

MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council



Education Recovery Plan

Plymouth City Council notes that:

The Government published its plans for education recovery after the pandemic on 2nd June. Sir Kevan Collins was appointed by the Prime Minister as the Government's Education Recovery Commissioner to determine how much was needed to repair the damage done to the nation's pupils because of Covid. He judged it would take £15bn - the Government's recent offer of £1.4bn falls far short and is wholly inadequate. The Education Policy Institute have calculated that this amounts to £50 per pupil per year. This contrasts with £1,600 per pupil in the USA and £2,500 per pupil in the Netherlands.

We cannot build back better from the pandemic and have an education system that supports high standards and strong mental health for everyone on the cheap.

Separately, the Department for Education has changed the census used to calculate Pupil Premium funding for the most disadvantaged pupils. This means that £500,000 is being taken away from young people and schools most in need in our city – we are not going to level up the country on the backs of the most disadvantaged children.

Plymouth City Council resolves:

To lobby the Government to value and invest in all our children, so they are supported to learn, succeed, and go on to have bright futures.

To write to the Prime Minister and call on the Government to scale up its ambition for our children and young people and give our education system the resources it needs to ensure that no child is left behind. The Government should show it is serious about levelling up by putting in the investment called for by its own former Education Recovery Commissioner.

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