

NEWCHURCH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

17TH May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the 'Funds Glorious Funds' campaign by Warrington schools, a meeting was held, on 9th May, by the Fair Funding For All Schools (FFFAS) Campaign in Warrington. The purpose of the meeting was to further highlight the uncertainty Warrington schools are feeling over the government's new National Funding Formula and to discuss further measures that can be taken to help raise awareness of the issue and convince politicians to think again.

Thirty schools across Warrington were represented, including Newchurch, which showed the strength of feeling regarding this unfair funding formula.

Under the new formula it would make Warrington one of the very worst funded areas for education nationally, placing us 141st in the country out of 150. Under the new formula, schools in the best funded authority in England will receive an average of £6,775 per child, while those in Warrington would receive £4,306 – a difference of £2,469 per child. Even compared to the national average, Warrington schools will still receive £439 less per pupil. This translates into Newchurch Community Primary school receiving the equivalent of £525,897 less per year than schools in the best funded area and £192,721 less than the average.

As a result of the meeting there are a number of events planned which parents/carers can get involved with to support the campaign.

1) National Social Media Action on Friday May 26

The National FFFAS campaign team are currently working on a few social media publicity activities which you and anyone else can sign up to. Details have not yet been finalised but are likely to include a 'thunderclap' around 5pm, ability to add a 'twibbon' to your Facebook and Twitter profiles.

Further details will be provided via the Fair Funding For All Schools - Warrington' Facebook page and group.

2) Warrington Guardian photo collage of what education funding cuts could mean to Warrington

The school has been asked to provide a photo contribution for the Warrington Guardian to produce a collage in the paper to show what the education funding cuts could mean. It could be a picture of books, of a show, of a residential, of a sports or music activity.

3) Demonstration outside the Town Hall on Thursday May 25th

There is a planned demonstration on Thursday May 25th outside the Town Hall in Warrington. People will gather from 4pm onwards and there will be speakers at 4.30pm. The local press and local election candidates will be invited.

The FFFAS summary sheet is attached, this gives a summary of the issues, contact details and additional ways you can get involved.

Thank you for your support with this important campaign.

Calling All Parents!

We are the national parent-led campaign calling for Fair Funding for All Schools



IMPACT ON LOCAL AUTHORITY: WARRINGTON

-£12.2 Million Budget change by 2019

-£429 Per pupil

-328 Teachers

Data from www.schoolcuts.org.uk

As you may be aware, cuts to education are having a significant effect in schools locally and across the country and this has led to a national parent-led campaign called Fair Funding For All Schools. The aim of the campaign is to defeat, delay or disrupt government attempts to cut funding for schools in England that are threatened through a combination of real term spending cuts and the implementation of a new National Funding Formula.

The money following your child into schools is going down. This will mean:

- Increased class sizes
- Loss of teaching and support staff
- Fewer subject choices
- Fewer resources and out of school activities

What can YOU do to fight cuts to education funding?

- **Visit the website www.schoolcuts.org.uk to check how the cuts will affect your school**
 - Input your school name or postcode to find out how much your school will be affected.
 - Immediately below the information about your school, there is a link which enables you to send a direct email to each of the candidates standing in the general election on 8th June in your area.
- **Join the Fair Funding For All Schools national campaign**
 - www.fairfundingforallschool.org
 - www.facebook.com/fairfundingforallschools
 - Twitter: @fairfundschoools

- **Join the Fair Funding For All Schools – Warrington campaign**
 - Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FairFunds4Warrington
 - Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1960466124184765>
 - Twitter: @FairWarrington
 - Email: fairfundswarrington@hotmail.com

- **Sign the national petition at www.change.org/fairfundingforallschools – we need the numbers and every signature really does count.**

- **Display the ‘General Election Parent’s Briefing’ poster**
 - You could put this up in your window at home and use the tips on the reverse of the poster to question election candidates when / if you need them.
 - This poster may be made available by parents at your school or you can download it from ‘Files’ section of the “Fair Funding For All Schools – Warrington” facebook group.

- **Write or email each of the candidates standing for election on 8th June**
 - Ask them this crucial question “What will you do.....”
 - A template letter may be made available by parents at your school or you can download it from the ‘Files’ section of the “Fair Funding For All Schools – Warrington” facebook group.

- **Help raise awareness at your school and in your community**
 - Attend demonstrations and meetings organised in your area.
 - Start a conversation with other people and spread the word.
 - Invite your friends and family to join the national and local campaigns for Fair Funding For All Schools. You could invite them to join the Fair Funding For All Schools – Warrington group on Facebook. You could send them an email with a link to www.schoolcuts.or.uk or share this via your social media.
 - Could you help by handing out leaflets at your school gate?
 - Could you help by organising a parents meeting or a demonstration against the cuts at your school or at a place nearby?