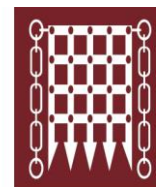


## Westminster Education Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for school buildings in England

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025

\*\*\*Taking place online\*\*\*



WESTMINSTER  
EDUCATION  
FORUM

*Draft agenda, subject to change*

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Key policy priorities for the education estate moving forward**  
**Dr Jonathan Dewsbury**, Director of Education Estates and Net Zero, Department for Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Implementing the School Rebuilding Programme and next steps for estate management**  
*rollout so far, accelerating delivery and meeting targets | priorities for schools outside the programme and wider education estate management | assessing the current condition of the education estate | potential changes in oversight | considering building standards and safety | addressing RAAC concerns in schools | options and priorities for funding allocation moving forward*  
**Dave Baker**, CEO, Olympus Academy Trust  
Senior representative, construction  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.25 Break
- 10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 **Decarbonising existing schools and designing and building net zero schools moving forward**  
*improving climate resilience and decarbonisation solutions | implementation of sustainable schools strategies | reducing energy use | addressing challenges for retrofitting existing buildings | futureproofing the estate to mitigate future climate challenges | land use and the provision of green spaces*  
**James McCosh**, Partner, van Heyningen and Haward Architects  
**Thomas Deacon**, Partner, Barker Associates  
Senior representative, school  
Senior representative, energy  
Senior representative, construction  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Modernising the education estate**  
*developing safe, efficient and inspiring places for learning | impact of the learning environment on educational outcomes | addressing disparities across the schools estate | integrating schools into local communities and tailoring designs to meet local needs | improving access and inclusion | extending building lifespans through proactive care and addressing further estate deterioration | minimising student disruption during repairs*  
Senior representative, school  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior representative, architecture  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **The future of the education estate - meeting community needs and delivering net zero**  
**Lara Newman**, Chief Executive, LocatED  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Education Forum

This conference is supported by BAM

