

Dear Parents of Kingston and Richmond,

We wrote to you in January to encourage you to sign our petition about funding changes and teacher recruitment issues in our local schools. The impact of the Government's proposed changes to funding through the new funding formula will wreak havoc not only on schools in Kingston and Richmond but on the majority of schools across England. **Schools locally are set to lose between about 4% and 14% of their total budgets on top of the real terms losses they are already dealing with, which will mean local schools will lose up to £600 per pupil of funding.**

Please check out this website which has calculated the impact on your schools' overall budget: [www.schoolcuts.org.uk](http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk)

Despite gaining a lot of support we have only managed to get around 1300 signatures for our petition – we feel this is not a strong enough signal to send to Justine Greening, Secretary of State for Education.

We have been in contact with a similar group of parents (<http://www.fairfundingforallschools.org>) who have developed a nationally focused campaign. After discussion with them, we feel that the best course of action to register our local opposition and for it to have an impact is to sign their National petition and respond to the Department for Education consultation on the proposed funding formula.

**Sign the National petition here:** <https://www.change.org/p/rt-hon-justine-greening-mp-fair-funding-for-all-schools>

We still feel that many parents have not engaged with the very real impacts the new funding changes will bring to our schools. To help you understand the impacts for our local schools **we are planning to hold a public meeting towards the end of February / early March** where we hope to get as many parents as possible on board. We will explain the impact of the funding changes and how you can oppose these easily through responding to the DfE consultation.

**This is an opportunity to safeguard the educational future of our children and we cannot afford to miss it.**

If you would like to be involved, please contact Ella Fearon-Low ([ellalow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ellalow@yahoo.co.uk) / 07824 826 659).

Thanks again for your continued support,  
Ella, Claire, Britt, Nic, Jim, Kate, Petra, Ali, Bansri, Sarah and all the local parents involved in helping us.