

**Westminster Education Forum policy conference:  
Next steps for literacy and numeracy education in England - early years through to KS3**

*Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023*

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Dr Sarah McGeown**, Senior Lecturer, Developmental Psychology and Literacy Lab Lead, University of Edinburgh
- 9.05 **Literacy and numeracy education in England - progress, priorities, and moving towards long-term teaching and learning goals**  
**Jonathan Douglas**, Chief Executive, National Literacy Trust  
**Dr Ems Lord**, Director, NRICH; and Research Fellow, University of Cambridge  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Priorities for early years provision - standards, balancing literacy and numeracy targets with broader child development goals, implementation of support packages, and opportunities for staff professional development and training**  
**Clare Bligh**, Director, Fox Family Hub  
**Beatrice Merrick**, Chief Executive, Early Education  
**Charlotte Jennings**, Head of School, Blagdon Nursery School, Reading  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 Break
- 10.25 **Opportunities and challenges in the primary curriculum - assessing system capacity for catch-up programmes and their impact on students and teaching staff, effective teaching methods, and supporting transition to KS3**  
**Richard Slade**, Headteacher, Plumcroft Primary School, London  
**Ruth Maisey**, Programme Head, Education, Nuffield Foundation  
**Carl Pattison**, Lead, Flying High English Hub  
**Professor Alice Deignan**, School of Education, University of Leeds  
**Professor Divya Jindal-Snape**, Chair of Education, Inclusion and Life Transitions, University of Dundee  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Dr Sarah McGeown**, Senior Lecturer, Developmental Psychology and Literacy Lab Lead, University of Edinburgh
- 11.30 Break
- 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Aberdare**, Member, Education for 11–16 Year Olds Committee
- 11.40 **Implementing evidence-based approaches and closing the attainment gap**  
**Professor Becky Francis CBE**, Chief Executive, Education Endowment Foundation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 Break
- 12.05 **Policy priorities for literacy and numeracy education and progressing towards 2030 targets**  
**Amy Price**, Associate Director, Public First
- 12.15 **Teaching and learning at KS3 - instilling quality and standards in the curriculum, evaluating the implementation of extra-curricular support, and best practice in preparing children for progression to GCSE**  
**Lee Raftery**, Headteacher, Royal Liberty School, Romford  
**Charlie Stripp**, Director, National Centre for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics  
**Abby Cotton**, Maths Hub Lead, Boolean Maths Hub  
**Dr Sarah McGeown**, Senior Lecturer, Developmental Psychology and Literacy Lab Lead, University of Edinburgh
- 12.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Lord Aberdare**, Member, Education for 11–16 Year Olds Committee  
**Tiernan Phipps**, Senior Researcher, Westminster Education Forum