



**Harrytown Catholic High School**

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Dear Parents and Carers

You may have seen the information on our website recently, and in the news, about school funding. If you would like to see what is happening to school funding please take a look at the link below. The information comes from official statistics released by the House of Commons Library.

Based upon Harrytown Catholic High School pupil numbers, we have seen a loss of funding for our children of over £227,155.00 in real terms since September 2014.

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/social-policy/education/schools/constituency-data-schools-funding/>

In addition, if you haven't already signed the petition on school funding I would respectfully urge you to look at it. There are boroughs across the country with over 2000 signatures - Stockport just over 400 (300+ from Hazel Grove constituency, 56 Stockport, 45 Cheadle and 20 Denton/Reddish). Can we share it and make a difference? If the petition raises 100,000 names then it could be debated in Parliament.

Encouragingly, the number for Hazel Grove (which is the constituency where our school is situated) has rapidly increased since a funding meeting which took place at a partner local high school last Thursday evening. The link below is what you need to make a response.  
<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/232220>

Please feel free to pass this information on.

There is nothing fair nor equitable about the way funding is allocated to local authority areas across the country and, Stockport has been poorly funded for more than the last two decades when compared with other boroughs regionally and nationally.

The recent announcement, made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his budget, that he was awarding some money to schools to buy 'those little extras', is further evidence that there is little understanding about how austerity has negatively impacted our public services. Those little extras presumably being buildings and teachers because that is what schools are spending their money on maintaining. The North West is particularly badly impacted by these funding cuts to local authorities and Stockport is amongst the least well-funded within our region.

Silence will be interpreted by the politicians as consent, so I would ask that we all act together and collectively make some noise!

Yours sincerely

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*'I have come that they have life, and have it to the full' John 10:10*