

Ten reasons why Michael Gove is bad for our children's education

- 1** He has a narrow view of what makes a good education – one that doesn't include vocational subjects.
- 2** He constantly runs down our education system and our children's achievements, despite our country doing well in international league tables – this demoralises our teachers and our children
- 3** He has removed the need for schools to employ qualified teachers, and attacks our teachers' professionalism.
- 4** He has presided over the unfairness of last year's GCSEs and refused to do anything to help the 10,000 children given unfair grades.
- 5** He has done nothing to resist the trebling of tuition fees.
- 6** Abolition of the EMA has resulted in fewer 16-19 year olds in education. He will have cut post-16 funding by 20% across the lifetime of this Government.
- 7** He has unpicked many long-standing requirements for school premises, including dropping requirements for minimum temperatures, staffrooms, and minimum ratios for toilets; and he's reduced the space standards for new schools as well.
- 8** He has cancelled the modernisation programme for all schools and diverted the money to supporting Free Schools, often in areas which don't need extra school places.
- 9** He has cancelled the City Challenge programme which was improving results without privatisation.
- 10** He wants to end the national teachers' pay system, putting recruitment and retention of teachers at risk and forcing head teachers and governors to focus on negotiating pay instead of improving standards for students.

We have seen these policies before. In the 80s and 90s education was underfunded, schools were run down, and teachers were vilified and in short supply. We have come so far since then. It will be a tragedy if Gove is allowed to turn the clock back.

Unfortunately he is not prepared to stop there. He is deregulating education as much as he can and he is promoting business interests. This giant experiment is putting our children's future at risk.

Join the NUT's campaign to stop Michael Gove winning his war on teachers.



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