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Dear Parents/Carers and Staff,

Re. Fair Funding for All Schools

As you may know meetings of the parent led campaign, 'Fair Funding for All Schools', have been held locally at both Rhodes Avenue Primary School and, more recently, at Coleridge Primary School.

These meetings have been well attended and guest speakers have included Kevin Courtenay, NUT General Secretary; Claire Kober, Haringey Council Leader; Haringey MP Catherine West; Madeline Holt, parent campaigner from 'Rescue Our Schools' campaign and Jo Yurky who is running the Fair Funding For All Schools campaign.

The Key Facts:

This website has been signposted: www.schoolcuts.org.uk

Unless the Government allocates more money schools will lose £3 billion in cuts by 2020.

- 1) 98% of schools will have per-pupil funding cuts
- 2) The average cut to primary schools is £87,117
- 3) The average loss per primary pupil is £339

This website uses figures from the government and the National Audit Office.

Schools are facing increased costs from higher national insurance, pension contributions, staff salary costs, the apprenticeship levy and inflation which means real term cuts for schools. In addition to this, all schools face much tougher attainment targets at Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 whilst having less money to meet these higher demands.

How will this impact on Muswell Hill Primary School?

- 1) By using the new national funding formula and not increasing per pupil funding in line with inflation, the school's budget will be reduced by an estimated £191,926 by 2019.
- 2) Muswell Hill Primary will lose £462 per pupil.
- 3) A reduction of £191,926 is the estimated cost of 4 teachers.

What can we do?

- 1) There is a live consultation that closes on 22.3.17 and we encourage the entire Muswell Hill Primary School community to have their say at: <https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>. There is a guide to help you to complete the consultation response. You can access the Fair Funding For All Schools consultation guide here: <http://www.fairfundingforallschools.org/fair-funding-for-all-schools-act-now.html>

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- 2) Please visit the Fair Funding For All Facebook page to keep updated and follow @fairfundschoools on twitter. Please also see the website: www.fairfundingforallschools.org
- 3) If you would like to further support MHPS, please consider making regular contributions to our Learning Enhancement Fund. To make a donation to Muswell Hill Primary School visit <https://www.parentpay.com/> The Learning Enhancement Fund has now raised in excess of £5,500. So far we have been able to purchase printers for each classroom to enhance the way that we mark your children's books and buy curriculum resources to help all of our children. We have communicated more about the way that we have spent some of the money raised, as promised in our Newsletters: http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Newsletter-Number-3-December-2016_opt.pdf
- 4) Supporting the Staff Parent Association (SPA) events is a huge help to the school. The SPA have raised money for all manner of resources to help our children. This includes individual class budgets, a set of 30 iPads, improvements to the Early Years Playground and the Key Stage 1 and 2 play spaces and much, much more!

You could also write to your local MP and/or the following:

Nick Gibb - Minister of State for Schools: gibbn@parliament.uk

Justine Greening – Secretary of State for Education: greeningj@parliament.uk

Philip Hammond – Chancellor of the Exchequer: hammondp@parliament.uk

Theresa May – Prime Minister: mayt@parliament.uk

Forward planning – have your say at Muswell Hill Primary:

The Headteacher and Governing Body are interested in your opinion. As the end of the financial year approaches and a new budget is due to be set, please take a moment to complete the following questionnaire. This should only take 5 minutes to complete. At Muswell Hill Primary School, we work hard to ensure the school is financially soundly run, despite historic underfunding in comparison to other Haringey schools, and we are proud that our 2016 external audit shows no areas for improvement. We welcome and value the views of staff, parents and carers and hope you will take the time to complete the questionnaire.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/mhps17>

The password is: muswell17

The survey will close automatically on Tuesday 7th March at 6pm.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher and the Governing Body at Muswell Hill Primary School



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