

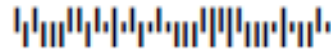


RT. HON. GAVIN WILLIAMSON MP



FAIRER FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

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- Each pupil in South Staffordshire currently receives £515.75 less than a pupil in Wolverhampton
- Our pupils deserve fairer funding
- Sign Gavin's petition to back the introduction of a new National Funding Formula for our students

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Dear Resident,

As your Member of Parliament a key priority of mine is campaigning for fairer funding for schools in South Staffordshire. Our schools in South Staffordshire currently receive some of the lowest levels of funding per pupil in England. This is wrong and I have campaigned extensively for changes to the way funding is allocated.

Schools in South Staffordshire receive less funding per pupil than schools in neighbouring areas like Wolverhampton, Walsall and Dudley. In my view this lacks rationale and is blatantly unfair. I support schools with a higher number of pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds gaining additional funding to help bridge the attainment gap, but this should not be done merely on the basis of postcode.

On average the ten best funded areas in the country received grants of £6,300 per pupil this year, compared with an average of just £4,200 per pupil in the ten most poorly funded areas. Pupils in South Staffordshire received £4,303.71 per pupil compared to Wolverhampton where pupils received £4,819.46.

I want to see a simpler funding formula whereby pupils in South Staffordshire receive their fair share of investment. Every pupil in South Staffordshire is entitled to the same amount of time and attention from their teachers as pupils in Wolverhampton, Walsall or Dudley. Every pupil should have access to the full national curriculum, extra-curricular activities, up to date resources and equipment along with additional support for special needs.

I have personally raised these concerns with the Secretary of State for Education and with the Schools Minister. By working together with other MPs we have secured a vital review into how education is funded, which will be taking place this autumn.

To strengthen our case I'm asking my constituents to sign this petition supporting the campaign. This is a huge onetime opportunity to bring about a real change and will bring positive benefits to our children's education. I hope that you will be able to join me in fighting for it.

Yours faithfully,

Gavin Williamson

Rt. Hon. Gavin Williamson MP
Conservative Member of Parliament for South Staffordshire

**RT. HON. GAVIN WILLIAMSON MP'S PETITION:
SCHOOL FUNDING MODEL**

To the House of Commons.

The Petition of residents of South Staffordshire,

Declares that the Petitioners believe the existing school funding model in England is arbitrary and unfair; further declares that the ten best funded areas of England have, on average, received grants of £6,300 per pupil this year, compared to an average of £4,200 per pupil in the ten most poorly funded areas of England; and further declares that the petitioners welcome the Government's commitment to introduce fairer school funding.

The Petitioners therefore request that the House of Commons supports the earliest possible introduction of a new National Funding Formula for schools in England.

And the Petitioners remain, etc.

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