

To the House of Commons:

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Dear Dawn Butler

Re: National School Funding Formula

I am writing as a parent of a child who attends St Margaret Clitherow School in Neasden, Brent. I am deeply concerned with the new national funding formula for schools. St Margaret Clitherow School is a one form entry school and as such will be significantly hit by the proposed changes to the formula. I think that one form entry schools are being particularly penalised. St Margaret Clitherow is a unique school and provides excellent education and pastoral care to each and every individual child.

I am particularly concerned with the reduction of the lump sum from £175K to only £110K. I feel that primary schools have been particularly discriminated against. I understand that in the borough of Brent that 68 out of the 74 main stream schools are forecast to lose funding.

We have been informed that even after funding protection is applied the average loss for my school will be at least £40K. However without this protection our school could lose up to £141,966.00. This equates to losing three full time teachers or nine teaching assistants. St Margaret Clitherow, which is an excellent school will not be able to sustain this cut due to their ever decreasing budget.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Kind regards.