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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the letter I sent out to you on Thursday on behalf of Headteachers across the country, I am asking you to join us on Wednesday 4th October at 3.20pm to join hands with your children and the staff to see if we can encircle the whole school to show our opposition to the swingeing cuts and lack of proper and fair funding for our schools, despite recent announcements.

In West Sussex, 225 of the 264 schools will face funding cuts totalling £10.3 million, equal to 226 teachers in our schools. The discrepancies that remain despite the new funding formula result in the postcode lottery of funding continuing for years to come. A school in Hackney, with the same number of pupils, would have £1 million more in its budget than Billingshurst Primary School. The schools of West Sussex are amongst the least funded in the country and yet they face significant cuts into the future.

Help us to safeguard spending on schools and ensuring the vital investment in your children's futures. Take 10 minutes at the end of the day to join us in holding hands round the school – super hero costume is optional!

We will be joining schools across West Sussex, Brighton, London, Birmingham, Manchester, Devon, Lancashire and the Isle of Wight.

Please be aware that we will be taking photos to publicise the event so please make us aware if you do not want your child photographed.

I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday – I think we can get all the way round the school if everybody joins in!

Yours sincerely

Helen Williamson
Headteacher

