The All Party Parliamentary Group on Financial Education for Young People

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Statement

APPG welcomes landmark move to strengthen financial education in schools

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Financial Education for Young People (APPG) has welcomed Government plans to make financial education statutory in primary schools and significantly strengthen what young people learn about money throughout their education.

The announcement represents a major step forward on recommendations the APPG has championed through successive inquiries. Its submission to the Curriculum and Assessment Review called for financial education to begin at primary level and be strengthened at secondary level via the subject of Citizenship, as well as to give young people opportunities to apply financial maths to real-world situations.

The need for change is clear. Evidence shows that **only a third of children recalled receiving meaningful financial education at school or college and finding it useful** (Money and Pensions Service), while the APPG's own research found that **41% of secondary teachers in England did not appear to know that financial education was a curriculum requirement.**

Andrew Ranger MP, Chair of the APPG on Financial Education for Young People, said:

"This is a hugely welcome step forward. For many years, the APPG has made the case that financial education should start early and give every young person the knowledge and confidence they need to navigate the financial decisions they will face throughout life.

"Making financial education statutory at primary level and strengthening practical learning at secondary level is a significant development. The focus must now be on implementation. Our research has consistently shown that curriculum change alone is not enough. Teachers need the time, confidence, training, guidance and high-quality resources to turn that ambition into meaningful financial education in every classroom."

The APPG has repeatedly highlighted that **money habits can begin forming as early as age seven** (Money Advice Service & Cambridge University), strengthening the case for starting financial education before secondary school. It has also called for a cross-curricular approach that combines the wider knowledge, attitudes and behaviours young people need to manage money effectively.

The Group's most recent work has shifted increasingly towards ensuring reforms are successfully implemented, with a focus on **teacher confidence, training, quality-assured resources, curriculum coordination and clear implementation support**.

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About the APPG on Financial Education for Young People

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Financial Education for Young People brings together parliamentarians from across the political spectrum to champion high-quality financial education for all children and young people.

The APPG's ambition is for **every young person, at every age and stage, to receive meaningful financial education**, equipping them with the knowledge, skills and confidence to manage money effectively.

The Group has conducted inquiries and engaged with Government, educators, financial services organisations and the wider financial education sector on how financial education can be strengthened. Its recent work has focused particularly on implementation of curriculum reform, including **teacher confidence and training, access to quality-assured resources, curriculum coordination and clear implementation support**.

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