



To all Headteachers in f40 authorities.
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Dear Headteacher

School, Early Years and 14-16 Funding consultation

The Government is currently undertaking a review of the funding of education and the outcome will determine the level and style of funding of our schools and the education of our children at least through to 2011.

There is a very brief window of opportunity for the submission of views and comments. The consultation ends on Friday 1 June 2007.

With this in mind the f40 Group has prepared its own submission, which it is now offering as a model response to all of its members and supporters so that they can use the contents as a base for their own submission.

We are hoping that Headteachers will assist f40 in several ways:

- Use the submission as a starting point for your own school submission made in conjunction with your Governors and staff
- Circulate the attached template letter to parents to encourage them to make their views known to the Government.

It would be best for schools not to simply copy f40's text word for word, but rather take the general principles and present them in their own way, adding any additional points that you wish to make.

Here's a reminder of why f40 believes the current system is unfair:

- The size of the funding gap between the higher and lower funded authorities is too wide
- The poorest funded authorities have fallen further behind over the years
- The method of allocating deprivation funding strongly favours cities and does not recognise pockets of deprivation elsewhere
- No account is given to the impact of pupils moving across authority boundaries to attend school
- Capital allocations follow the same pattern as revenue – 'a double whammy'
- There's a lack of joined up funding to support an increasingly joined up Children's Services agenda.

You can make a submission to the Government in writing (don't forget it must be done by Friday 1 June) to:

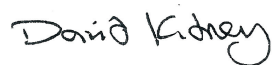
Department for Education and Skills
Consultation Unit
Area 1A
Castle View House
East lane
Runcorn
Cheshire WA7 2GJ

Alternatively you, individual Governors and parents can make an electronic submission by going to www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations/ and completing the consultation questionnaire.

Either way, it is crucially important that as many organisations and people as possible make their views known. This is the best opportunity in the foreseeable future to influence change and achieve necessary adjustments to the funding formula that will favour the poorest funded authorities and schools.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Kidney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a loop at the end of the last name.

David Kidney MP
Chair of the f40 Group