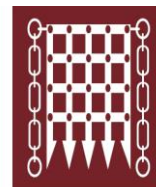


**Westminster Education Forum policy conference
Next steps for SEND provision in England - reform, inclusivity and access, and
priorities in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic**

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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**
Lord Addington, Former Liberal Democrats Spokesperson for Special Educational Needs
- 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**
Lord Addington, Former Liberal Democrats Spokesperson for Special Educational Needs
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum