Election Manifestos 2024 Analysis:

Political Parties' Campaign Promises vs ALLFIE's Manifesto Demands

Our Demand	Conservatives	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Greens	
Demand 1: Adopt an Inclusive Education legislation in the UK	No mention of any plan to adopt legislation on inclusive education or amend existing legislation				
Demand 2: End all forms of segregated education	Deliver 60,000 more school places for Disabled children Deliver 15 new free schools for Disabled children Back independent special schools by not taxing them	Take a community-wide approach, improving inclusivity and expertise in mainstream schools Ensure special schools cater to Disabled children labelled with complex needs	No mention of any plan to end all forms of segregated education	Remove VAT on private school places for Disabled children (interim measure) Build public-sector capacity	
Demand 3: Redirect SEND funding towards supporting and improving mainstream services	No mention of any plan to redirect SEND funding towards supporting and improving mainstream services	Make sure admissions decisions account for the needs of communities and require all schools to cooperate with their local authority on school admissions for Disabled children and young people	Give local authorities extra funding to reduce the amount that schools pay towards the cost of a child's ECHP Give local authorities the powers and resources to act as Strategic Education Authorities for their area Introduce a 'Tutoring Guarantee' for every disadvantaged pupil who needs extra support	Push for an education system that is fully inclusive, with better funded support for special educational needs Invest £5bn in SEND provisions within mainstream schools	

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Demand 4: End all forms of Curriculum and Assessment systemic injustice	Introduce the Advanced British Standard Use tried and tested techniques, enabling every child to master the basics before they start secondary school Mandate two hours of PE every week in primary and secondary schools	Launch an expert-led review of curriculum and assessment, working with school staff, parents and employers to change this	Broaden the curriculum and make qualifications at 16 and 18 fit for the 21st century	End high-stakes, formal testing at primary and secondary schools and abolish OFSTED Review assessment targets in schools so that arts and vocational subjects are treated equally within the curriculum		
Demand 5: Make Inclusive Education Training mandatory nationwide	No mention of any plan to make inclusive education training mandatory nationwide					
Demand 6: Combat Social Injustice in Education	Plan to legislate to create a register of children not in school Deliver the Lifelong Learning Entitlement, giving adults the support they need to train, retrain and upskill flexibly throughout their working lives	Provide access to specialist mental health professionals in every school Support families with children by introducing free breakfast clubs in every primary school	Set up a register of children who are not in school Work to understand and remove underlying barriers to attendance	 Protect provision of free school breakfast clubs for all primary school pupils £3bn for sixth-form education £12bn investment in skills and lifelong learning Fully fund every higher education student 		

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- None of the political parties mention of any plans to adopt legislation on inclusive education or amend existing legislation (**Demand 1**). However, the
 Liberal Democrats promise to incorporate the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) into UK law to make
 it easier for Disabled people to access public life. ALLFIE assumes that this will include implementing Article 24 of the UNCRPD.
- Government will continue to invest in and create an environment that is conducive for segregated education, regardless which political party wins the election. However, Labour promises to take a community-wide approach, improving inclusivity and expertise in mainstream schools. This can go a long way towards ending segregated education. Regrettably, Labour promises to ensure that special schools cater for Disabled children and young people labelled with "complex needs". This works against ending all forms of segregated education (**Demand 2**).
- Overall, none of the political parties promises to redirect SEND funding towards supporting and improving mainstream services (Demand 3). However, the Green Party and Liberal Democrats promise to increase funding for SEND provision. This can go a long way towards improving mainstream services. Labour and Liberal Democrats promise to decentralise decision-making for SEND provisions. This can improve efficiency but may also lead to quality and resource disparities between local authorities. The 'Tutoring Guarantee' that the Liberal Democrats promises to introduce may benefit children from under resourced backgrounds, however the party does not provide any details on whether this will be used to meet Disabled children's specific needs.
- The changes the Conservatives, Labour and the Liberal Democrats promise to make to the curriculum and assessment system emphasise enhancing pupils' productivity and competitiveness on the international stage. The push towards this is one of the factors that have contributed towards the marginalisation of and injustice against Disabled people in education. The Green Party promises to end testing at primary and secondary schools and abolish OFSTED. This may help end some forms of curriculum and assessment systemic injustice (Demand 4). However, nothing is mentioned about addressing the specific systematic injustices that affect Disabled people.
- None of the political parties mention of any plans to make inclusive education training mandatory nationwide (Demand 5).
- Most of the political parties promise to support the education sector in ways that addresses some of the underlying issues behind ALLFIE's sixth
 demand but lack details on whether and how Disabled people's specific needs will be met. Promises by the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats to
 create or set up a register of children who are not in school will make schools less welcoming and more hostile towards enrolling Disabled children
 and young people. On the other hand, work to understand and remove underlying barriers to attendance, as the Liberal Democrats have promised,
 can help combat systematic injustice in education (Demand 6).

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