

# Highfield Primary School



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## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM ENFIELD PRIMARY HEADS

If they don't listen to me, perhaps they will listen to you. School budgets are at breaking point.

Over the next few years Highfield Primary School, alongside most schools in England, will have to make difficult choices over staffing and resources as we manage with less money.

We will have less money because school budgets have been cut by 8–10% in real terms over the last few years as schools have had to meet the costs of pay rises, increased pension contributions and National Insurance costs.

Although some schools will gain a little extra money through “a fairer funding system” being introduced across England next year, the future is still bleak for most. Schools across England are close to a financial crisis.

I, along with most Head teachers and governors, will need to make difficult choices in considering what to cut: Teachers? Teaching assistants? Clubs? Trips and Resources?

Head teachers across England are crying out to the government to listen to us but we do not feel we are being heard. If they won't listen to us, perhaps they will listen to you, the parent, expressing concern for the education of your child. We need your help to show local and central government that school funding is in crisis.

I will, of course, be working with governors to ensure we do whatever we can to limit the worst effects of the cuts and will also be lobbying our local MP, David Burrowes, so that he is aware of the negative impact such cuts will have on our school. I would also encourage you to get in touch with him to express your concern. On the back of this letter you will find some wording you may wish to use in an email/letter to him. The government are meeting this month to consider this vitally important issue so please act now! You may also wish to sign an online petition at [www.schoolcuts.org.uk](http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk). If you would like a printed copy of the wording for David Burrowes, MP, please call at the school office. Additionally, a parent group [www.fairfundingforallschools.org](http://www.fairfundingforallschools.org) are trying to be heard. It is worth looking at their website.

Regards

**Mrs Kemal**  
Headteacher

**Mrs Wren**  
Chair of Governors

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Insert (parent/carer) address:

Date:

Dear Mr Burrowes MP,

My child's Head teacher has made me aware of serious concerns about school funding and the difficult choices Head teachers and Governors will need to make as they seek to balance their budgets. I am shocked to hear that school budgets have been cut by 8 – 10% in real terms over the last few years with unfunded pay rises, increased pension and NI costs meaning schools have less money.

As a parent I want my child to have good support / resources in order to continue to receive a good education. I am very concerned to hear that this may be under threat. I want the government to show that it values education by ensuring all schools receive the financial support they need. I am aware that many Head teachers welcome the national funding formula after years of unfairness, but the current proposals will not improve things unless the funding put into the system is sufficient for all schools.

I would like to ask you, as a matter of urgency, to write to the Chancellor, Philip Hammond, to call on him to provide more money for our schools.

Yours sincerely,

Concerned parent

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