



CHAILEY SCHOOL

A Specialist Language and Humanities College
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East Sussex Schools' Campaign
for Fair and Sufficient Funding

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Response to consultation on National Funding Formula and school funding

You will have seen the recent publicity regarding school funding and how it affects our area. School leaders from Cornwall to Norfolk and all parts in between are saying the same thing – we can't all be wrong! We are incredibly grateful to the large number of parents who have already acted to show their support and written to MPs to express their views. We know you are busy people and we very much appreciate your time with this.

For my part, I have been to the Department for Education with Sophie Thomas, Headteacher of Newick Primary School, where we voiced our concerns directly with the Schools' Minister, Nick Gibb.

There is one more thing you can do which may really help and that is to respond to the Government's consultation on the new National Funding Formula (NFF). This formula provides some increased money to some schools, but large numbers of schools also miss out. Crucially, however, even those schools that seem to get more under the NFF will find that their budgets go down in real terms because of hidden costs that every school has to pay.

Once the Department for Education makes their proposed decisions, they will be permanent. If we can act together then these cuts can be avoided. We need the Government and Department for Education to listen and then invest in our children's future.

If you are willing to look at the Consultation Document and complete a response then the more voices they hear the better. A suggestion for this is attached as guidance; responses are needed by Wednesday 22 March at the very latest. It is important that responses are individual so I would ask that the guidance isn't copied and pasted.

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>

I, and other school leaders, are incredibly grateful for your supportive approach to date. Please let's work together in order to protect our children's education and invest in our children's future.

Many thanks in anticipation of your help.

Helen Key
Headteacher

