

# Eye on Supply

The supply teaching newsletter for cover coordinators

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Tap Teachers

...Let's teach!



## Happy New Year from Tap Teachers!

We hope you had a relaxing Christmas break and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and prosperous 2009!

This year is going to be an exciting one for Tap Teachers. Last year saw the start of a range of new initiatives designed to improve the quality of our services to both our schools and teachers. Seventy percent of our schools are now saving time and effort by approving timesheets online using our Online Booking System. Our scratch card game has proved a big hit with cover coordinators looking to claim discount on future bookings, and the commencement of this very newsletter means we can keep in much closer communication with schools.

We believe that initiatives such as these are invaluable in strengthening the working relationships we have with schools and in helping to provide effective and helpful solutions to your cover requirements. We will continue to bring in new and exciting changes in 2009 so continue to watch this space!

## Our pledge to your school

Tap Teachers believes in working closely with schools to provide the best possible supply teaching service.

- We want to deliver a fair, ethical and quality driven supply teaching service
- We want to understand your school's individual cover needs
- We want to make sure you get the most out of our full range of services
- We want to be your 'first choice' supply teaching agency.



Our business has grown on recommendations from teachers and schools. We have successfully expanded from Northamptonshire to now offer our services in supply teaching to Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Leicestershire and Warwickshire. As Tap Teachers continues to grow we ensure that our ethics and focus on customer service is maintained.



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## Legislation Watch



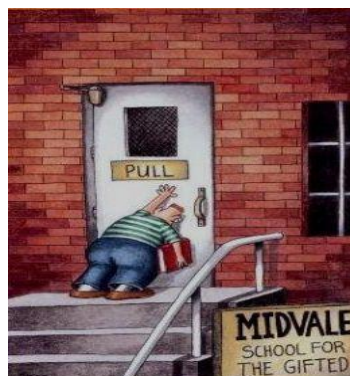
### CHILDREN'S PLAN: ONE YEAR ON

On 11<sup>th</sup> December - the anniversary of the flagship Children's Plan - The Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families set out his vision for 21st century children's services to help deliver the ambition of making England the best place in the world to grow up.

Announcing a new £200 million 'co-location fund' to bring health, education and children's services together under one roof, Ed Balls also promised more support for those who work with children, building capacity to work across boundaries to join up and support services so that children come first - not just in child protection but in all aspects of children's lives.

The 'Children's Plan: One Year On', a progress report on the last year, will be sent to key partners including every Children's Centre, school, GP practice and Director of Children's Services.

Ed Balls also launched an interactive online Children's Plan village to make it easier for professionals - and parents - to see how all the Children's Plan's achievements and announcements fit and how everyone works together. [Read more](#)



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**BBC** Education News

## Maths piloted as 'twinned' GCSEs

Secondary schools in England are to pilot a "twinned" maths GCSE - in which maths could be taken as a double subject, worth two GCSEs.

This will allow pupils to study the subject in greater breadth and depth, in both pure and applied maths. The schools testing the idea would begin doing so in September 2010 - with more possibly joining in from 2015. [Read more](#)

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