

## So the government wants to help you learn...

### About the Pupil and Parent Guarantee

The government has a new plan, a new plan that they think will make sure every child not only learns well but feels good about their learning. This learning will help you make better choices about your future. But why is the government so concerned? Maybe because they want their country's education to be considered as the best. How are they going to do that? Let's find out.

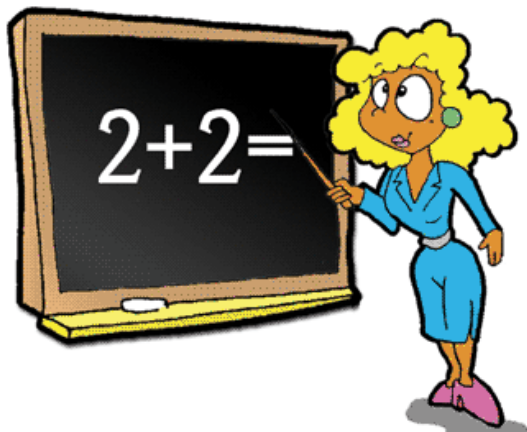


As a student many feel that you don't have much of a say in how your school is run. This is why the new Pupil Guarantee (the government's pledge to you to help you learn – included in their new plan for children's learning) will make sure you do get a say in your school's way of working. You will also be entitled to having a say about the behaviour in your school. And if you feel that you need more help so you can become a genius, then you can ask for extra help from a personal tutor.

As everyone knows children would rather stay out and play rather than be in a classroom all day. This is why the new pupil guarantee will allow you to take part in at least 5 hours per week of sport or other activities you like. This will make your school week more enjoyable and you can always choose what you want to do.

For all you Einsteins out there the pledge guarantees that you can do at least two science GCSEs. If you want you can do a triple course and really prove what an intelligent person you actually are. You're always welcome to take your GCSEs early and relax when everyone else is stressing over theirs.

To help you learn better you will all have a personal tutor who will talk to you about how you find your subjects and whether you need any extra help in them. Feel free to take full advantage of this and really get ahead in your subjects.



Gifted and Talented students will be recognised very early on and will get a certificate proving it. Not only that, you will be given a choice of working extra hard and completing courses other than your regular school subjects to really use your ability well.

The schools will also promote healthy eating everywhere, so you're never too far away from your favourite plate of spaghetti Bolognese but you might miss the old chips and beans. Alternatively you could always have a healthy sandwich or a snack wrap to keep your brain going.

Now for the parents, yes, there is also a Parent Guarantee. It's been set out to ensure they know what is expected of their child's school and that they need to be responsible in making sure that their child performs well.

The parents of a child can go and talk to their child's tutor face to face to discuss how the pupil is doing and what they've been up to in school. So it's time now to behave yourself otherwise you might just have your parents making more visits than normal to your school.

Your parents will also be given advice on how to spend time with you and make home learning enjoyable. This way you will have fun both in school and at home.



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