



## ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher  
Mrs H Brown

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Dear Parents / Carers

Over the last few weeks you may have seen press coverage and activity on social media regarding the new national funding formula currently undergoing consultation. Simply put, the current proposals will see a significant reduction in funding not only for St Anne's but for the vast majority of Cheshire East Schools.

Currently at St Anne's we have a deficit of approximately £25,000 per annum. Only with the implementation of some short term cost saving initiatives and the generous support of FOSA, we have managed to balance the budget for this year and next. However the new formula would reduce the budget by another £24,500 per year from 2019. This would leave the school short of funds by approximately £50,000. Hence there would be no choice but to implement cuts in the basic education provided. The same picture would be seen across almost 100% of schools in Cheshire East.

Cheshire East has always been one of the lowest funded local authorities and the current proposals will mean that we will now become the lowest funded in England. The formula in essence does not allow us to provide for the level of basic education that our children receive today

We would urge you as parents and carers to respond to the consultation by 22 March; the more people that do, the greater the chance our voice will be heard. The consultation can be found by searching on Schools Funding Consultation and then selecting Schools National Funding Formula Stage Two.

The document is not the easiest to follow or comment on, but only the first 4 questions need to be completed in order that your response is considered. Additionally you can also write to the Minister of State at the Department for Education :

Rt Hon Nick Gibb  
Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3BT

Our children deserve the best education; the government proposal for children in Cheshire East, including St Anne's will not allow us to deliver on this commitment.

Yours faithfully

Aaron Baxter  
On behalf of the Governing Board of St Anne's