

School leaders survey Summer 2023 – the results are in

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We're pleased to report the findings from our new termly School Leaders Survey.

The results provide valuable insight on a range of key policy issues as well as challenges and priorities of the day.

Research for the survey was completed by 265 of the leaders (governance and executive leaders) of the nation's schools and academies who shared their views, yielding some valuable insights.

Key findings fall into three areas:

- **The policy landscape** – where there's a clear sense that the government is not doing enough, with the strength of dissatisfaction with current SEND support and funding overwhelmingly clear.
- **Strategic and operational priorities** - looking at the academic year ahead, operational strategies focussed on financial sustainability, recruitment and retention of staff together with enhancing education provision are top the list. Five of the top ten strategies cited by school leaders for their focus over the next 12 months relate to people issues so the importance of having an effective people strategy has never been clearer.
- **Environmental and social impact** - when looking at how trusts are managing the wider impact priorities in this area tend to focus on staff wellbeing and equipping pupils and students for their future in the world, with net zero falling perhaps surprisingly low on the list of priorities.

We're grateful to all the school leaders who gave their time generously to party to participate in this survey. We plan to run this every term so if you have any ideas on any topics you think we should explore we'd love to hear from you.

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