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Daugherty report on testing in Wales leads way for England says NUT

Commenting on the recommendations of the Daugherty Final Report on end of key stage testing in Wales, Doug McAvoy, NUT General Secretary, said:

“Professor Daugherty has accepted the evidence that the current testing regime damages children’s education, does not support teaching and fails to provide useful information for either parents or teachers.

“His recommendations will release pupils in Wales from the damaging effects of the testing regime.

“It will be incomprehensible to teachers and parents in England if Ministers ignore this development.

“This report clearly points the way for England and adds to the growing pressure on the Government to abandon this stultifying and damaging regime. These tests do not exist in Scotland and Northern Ireland and are now to be abandoned in Wales. It is for the Government to explain what is so different about English children, English parents and English schools that they should continue to be locked into a system which provides no benefits.

“Professor Daugherty’s recommendation for a new skills test at the end of Year 5 will need careful examination. It must not replicate the current tests in Year 6 otherwise it will undermine all the benefits accruing from his main proposals.”

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