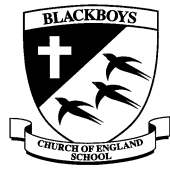


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21st March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

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

Further to our letter sent out on the 08th March, you will have seen further 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.

In short, the new National Funding Formula (NFF) 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.

It is vital for parents to understand that 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 **tomorrow Wednesday 22 March at the very latest**.

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

As school leaders, we are all 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.

Please also find attached the original letter which was sent out to all Parents, 08th March as reference.

Yours sincerely

Mrs JF King
Executive Head