

Labour's mini education manifesto

Commenting on today's launch by the Labour Party of a mini manifesto for education, Steve Sinnott, NUT General Secretary, said:

“A more tailored curriculum, smaller groups and one to one teaching would bring great benefits to pupils. The NUT has long argued for smaller classes, personalized learning and a reduction in the prescribed curriculum. Such an approach comes at a cost.

“Reducing class sizes requires more teachers, as does one to one teaching. Time and resources are needed if the curriculum is to be tailored to each child's needs.

“Falling rolls in primary schools gives the Government the chance to allow these changes to happen, particularly as the lower pupil numbers feed through into secondary schools.

“A similar opportunity was thrown away by a previous government which preferred to make teachers redundant.

“Falling rolls offer a great opportunity for the country. This Government should use it to make these reforms possible.

“The whole curriculum needs reviewing to give teachers more time to use their professionalism for the benefit of the children in their classes and enable schools to innovate.”

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