

Dear

I am writing to you as Chair of the York Schools' Forum on behalf of the education community in York, (section to be added in here dependent on the outcome of the election)

York local authority is a relatively small authority compared to many of our neighbours, but we are passionate about the pivotal role education plays in meeting York's ambition and vision to be 'One city for all'.

Overall outcomes are strong for children in York but we are not complacent and are working together to improve these further. In particular, we are focused on the outcomes our disadvantaged young people achieve. This work is vitally important in giving our most vulnerable young residents the power of choice in their future.

Our ambition for these young people is at the heart of our work in York. We have further developed the pastoral care that is available in schools to meet the growing and sustained Social, Emotional and Mental health needs that many young people face, developed well planned and appropriately challenging curriculums with a focus on breadth and appropriate qualifications and worked together collaboratively to secure educational provision that supports young people who need the most intensive support to access education successfully. Whilst we can see the positive impacts of this work its scope is significantly hampered by the low levels of funding the city receives and the dilapidated state of many of the buildings in the education sector in York. Until this is addressed we will always be disadvantaged in trying to meet the needs of our most vulnerable young people and the future adults and parents/ carers of our City.

The low levels of funding we experience is across primary, secondary and post 16 sectors:

- York's primary school funding is **5th** lowest out of 151 Local Authorities. Primary schools receive funding of £4,842 per pupil, compared to a national average of £5,216 per pupil.
- York's secondary school funding is **2nd** lowest of the 151 Local Authorities. Secondary schools receive funding of £6,187 per pupil, compared to a national average of £6,756 per pupil.
- Post 16 funding for York (detail to be added in)

Our calculations show that if schools received even just the national average levels of funding for schools this would equate to an extra

1. £4.8 million per year for primary schools. This would be equivalent to an average of an extra £96,000 per primary school

2. £5.6 million per year for secondary schools. This would be equivalent to an average of an extra £622,000 per secondary school
3. Post 16 funding (detail to be added in).

The outcome of the recent General Election presents an opportunity for you to make a significant difference to how equitable funding for schools is across the country. This feels like a pivotal moment, where a significant difference could be made to the educational provision and the support that children of York experience. I hope that you can make this a priority for the Government so that they deliver on their promise (insert dependent on outcome of election)

Yours sincerely

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