

Dear

School Funding in Crisis

I am writing to you, from a parent's perspective, to highlight the serious concerns I have about school funding. In recent years, it has become apparent that current budgets are unsustainable. Gloucestershire is one of the poorest funded local authorities in the UK and we are now facing a serious situation where some schools will struggle to provide the education they want to. Our education authority is now under very serious financial pressure, which ultimately could affect my child. Funding pressures are being felt across all phases and in all schools, not just my own child's.

Nationally, research has shown that more than half (55%) of school leaders in a recent survey felt that their deficit is untenable and this figure is likely to grow.

The main concerns I have are:

- Gloucestershire remains one of the lowest funded authorities.
- The Government have told the media that they are spending more on education than they ever have before. **This is not true.**
- Most Gloucestershire schools now face increased staffing costs in order to provide high quality teaching.
- There is an increase in the number of children coming into schools requiring expensive, specialist support.
- The Government include spending made by families on university tuition fees and private school fees in their total education spending. **This provides a false picture.**

This situation will not be confined to my child's school alone, and heads across your constituency will face similar circumstances.

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 in Gloucestershire. School budgets are being pushed beyond breaking point. I hope you can put pressure on the government to make sure schools in your constituency can continue to deliver for all pupils.

Yours sincerely,