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PARENTS TO BE PUNISHED FOR KIDS´BAD BEHAVOIUR

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<http://news.sky.com/story/1277284/parents-to-be-punished-for-kids-bad-behaviour>

Watch this piece of news in which former education secretary Michael Gove promises to impose sanctions on parents who fail to face up to their responsibilities. Match numbers **1-11** on the left with letters **a-l** on the right to come up with a list of collocations from the video. Then use them in a short paragraph to summarize the content of the clip you´ve been showed in about 5 or 6 lines.

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| 1.face | a.responsibility for their children´s behaviour |
| 2.tacke with | b.controversial |
| 3.end | c.their part |
| 4.deduct | d.illiteracy |
| 5.take | f.sanctions |
| 6.face up to | g.to pay those fines |
| 7.reading and writing | h.child benefit payments |
| 8.refuse | i.their responsibility |
| 9.raise/ drive up/ reach up to (higher) | j.skills |
| 10.play | k.truancy |
| 11.prove | l.standards |

SUMMARY

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***EDUCATION SECRETARY MICHAEL GOVE PROMISES TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON PARENTS WHO DO NOT "FACE UP TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES"***.

Parents have been warned by Education Secretary Michael Gove they will face punishments for failing to ensure their children arrive at school "ready to learn and showing respect for their teacher".

Mr. Gove has vowed to raise school standards "higher than ever before" as he set out an uncompromising vision to get rid of what he believes is a culture of low expectations.

In a speech to the Policy Exchange think tank, Mr Gove insisted mothers and fathers have to take responsibility for their children's behaviour or face sanctions.

He also hit out at teachers who "set children up to fail" by refusing to think they might be intellectually curious or capable of greatness.

Mr Gove said: "We need to ensure that those parents who don't play their part in ensuring their children attend school, ready to learn and showing respect for their teacher, face up to their responsibilities.

"We will, later this year, be outlining detailed proposals to ensure parents play their full part in guaranteeing good behaviour and outlining stronger sanctions for those who don't."

Mr Gove wants to eradicate what he thinks is a culture of low expectations.

Sky's Darren McCaffrey said: "One idea Michael Gove is considering is deducting money from child benefit payments from parents who repeatedly refuse to pay fines imposed through persistent truancy.

"Although initially resisted by the Liberal Democrats, the Education Secretary wants to strengthen sanctions on parents to 'tackle the root causes of truancy and misbehaviour'."

The Education Secretary's approach has seen him clash numerous times with teaching unions, which have accused him of a "personal ideological crusade".

But Mr Gove rejected suggestions his reforms are too demanding, and added his reforming zeal would not diminish.

"I believe we have to embrace reform, lean in to the future, set standards higher than ever before," he said.

Mr Gove said he knew what "real barriers to success look like".

"I spent the first four months of my life in care," he said.

"Both my parents had to leave school at 15."

"My sister spent all her school career set apart from other children who were just as bright as her in a school for children with special needs.

"And I know what setting children up to fail looks like."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/10881955/Gove-to-dock-parents-benefits-for-condoning-truancy.html>