

A letter to all parents and carers from Camden Headteachers

School funding

We are Headteachers in Camden. Our schools serve very diverse communities and one thing we all have in common is our determination to provide every child with the best possible education.

Over the last few years, this ambition has become more and more difficult to achieve.

We are struggling to make the money we get cover the costs of running our schools the way we want to. Every year our bills go up but our income does not increase at the same rate, and in some cases decreases.

In order to ensure that our schools do not go into debt, we have to make savings. All of us have had to reduce the amount we spend on staff and resources. This often means that children are not able to access the kind of learning opportunities that they need and deserve.

Our staff teams are our most important resource and paying them is, quite rightly, the largest cost. Many of us have had to stop recruiting new staff, and in some cases schools have had to make staff redundant simply to balance our budgets.

The situation does not look like it's going to get any better. All our staff and governors will continue to do everything we can to ensure that children do not suffer as a result of the financial situation.

We are writing to you to let you know that we need your support. We are not asking you for donations, although our PTAs are vital in helping us financially. We are simply asking, as we continue to struggle on, for your understanding, patience and support.

Please write to your MP, local councillor and local newspapers and tell them how much you value your children's education.

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