

The Government's rhetoric on social mobility has not been matched by results – Angela Rayner

Angela Rayner MP, Labour's Shadow Education Secretary, responding to a Teach First report that claims the country's poorest parents have half the chance of getting their child into an outstanding primary school, compared to the richest ones, said:

"This is just the latest evidence that the Government's rhetoric on social mobility has not been matched by results.

"Theresa May's only answer to the social mobility crisis is her discredited policy of new grammar schools, which by definition ignores the crucial early years of a child's life and does nothing to ensure all children go to a good primary school.

"It is clear that the Tories do not have the answers to the serious issues facing our schools, such as the crisis in recruitment and retention, super-size classes, and the unprecedented squeeze in school budgets."