

Charles Clarke' education spending announcement

Commenting on Education Secretary Charles Clarke's statement, Doug McAvoy, NUT General Secretary said:

"Charles Clarke's statement raises questions about the impact of the Government's funding allocation and school workforce reform.

"He says that the Chancellor's settlement will enable the recruitment of more teachers and teaching assistants. But he fails to give any commitments on the balance between the numbers of teachers and support staff, or indeed the maintenance of the number of teaching posts.

"The question parents will ask, 'Who will teach my child today', has not been answered by Mr Clarke.

"He fails to give any indication that class sizes will be capped for all children, nor how the money is to be distributed. Schools are struggling but Mr Clarke says nothing to help them."

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