Westminster Education Forum policy conference

Raising educational attainment in the wake of COVID-19, and the impact of the National Tutoring Programme

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 27th April 2021

Taking Place Online

Draft agenda subject to change

8.30 Registration

9.00 Chair's opening remarks

Rt Hon the Lord O'Neill of Gatley, former Commercial Secretary to the Treasury 2015-2016

9.05 Assessing government policy for supporting children's education during the pandemic and outlook for addressing learning loss

Phil Hyde, Audit Manager, Education VFM Team, National Audit Office

9.15 Priorities for catching up on learning and delivering the National Tutoring Programme

Professor Becky Francis, Chief Executive, Education Endowment Foundation

9.25 Questions and comments from the floor

9.40 Break

Key issues for attainment in the wake of the pandemic

9.45 Improving provision and access to remote education

Javier Arroyo, Co-Founder, Smartick

9.55 <u>Factors underlying regional disparities in educational inequality and priorities for supporting areas most in need</u>

Henri Murison, Director, Northern Powerhouse Partnership

10.05 <u>Student mental health in the wake of the pandemic and effect on educational attainment</u>

Dr Helen Dodd, Professor of Child Psychology, School of Psychology and Clinical Language Studies, University of Reading and Lead, PlayFirstUK

10.15 Questions and comments from the floor

10.30 Chair's closing remarks

Rt Hon the Lord O'Neill of Gatley, former Commercial Secretary to the Treasury 2015-2016

10.35 Break

10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**

Lord Walney, Independent Adviser on Political Violence and Disruption

10.50 'Strategies to repair learning loss and improve well-being - insights from international practice'

Professor Melanie Ehren, Professor of Educational Governance and Director of Research Institute LEARN!, VU Amsterdam, and Honorary Professor, Institute of Education, University College London

11.00 Case studies in raising attainment

The evidence base on the attainment gap and how it can inform strategies going forward

Dr Angela Donkin, Chief Social Scientist, NFER

Best practice in the effective use of resources for catch-up studies

Peter Mayland, CEO, Albany Learning Trust

Targeting support for disadvantaged children and joining up services

Cllr Jasmine Ali, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education, Southwark Council

Raising attainment through school partnerships and collaboration

Nicki Mattin, Principal, Spires Academy, Canterbury

11.20 Questions and comments from the floor

11.45 Break

11.50 <u>Catch-up studies at secondary level - subject-areas of focus, adjustments to examinations, and supporting transitions into</u>

post-16 study

Harriet Hurdley-Lees, Assistant Headteacher (Standards), The City of Leicester College

Andy Duffy, Assistant Headteacher, SCITT Director, Prince Henry's High School, Evesham

Zac Aldridge, Operations Director for Technical Education, NCFE

Laura Prince, Access Director, Coronavirus Tutoring Initiative

Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 Next steps for supporting educational attainment

Matt Hood, Principal, Oak National Academy

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks

Lord Walney, Independent Adviser on Political Violence and Disruption **Aleksiina Kallunki**, Senior Researcher, Westminster Education Forum

