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Dear Parents and Carers

Attached is a letter sent today to Jeremy Quin, MP for Horsham, setting out the unanimous views of all the headteachers in West Sussex. Yesterday's budget and recent announcements on funding have caused continuing concern about the future of our schools and the consequences of chronic under-funding.

Many of you will have seen the report on the front page of The Guardian yesterday when the letter I wrote to you previously was quoted. Heads are asking parents to write and to get involved because, as I have said before, they may listen to you – the voters – rather than us – the professionals.

The government continue to plough money into free schools, academisation and now grammar schools. I believe passionately that ALL schools should be fairly funded and fully inclusive – it is wrong, in my view, to target certain groups of children to the detriment of others.

Jeremy Quin has been a great supporter of schools and Horsham heads all appreciate the commitment he has shown. The attached letter is to pressure the government to listen to its own MPs, its parents and families to make sure that we invest in the future generation – what greater priority could there be?

Yours sincerely

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