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Dear Parent/Carer

Update – School Funding Campaign

On Friday, 28th September, over 2000 headteachers descended on Westminster to continue the campaign for improved school funding by delivering a personal communication to the chancellor. Many more school leaders who could not attend also put their support to the campaign in a show of unity. The aim was to continue to highlight to the government the serious funding issues that schools will be facing in the next few years, which will have a significant impact on students' education across the country.

It is clear from the communications that colleagues and I receive, that parents overwhelmingly support the need for much improved investment in our schools. Rest assured, that as soon as a reply is received from the chancellor regarding our concerns we will let you know. Headteachers will also be watching with interest to see how he responds to our requests during the Autumn Statement (Budget) on Monday, 29th October.

Without doubt, there has been some misleading information provided regarding the amount of funding being put into education by the government, the figures provided include the money spent by university students on loans and from parents on private school fees; none of this money will ever be used to fund schools. If you would like more information, please follow the link, which explains the data in greater detail.

https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/20181008_Sir_David_Norgrove_letter_to_SoS_for_Education.pdf

The campaign by headteachers hopes to influence the government into giving due consideration to increasing school funding to ensure schools are able to provide safe, well-resourced and stimulating environments and to support much improved recruitment and retention of teachers.

Parents have also asked how they can support the drive for improved funding. In light of this we are able to let you know that parent groups have lobbied parliament (10 October) and there will also be a national day of parental action on 19th October. For more information about 19th October, please search **#parentsteachersunite** on Twitter or Facebook.

We would again like to thank you for your support and confirm that our campaign will remain reasonable and determined, with a single goal of ensuring that every school and student receives a much better deal in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Neil Gallagher
Principal