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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware that the Governing board recently requested a meeting with our local MP Geoffrey Cox QC, our local Devon County Councillor Debo Sellis and the DCC Councillor with responsibility for schools Cllr James McInnes, to discuss the issue of school funding.

We felt that with education funding under pressure across Devon, we couldn't just sit back and accept. We felt a duty to raise this issue directly with those that could have some influence on changing the current situation.

A group of governors and members of the leadership team met with the politicians on Friday morning last week to raise your questions and concerns and we are happy to report it was a very positive meeting. They all acknowledged that they were beginning to see that in Devon the new funding formula (which is set nationally) was not working for some schools- in particular smaller secondaries and larger primaries such as our school.

All three were extremely sympathetic of our position and though they couldn't offer any immediate solutions in the short term, Mr Cox agreed to take a case study of our school directly to Westminster to highlight the issues we face and lobby, on our behalf, for an adjustment to the formula.

Though this is not an overnight solution, we all felt very positive and were buoyed by their interest and commitment to supporting the school through the current financial climate.

We will of course keep you updated of any developments. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter or would like us to raise an issue directly to Mr Cox or the DCC councillors on your behalf please let us know via the school office.

With best wishes,

Caroline Down
Chair

On behalf of TCPNS Board of Governors.