



FARNBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing because Farnborough Primary School needs your support.

Over a large number of years Bromley has closed its education services for children with complex needs and over this time it has been paying more and more money to neighbouring authorities and private providers to support these children with complex needs. Due in part to these increasing costs, Bromley are now forecasting a deficit next year in their High Needs budget, which funds these places.

The local authority has made an application to the Secretary of State to remove £1 million of funding from Bromley mainstream primary school budgets. The aim of this application is to use this £1 million from primary schools to prop up the High Needs budget.

All Bromley schools will be severely affected by this. I am writing because, if this application is approved, it means Farnborough Primary School will lose another £9,521. At a time where, the government has already significantly cut school budgets we simply cannot afford any more cuts.

Whilst we recognise the importance of funding the High Needs provision, removing £1 million of funding from mainstream school is very short-sighted because it will reduce the capacity of schools to be able to support children with needs and therefore further increase the number of children likely to need support from high needs providers. As I'm sure many of you are very aware, Farnborough has already had to make significant cuts across many areas within the school; particularly with regards to staffing. We are asking the local authority to find another solution to this problem and consider using their £104 million reserves.

Headteachers in Bromley Primary Schools have been lobbying the council about this issue, though there appears little impact from this. This is why your support is needed.

If this application is approved, Councillors will discuss whether to move forward with this transfer at a meeting at the Civic Centre on Wednesday 13th February (7pm). Parents are welcome to attend this meeting to show their opinion.

We are writing to you because your Councillors are now the only people who can make a difference.

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Please contact your local Councillor (email address below) and Cllr Peter Fortune to express your opinion about this issue. The local press have been contacted and you may wish to contact them also or use social media to present your views. Contact details are below:

Cllr Peter Fortune	Peter.Fortune@bromley.gov.uk	07834 418 221
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It is very rarely that a school would contact parents in this manner and this is an indication of the level of concern that this application to transfer £1 million is causing. Please make your voice heard to help us stop this from happening.

Thank you in advance.

Angela James

Head Teacher

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