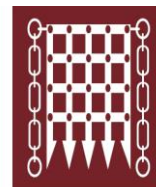


**Westminster Education Forum policy conference  
Next steps for SEND provision in England - reform, inclusivity and access, and  
priorities in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**James Daly MP**, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on SEND
- 9.05 **Priorities for SEND provision in the wake of COVID-19**  
**Professor Adam Boddison**, Chief Executive, nasen
- 9.20 **Improving support for children with SEND post-pandemic - mental health needs and recovery, staff wellbeing and workload, catch-up tutoring, and lessons for future practice**  
**Dr Helen Curran**, Senior lecturer: SEN, Bath Spa University  
**Gurvinder Samra**, Associate, Shoosmiths  
**Stephen Kingdom**, Campaign Manager, Disabled Children's Partnership  
**Neill Oldham**, Headteacher, Highfurlong School, Blackpool  
Senior representative, local authority
- 9.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 Break
- 10.20 **Improving inclusivity and access to education for students with SEND - educational facilities, assistive technologies and specialised equipment, and priorities for the Government's School Rebuilding Programme**  
**Claire Learman**, Chairperson of the Trustees, Friends of Kirkleatham Hall School, Redcar  
**Helen Simon**, Advisory Teacher for SEND and Assistive Technology in the classroom, Helen Simon Associates  
**Bob Hext**, Director, Crossbow Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**James Daly MP**, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on SEND
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Reforming SEND provision - key areas for improvement**  
**Professor Brian Lamb**, Visiting Professor of Special Educational Needs and Disability, University of Derby  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Developing a joined-up cross-sector approach for SEND - next steps for EHC plans, meeting demand, funding, and support for post-16 transitions**  
**Amy Skipp**, Director, ASK Research  
**Marijke Miles**, Chair, SEND Council, National Association of Head Teachers  
**Emmanuel Awoyelu**, SENCO, New Rush Hall School, Ilford and Director, The Reach Out Project  
**Nirusha Govender**, Senior Pharmacist for Children, Young People & Dental Services, Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust  
Commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Policy priorities going forward for supporting students with SEND**  
**André Imich**, SEN and Disability Professional Adviser, Department for Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum