

Department for Education



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Children and Families



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Minister of State for
School Reform



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Childcare



Lord Nash
Parliamentary Under
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Schools

Whitehouse Analysis

Observers will notice that the only difference in personnel between the new education team and the last is that Liberal Democrat David Laws, who lost his seat in Yeovil, is gone and has not been replaced. Both Nick Gibb and Edward Timpson have been promoted to Ministers of State, meaning they are likely share David Laws's role in terms of ministerial exposure, while Lord Nash will lead on schools policy along side Gibb.

We expect Nicky Morgan will continue to lead the Department along the same path as she had been taking it since her appointment in July 2014. This means resuming the ongoing work to re-establish good relations with the teaching profession, which were perceived as having been damaged by her predecessor who was seen as more ideological, continuing the focus on STEM subjects and improving outcomes to ensure the next generation can the compete in the "global race".

The Conservatives have also promised to continue the schools reforms, although schools will be working under a reduced budget and funding will only be protected in cash terms – a expected reduction, after inflation, of 10% over the course of this Parliament. We also expect the Government to pay more attention to early years and vocational education, although their budgets will be not protected from cuts.



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