



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

During December 2017 you will have seen a letter from the headteacher and governors advising you of the cut in funding that the school will receive in 2018 and the following three years.

As we have already advised you, the proposed changes in funding will see a considerable amount of money taken from our income over this period.

Both the governors and headteacher are working hard to ensure that the impact of the proposed cuts have a minimal effect on the day to day running of the school.

Please be advised that no final decisions have been made as to how we will manage and mitigate the effect, but it is important that you are assured as parents and guardians that all options open to the school are being explored.

The headteacher along with the school administrative staff have worked incredibly hard in modelling different scenarios and budgets to help make the necessary decisions on a way forward.

There is some positive news in that careful management of the school budget means that a small surplus will be seen at the end of 2017/18 rather than the expected deficit.

The school have also been advised of the likely funding for 2018/19 which will be higher than expected with the result that for the next financial year with careful management we have some stability in our finances.

Until the full impact of the proposed funding changes are fully understood for the next three year period, the headteacher and governors do not want to make any rushed decisions that could in the long term adversely affect the running of the school.

As information becomes available to us, we will endeavour to keep you informed of any actions that may be taken.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you that have offered support to the school, both in financial and practical ways, we will no doubt want to talk with you further.

Governors and the headteacher would like to assure you that whilst the finances of the school provide us with a challenge, the commitment to providing your child with the very best education is and will be at the very centre of all our proposals and plan for the future.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe and members of the Governing Board