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TransformED NI:

Transforming Teaching and Learning:
A Strategy for Educational Excellence in
Northern Ireland

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Ten Point Plan

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Ten Point Plan for educational excellence in Northern Ireland		
1	A KNOWLEDGE-RICH CURRICULUM	We will review and redesign the Northern Ireland curriculum to ensure every child enjoys an ambitious and knowledge-rich curriculum that develops their learning in a well sequenced and explicit manner.
2	HIGH-QUALITY CURRICULUM ADVICE AND RESOURCES	We will provide greater investment in high-quality curriculum advice and resources to support teachers in the classroom.
3	PRIORITISING TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING	We will ensure there is sustained investment to provide a coherent approach to Teacher Professional Learning that supports teachers throughout their career.
4	EVIDENCE INFORMED APPROACHES TO LITERACY AND NUMERACY	We will introduce new literacy and numeracy strategies informed by evidence and based on international best practice.
5	HIGH STANDARDS AND SYSTEM LEVEL DATA	We will introduce a new system of attainment measures for end of Key Stage assessment to set high standards for all children and provide reliable system level performance measures.

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6	PORTABLE, PROGRESSIVE AND FIT FOR PURPOSE QUALIFICATIONS	We will review the qualifications landscape to ensure availability of high-quality qualifications that are up to date, portable and fit for purpose to support progression to a higher level of learning, training, or into employment.
7	A FOCUS ON CONTINUAL EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT	We will introduce a new school improvement policy to provide a framework to support excellence and an improved model of external support for schools.
8	AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO TACKLE EDUCATIONAL DISADVANTAGE	We will deliver an integrated approach to tackling educational disadvantage providing a continuum of evidence-based interventions within schools, families and communities.
9	ALL LEARNERS ENGAGED IN EDUCATION TO 18	We will introduce legislation to ensure all learners remain in education, apprenticeship or training until age 18.
10	EFFECTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY DRIVING IMPROVEMENT	We will introduce a coherent accountability framework to demonstrate value for money to government, taxpayers and parents and drive improvement through responsibility and answerability.



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