

Dear Parent/Carer,

We write to you together as the school leaders of Denbighshire. We need to share, with you, the future that we know that we will face driven by our financial pressures.

All schools in Denbighshire are being forced to have to make extreme financial cuts. All of us will be faced with the impossible decision of what we will have to stop delivering and offering for our children.

Every single child will be affected. Cuts to our budgets mean that our children will receive less support, less provision and fewer opportunities, and we have no choice but to do this; there is simply no money for us to carry on.

Our entire aim is for our children to be happy, achieving and reaching their full potential. We entered this profession to change and improve lives; we're in a situation where we know that cuts to provision will negatively impact our children's present and future. We don't just teach; we help, we rescue, we support, and we nurture- and so much of this is non-statutory, meaning this 'wider support' could be lost. The incredible people and provision who make our schools work and our children thrive are at risk of being lost.

We are lucky to work in Denbighshire. Our local authority has done everything it can to protect our budgets and our children, but they simply can't do enough; they have no additional funds to give to our schools. They have been put in an impossible position, and we feel we cannot continue to stand by and allow this to happen.

Our children will lose:

- their pastoral care
- their well-being support
- their behaviour support
- their mental health support
- their learning support
- access to enriching extra-curricular activities and opportunities

Our children- your children- are our priority, and we will fight with everything we have to protect the services we know they need. Schools have already had to become front-line services after the cuts to social care, health care and the societal impact of the pandemic.

Please help us challenge this. Please see the contacts at the end of this letter.

We thank you in advance for your support and standing with us.

**The Headteachers of Denbighshire**

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Help us to protect the services our children need and deserve.