Core Purpose & Features

Reflective of high impact strategies based on the research of the Sutton Trust and John Hattie

Teachers’ and Leaders’ fundamental role is to evaluate their impact

In association with Exeter University’s cognitive Education Development Unit, SISRA, Kestrel and Thinking Schools International

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- Non-medicalisation of education
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