

NEWSLETTER

January 30th 2017

Dear Parents,

SCHOOL FUNDING

I am sure some of you have seen that the Government plan to cut school budgets from 2019 onwards. I understand, also, that information relating to this has been placed on Colne Talk and this shows West Street losing a large percentage of our budget.

I would just like to clarify the situation as far as I currently can. The figures given are **not definite** and are for illustrative purposes only. I have another set of figures which show a **MUCH** lower loss. I also suspect that a mistake has been made in the case of West Street's listing which shows a much higher loss than other comparable schools.

It is the case that the Government are proposing cuts to Education which, if they go ahead, will have an impact on the majority of schools. The proposed funding formula does not take account of increased national costs such as inflation. However we are still in the consultation period which runs until March. I would **strongly urge** parents to respond and this can be best done via our local MP Andrew Stephenson, by putting your views in writing, or online.

Our Chair of Governors, Sandra Simpson, and myself will be attending meetings regarding the situation and will keep parents informed. I would like to reassure you that we are a **GOOD** school with outstanding and exceptional aspects and that the progress our children make puts West Street in the top 25% of schools nationally. We will make appropriate plans to ensure what we provide for your children remains the best it can be!

If you have any queries please come and ask.

Many thanks,

Mrs Burtoft