

School Funding - or the lack of it.

88% of our schools are still facing cuts despite the Government saying more money is going into the system.

Instead of increasing funding, the Government is focusing on redistributing funding around the country through a new method - National Funding Formula - NFF

No school is a winner

Inflation up	everything a school has to buy costs more.
Employer National Insurance & Pension costs up	a school has to pay out more.
Pupil numbers up	a school has to spend more on books & equipment

No school can afford to lose funding.

Schools will need to make cuts, unless the Government puts more money into the system.

Q) Isn't school funding being protected?

- A1) Funding per pupil is barely being increased, but due to inflation and increased costs, is being cut in real terms.
- A2) Independent experts like Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) and the National Audit Office (NAO) have recognised that this means that schools will need to make cuts.

Q) Why are you scaremongering?

- A1). We aren't, schools themselves are saying this will happen.

Q) But the proposed new funding formula will meet the needs of all schools, won't it?

- A).The NAO has said that schools will need to make £3billion in cuts unless the government changes its policy.

Q) Schools can make efficiency savings can't they?

- A1) Schools can't actually make further savings, they have been doing this for years.
- A2) Savings = cuts, leading to bigger classes, cuts in subjects taught, staff redundancy at a time of increasing pupil numbers.

Q) Why can't the Council pay?

- A) Cuts to every local authority by this Government has seen reduced funding. Our Council already passports the money that's it's given for education directly to schools.

Q) My local school hasn't complained have they?

- A1) Schools will continue to educate, but all schools will struggle without adequate funding.
- A2) In terms of how the money is shared out, it is clear the funding system shouldn't be reformed to give more money to some schools by taking money away from others.
- A3) Fairer school funding can only be achieved by putting new money into the system – so schools that need more money can receive it while other schools' funding is protected.