



CRESTWOOD  
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Dear Parent/Carer

### Update – School Funding Campaign

First, thank you for the huge support that you gave to Headteachers who campaigned for improved school funding at Westminster on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Over 2000 head teachers attended in London with considerably more supporting their actions too.

It is clear from the emails that colleagues and I received that parents overwhelmingly support the need for much improved investment in our schools. As soon as we receive a reply from the chancellor, we will let you know. I am sure everyone will watch with interest to see how he responds to our requests during the Autumn Statement (Budget) on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Headteachers across the country hope very much that the Government and the Department for Education, in particular, will stop providing parents and the wider public with misleading information about spending on schools. It is neither helpful nor fair that schools and families are treated in this way and the articles below clearly confirm that this must stop.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-45746062>

<https://www.tes.com/news/greening-treasury-sees-education-cost-not-investment>

The Worth Less? Campaign has always used independently sourced evidence and this has given strength to our campaign work. Frankly, it is entirely wrong to suggest that spending on schools is much higher than in other comparable countries, when spending on tuition fees and independent (private) schools are included. This adds billions of pounds to headline data and is simply an unacceptable defense of real term cuts.

Parents have also asked how they can support the drive for improved funding. In light of this we are able to let you know that parent groups will be lobbying parliament and there will also be a national day of parental action on 19<sup>th</sup> October. For more information please use the hashtag **#parentsteachersunite** on Twitter or Facebook.

We would again like to thank you for your support and confirm that our campaign will remain reasonable and determined with a single goal of ensuring that every school and pupil receives a much better deal in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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