

David Johnston OBE MP

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Education (Minister for Children, Families and Wellbeing)



Biography

David Johnston was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Education on 31 August 2023.

He was previously Chief Executive of the Social Mobility Foundation, a charity which runs a range of programmes that incorporate mentoring, internships, university application support and skills development to help young people from low-income backgrounds enter universities and professions. In addition to being a governor at Pimlico Academy, a London secondary school, David is a governor of a sixth form college in London and is on the board of an organisation for 11 to 16 year olds in Oxfordshire.

Education

David studied History and Politics at the University of Oxford.

Political Career

David was elected as MP for Wantage and Didcot in December 2019.

He was a Parliamentary Private Secretary at the Department for Education between 2021 and 2022, Parliamentary Private Secretary at the Department for Work and Pensions in 2022 and Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities between 2022 and 2023. He previously served on the Education Select Committee between 2020 and 2021.