

Prime Minister's vision for refurbishment of secondary schools

Commenting on the Prime Minister's £5.1 billion scheme for the refurbishment of all secondary schools by 2020, Doug McAvoy, NUT General Secretary, said:

“The promise to refurbish England's secondary schools must be welcome. The Prime Minister should encourage local authorities and schools to involve teachers in as partners in any design change. This will ensure that changes are supportive of teaching, help with behavioural problems and provide improved safety and security for pupils and teachers.

“Indeed, such an approach was recommended by Lord Elton's report on pupil behaviour as long ago as 1988.

“It is a pity that his vision of improving every secondary school building is marred by his fixation with academy status. That can only have a disruptive effect on educational provision in other secondary schools.”

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