

Damian Hinds - 'More adventure in our schools, please'

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Pupils will be urged to climb trees, build rockets and watch the sun rise under new measures to be introduced by the Department for Education to build character and resilience in children.

In a marked departure from his predecessor Michael Gove's policies, Education Secretary Damian Hinds will publish a "bucket list" of life goals that school children will be encouraged to achieve every year before they leave primary school.

It comes as part of Mr Hinds's attempts to push schools and their pupils to view character and resilience as being just as important as exam results and qualifications.

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Among the activities are outdoor pursuits such as learning to climb a tree, sleeping under a canvas and exploring a cave. Others include ideas such as putting on a performance, learning to knit and starting a vegetable patch.

"Bluntly, it is about doing stuff that doesn't involve looking at a screen. It's about getting out and about," Mr Hinds

"We put a lot effort into making sure we can share really good curriculum plans and teaching materials. This is an equivalent of that for stuff outside the curriculum in recognition of the fact that what you do academically is only part of the story."

"We hope having a list itself helps to stimulate a conversation about all the brilliant things to discover when you are growing up," Mr Hinds added.

The idea is based on the National Trust's 50 things to do before you're 11¾. <https://inews.co.uk/news/education/damian-hinds-schools-kids-climb-trees-build-character/>