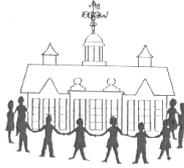


**"Working and Learning  
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**To all Parents and Carers**

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### **School Funding**

We need to make you aware that North Ealing Primary School is not immune to the funding crisis in education that you have been hearing about in the news throughout the recent general election. What does it mean for us?

1. Whilst the government is spending record amounts on education this does not take account of the impact on existing maintained schools where we have seen a cut in real terms. They are only spending record amounts to support the increasing number of pupils by providing more free schools and academies.
2. We are a very popular local school so we are generally oversubscribed in terms of pupil numbers. This means that we earn close to the maximum amount of school block funding available to us.
3. We have had to absorb all the nationally agreed rises to salaries (1% increase for all staff each year), national insurance contributions (3.4 % rise) and teacher pension contributions (2 % rise) with no increase in our schools block funding for the past 2 years. As a result staffing costs accounted for 89% of our total gross expenditure last year as we have had to reduce expenditure in other areas despite not replacing all of the vacancies that occurred during the past 2 years.
4. We also have to pay £13,500 per year as an apprenticeship levy in line with government policy from this April.

5. We have had to make difficult decisions regarding not replacing some of the support staff who have left and streamlining our intervention team.
6. The Governors have set a balanced budget only by using some of the small carry forward (contingency) from the previous year for the last three years. The carry forward has decreased from £180k (4.5% net expenditure) to £110k (3% net expenditure) in the past three years and is expected to be used up completely in the next 3 years.
7. If we are unable to persuade the government to increase our funding we will be faced with making further redundancies and cuts in the curriculum resources in the next 2 years.

We would urge you to write to your MP to make them aware of the need to reconsider the current policy on education funding and to provide more funds for educating our children to give them the best possible start in life and to develop the skills they will need to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Please find more information on [www.schoolcuts.org.uk](http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk)

We would also urge you to get involved by supporting the PTA in all aspects of their activities which provide an enormous support to the school. The funds they have raised have allowed us to enhance the outdoor environment, improve our website and learning platform, improve the range of books available in the library and fund many other small projects which make a big difference to all our children.

Yours sincerely

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Shirley Kenworthy-Wright, Chair of Governors



Sally Flowers, Headteacher