

NOTICE OF MOTION COUNCIL 21ST NOVEMBER 2018

Merton Council notes that as a result of the ongoing cuts by the Government, Merton schools:

- Must bear the brunt of unfunded National Insurance increases
- Will suffer inadequate High Needs Block Funding, leaving our most vulnerable pupils without the support they need

Despite this context of cuts, Council notes:

- That 91% of Merton's schools have been rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted, and results continue to improve.

Council regards:

- The Chancellor's Budget announcement for £400 million for schools to spend on 'little extras' as insufficient compared to the £2.5 billion that has been cut since 2015. Furthermore, the £400 million is a one off payment so does not deal with the long term funding crisis in schools.

The Government's treatment of state education undermines the efforts of teachers, support staff, students and parents across the UK who work hard to maintain high standards. Therefore, Merton Council resolves:

- To join other councils in resisting the Government's ongoing cuts to school budgets and call for more funding to be invested in education
- To call on the Government to fully fund the pay increase for teachers that is independently recommended by the School Teachers' Review Body

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