

TITLE OF REPORT: Opportunity for All: strong schools with great teachers for your child

Purpose of the Report

1. To bring Schools Forum's attention the schools policy paper, Opportunity for All – strong schools with great teachers for your child.

Background

2. In March the Government published the schools policy paper, Opportunity for All – strong schools with great teachers for your child, which sets out the Government's direction of travel for education over the next eight years. The paper has strong links with the recent green paper and special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) consultation that closed 7 July 2022. The policy paper is a mix of old and a number of new announcements with a timeline of achieving them by 2030.
3. The biggest financial impact set out in the policy paper is the intention to raise teachers starting salaries to £30k by 2023. This will have a significant impact on school finances if it is not fully funded and could push more Gateshead schools into deficit.

Below is a link to the policy paper for your information.

[Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/opportunity-for-all-strong-schools-with-great-teachers-for-your-child)
(www.gov.uk)

Proposal

4. It is proposed that Schools Forum notes the content of this report and that additional reports will be brought to Schools Forum when further information is available.

Recommendations

5. It is recommended that Schools Forum notes this report

For the following reasons:

- To ensure that Schools Forum is informed of any changes that will impact on the funding and finances of schools in Gateshead.
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