



Knife Crime Report

The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) set out to establish the role school exclusions may be playing in exacerbating the increase in knife crime; and what could be done to support vulnerable young people both before and after exclusion to help ensure we could keep them safe.

<http://www.preventknifecrime.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/APPG-on-Knife-Crime-Back-to-School-exclusions-report-FINAL.pdf>

Information: schools financial benchmarking tool updated for maintained schools

A new release of the schools financial benchmarking tool was made on Thursday 17 October. This release includes local authority maintained school spending data, updated for the 2018 to 2019 financial year.

lick [here](#) to access the tool

ESFA Update academies: 23 October 2019

Click [here](#) to read the latest ESFA updates.

Multi-million investment in school and college buildings

Applications open for academies and sixth form colleges to access more than £400 million for school improvements.

Academies and sixth form colleges across England can now bid for a share of more than £400 million to transform facilities, improve school buildings and create more good school places. The multi-million-pound annual fund can be used by academies and sixth form colleges to expand classrooms, upgrade facilities such as sports halls or science labs, and address issues with the general wear and tear of school buildings.

To read more please click [here](#).

Inspection of Small Schools

Deep diving' in small schools - Mike Sheridan, the Ofsted Regional Director for London, talks about the new education inspection framework and how Ofsted will inspect the curriculum in the smallest schools.

Small schools are unique institutions. They offer an education, and so much more, to children and families in close-knit, often isolated communities. I'm now Ofsted's Regional Director for London. While small schools in London are few and far between, I used to be the headteacher of two very small schools up in

the north so I understand the challenges that the smallest schools face, as well as the opportunities they present.

To read more of his Blog please click [here](#).

Pupil premium: strategy statements

You must publish a strategy statement if your school gets the pupil premium.

Click [here](#) to see how school leaders can write a pupil premium strategy statement using these templates and resources
