

Statement from Angie Sowton

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Dear

We are writing to you as a group of extremely concerned parents of children at St Andrew's Church School. Our children are facing a real-terms cut of **£239 per pupil per year** if the planned spending cuts go ahead in the budget on **October 29th, 2018**.

This however is not just an issue that affects St Andrew's. Across BANES **53 out of 70** schools are facing drastic cuts. Between 2015 & 2020 BANES Schools budgets will be down **£1.6 Million**.

Already class sizes have increased, and teachers, TAs and key support staff have lost their jobs. One-to-one support in schools is under threat, as is SEND support, and access to CAMHS is impossible except for the most extreme circumstances.

Many BANES schools are already asking parents to contribute financially for basic equipment and to provide the varied curriculum our children need.

These cuts are putting our children's future at risk and as our local councillors we are urging you to do what you can locally and urge your political parties nationally to take action and call for an end to cuts in our schools that will leave a generation in jeopardy.

We ask you as our local councillors to write to the Secretary of State for Education and the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling for the government to:

- Immediately reverse cuts to school budgets that have taken place since 2015;
- Protect per pupil funding in real terms over the lifetime of this parliament;
- Provide the additional funding needed to implement a school funding formula that increases funding for schools in comparatively poorly funded areas of England without cutting funding per pupil for schools in any other part of the country, so that no school loses out.

Our schools can no longer do the impossible with the invisible. Please take action before it is too late. We look forward to hearing your response to our concerns and urge you to investigate the issues in more detail at www.schoolcuts.org.uk and www.fairfundingforallschools.org.

Yours Sincerely,

The Parents of Children at St Andrew's Church School
PTO for names and signatures”