

TO: All North Yorkshire Schools & Academies

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Dear Colleague

With the commencement of the Summer Term, it is a reminder that the national Comprehensive Spending Review will hopefully start to gather pace – “hopefully”, as we are keen to make the case for a fairer funding deal for children and young people in North Yorkshire.

Alongside the North Yorkshire Schools Forum, we are determined to lobby for a fair deal for education in the county and we have consistently told MPs and Ministers that we believe that there is insufficient funding in the system.

We are determined to continue to ensure your voice is heard in central government to support the case for an overall fairer funding settlement. We have undertaken regular lobbying of MPs, Ministers, and have provided written and oral evidence to two Education Select Committee inquiries. We want to continue to make the case that fairer funding for North Yorkshire should not be delayed in order to provide stability in funding for those better-funded areas of the country.

We need your help to provide actual examples of how your school is being affected by the shortfall in funding and the impact that is having on children and young people in North Yorkshire. We recognise that rural schools are vital in serving their local communities yet are experiencing financial challenges due to sparsity, mobility or through diseconomies of scale in providing education locally.

In the link below is an online survey that we very much hope you will complete and return to us. The information collected will help us to advance the case with our MPs, with Ministers and Whitehall.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/NY-School-Funding>

Nationally, f40 (a lobby group of the 40 lowest funded areas in terms of school funding) has calculated that we need to spend at least £2 billion more on our main funding for schools with another £1.5 billion on the high needs block.

We will continue to lobby on your behalf but we need your to help with our lobbying efforts to ensure that education is part of the government's funding priorities.

Yours sincerely

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