

## RSB Policy Briefing

### General Election 2017 Education and Science Policies

The education priorities and science priorities identified in the 2017 general election manifestos. As education is a devolved issue, there is additional information specific to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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#### Green Party (England and Wales)

##### Environmental Science

- An Environmental Protection Act to safeguard and restore our environment, protect and enhance biodiversity, promote sustainable food and farming, and ensure animal protection
- Active ongoing cooperation with businesses and other countries to limit global temperature increases to well below 2 degrees and aiming for 1.5 degrees
- Replacing fracking, coal power stations, subsidies to fossil fuels and nuclear with the clean green efficient renewable energy
- A wider, more effective network of marine protected areas around our coasts

##### Education

- The end of privatisation in education

##### Early Years

- Free universal early education and childcare for all children

##### Schools

- Formal education starting at age 7
- Properly fund our schools so real term spending per pupil increases and is protected
- Bring Academies and Free Schools into the local authority system
- Abolish SATS
- Reduce class sizes
- Restore Education Maintenance Allowance

##### Higher Education

- Scrap university tuition fees
- Fund full student grants
- Greater public investment in further and higher education

##### Apprenticeships

- Enable apprenticeships to all qualified young people aged 16-25