

## [Investing in and empowering our schools to give every child the best start in life](#)

In government, the SNP has made closing the attainment gap in our schools our defining mission. Councils play a vital role in education – supporting children from their early years right through to early adulthood.

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## [Good news you might have missed](#)

This week we learned that unemployment is going down, more children from deprived backgrounds are going to university and the new M8 will open this month.

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## [The rape clause: explained in 200 words](#)

The UK government has now introduced its callous rape clause policy. Nicola Sturgeon explains the policy here.

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## [SNP response to EU 50 letter](#)

Below is the letter sent on behalf of the SNP Group in the Scottish Parliament in response to 50 European politicians who expressed support for Scotland's place in Europe. [You can read the original letter here.](#)

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# A more successful country, with opportunities for all to flourish

We are approaching the ten year anniversary of the SNP's first election to government. In that time, we have faced a global economic downturn and years of Tory cuts.