# A Better Future for Our Schools

# RECLAIMING EDUCATION

1. **The National Curriculum should be what it says** - a curriculum for all children in all English schools. As originally promised, it should be a curriculum to which all children are entitled, broadly based, balanced and designed to promote children's emotional, as well as intellectual, development.

2. **No school should be allowed to choose its pupils.** Admission to schools should be fairly administered according to well understood rules drawn up by a locally elected education service. Selection tests must end. No child should be branded a failure at 11.

3. **Inclusion and equal opportunities need to be at the heart of education provision** and discrimination and segregation tackled in all their forms. The needs of every child, including those with SEN and disabilities, should be fully met.

4. **All schools should be treated equally** and funded according to a common formula which responds to pupils' needs.

5. **All schools within the same area should work together,** rather than compete against each other.
A locally elected education service should guide, support and monitor schools as well as take decisions on school places.

6. **The inspection system, perceived by schools as hostile and threatening, should be replaced by one which is supportive, as well as rigorous**. Standards should be agreed through a national consultation process and inspectors should help schools by developing and sharing successful practice.

7. **All those whom we employ to educate our children should have qualified professional status.** Continuing professional development should be an entitlement and requirement for all staff. Unqualified staff should be given appropriate training to become qualified.

## WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

These are the seven principles agreed at a House of Commons meeting on April 8th 2014 that the 'Reclaiming Education' alliance will be campaigning for in the next General Election.

If you agree with us, please circulate them as widely as possible so that candidates of <u>all</u> political parties can be challenged on their stance.

We want to ensure that Education is a high priority topic in the debate and that the future of state education does not fall into the hands of profiteers who would deny a high quality education to everyone.

## WHO ARE WE?

"Reclaiming Education" is supported by the Campaign for State Education, the Socialist Educational Association, Information for School and College Governors, Forum, Comprehensive Future, the Alliance for Inclusive Education and New Visions Group in conjunction with other campaigning groups and trade unions.

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