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Dear Parents

You may be aware that over the last 5 years the budgets for schools, despite what has been said in the press, have been drastically cut in real terms. Recently the Government changed the funding formula for schools and the impact of this is quite monumental for schools in our area, particularly our school.

It was reported in the Chester Chronicle on Thursday last week that our school suddenly faces a debt of in the region of £91,000 simply as schools are being funded differently. The impact of that on our school will have far reaching consequences and we will be exploring this over the next few months at Governing Body level before sharing with you any changes that may need to be made.

In the meantime, to try to ensure that our children do not suffer, there are many small ways that you can help us, which are listed below:

- Please make sure that all school lunches are paid for in advance and that you do not have an outstanding bill. School lunches can be paid using our online cashless system, www.scopay.com.
- If you feel that paying for school meals may be an issue for you then please come into school as soon as possible to discuss a payment plan.
- Please make sure that all nursery fees are paid for within 14-days from the date of invoice and that you do not have an outstanding bill. If you feel that paying for nursery fees may be an issue for you then please come into school as soon as possible to discuss a payment plan.
- Please make sure that if you wish your child to access a trip or a visit then you pay the contribution to it.

Please make sure that you sign up for our email service so that we can email rather than send out letters. If you are not sure if you have provided an email address or if your email address has changed, please get in touch with the school office to update your records.



If you would like to write to our local MP, Justine Madders, at the Houses of Parliament then please feel free to do so. I have already written to him, as have many other Headteachers.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Kind Regards,

Victoria Carr
Headteacher

