

Gateshead
Association of
Primary
Head Teachers

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Association of
Secondary School
Head Teachers

Special School
Head Teachers
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Partnership

Monday 25th February 2019

Dear Parent/ Carer,

RE: SCHOOL FUNDING CRISIS – Petition Outcome

The Gateshead Head Teacher Associations are writing to you today to thank you. At the end of November last year, we sent you a letter to let you know how the lack of sufficient funding was affecting our local schools. We encouraged you to sign an online petition to ask the government to fund schools sufficiently and fairly by increasing school funding.

You did, and they listened.

On Monday 4th March a debate will take place in Westminster Hall, which is the second debating chamber of the House of Commons. Liz Twist MP, a member of the Petitions Committee, will open the debate.

This is great news and we would like to thank you whole-heartedly for your support which is greatly appreciated.

We need the government to hear how damaging the cuts have been to our funding. Schools across Gateshead are making very difficult decisions which will impact upon the quality of education they can provide. There are staff throughout Gateshead schools who are now being made redundant and there are also vacant posts which are not being filled. Many schools are having to cut back resources and reduce specialisms in subjects like Music. All of this is ultimately detrimental for your child's education.

Now that government is listening, we need to stress how important funding schools sufficiently is. You can help further.

We would urge you to take a little time to contact your MP, via email, to let them know how you feel about this matter. If MPs hear how you, their constituents feel, then they can share your voice in this important debate on Monday 4th March.

You can check who your MP is by quickly typing your post code on this website.

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If you are concerned about the impact of funding on your school and schools in your local community then please let your MP know. Encourage them to attend the debate and encourage them to share your concerns.

Your children deserve this.

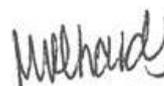
Yours sincerely,



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