Executive, Forward Education Trust
- 11.50 **Sustainable school buildings and aligning with net-zero aims**
Nikita Smith, Headteacher, St Andrew's Church of England Primary School, Cheltenham
- 12.00 **Healthy living and school design - improving school grounds, supporting active lifestyles, and targeting areas and schools most in need**
Mary Jackson, Head, Education and Communities, Learning through Landscapes
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 Break
- 12.35 **Future for the school building market and keeping at pace with upcoming trends and needs**
Ann Bentley, Global Board Director, Rider Levett Bucknall
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Brendan Clarke-Smith MP, Member, Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee
Helen Crocker, Forum Lead, Westminster Education Forum