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Dear Parent / Carer

As Head Teachers, we feel it is our duty to provide parents with a clear and accurate view of school funding other than the misleading, over optimistic and often inaccurate picture described by the government. All state schools in England are funded by a central government grant that is administered by the Department for Education. This grant has not kept pace with inflation and schools across the Country are facing difficult decisions.

House of Commons Data, published by the government earlier this week, indicates that since 2013/14, school funding in Carlisle has been cut by £1.3m, which is equal to -£395 per pupil across our city. As Head Teachers, collectively we are saying this is not good enough.

With these cuts, schools across our city have been faced with some difficult choices. These include cutting back on:

- teaching and non-teaching staff;
- support for the most vulnerable pupils;
- small group work for children who need additional support;
- teaching resources and equipment;
- subject choices in Secondary schools;
- the range of activities at Primary schools;
- repairs to school buildings;
- renewal of equipment.

Parent campaign groups are popping up all over the country; Carlisle is no different. A recent Facebook Group, Carlisle Against School Cuts has formed ([facebook.com/carlislecuts](https://www.facebook.com/carlislecuts)), alongside a website, to share information with Carlisle parents and Carers – www.carlislecuts.co.uk.

If you think this government should fund schools sufficiently and fairly, please show your support by adding your name to the petition 'Increase Funding for Schools', as well as encouraging your family and friends to do so via the link below:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/232220>



Please be assured all school leaders are working extremely hard to minimise the impact of these cuts across our city.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely
Headteachers from:

Belle Vue School
Bishop Harvey Goodwin School
Brampton School
Brook St. School
Burgh-by-Sands School
Cummersdale School
Cumwhinton School
Great Orton School
Houghton School
Inglewood Infants School
Inglewood Junior School
Ivegill School
Kingmoor Infants School
Kingmoor Junior School
Newlaithes Infants School
Newlaithes Junior School
Newman School
Newtown School
Norman St. School
Pennine Way School
Petteril Bank School
Rockcliffe School
Raughton Head School
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