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Dear Parents

School Funding

You may have seen a number of stories in the press around school funding. There have been worrying headlines and we felt it important that we let you know, as far as we are able at this stage, how this will affect our school.

School budgets across the country have been under pressure for some time. The governors at All Saints have been grappling with the funding challenges, leading to a number of tough decisions being made, for example ceasing musical instrument teaching for children in Y3 and Y4.

Our school is not alone. The National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) has shown that more than half of school leaders felt that their budget would be untenable by 2018/19. The National Audit Office estimate a £3 billion real terms cut across all phases and in all schools. This doesn't just affect us.

The recent headlines have been caused by a proposed new funding formula for schools, designed to create a fairer allocation and although Staffordshire will benefit from better funding and All Saints will see a positive change, it is not bringing the benefits that we had hoped to see with the increasing costs placed onto all schools. The School Cuts website, analysing DfE data, projects that schools in our local authority will lose £34,053,091 by 2019 or £317 per pupil in total. For more information please see www.schoolcuts.org.uk

We will work hard to ensure that cuts have the least impact on teaching possible. However, rising costs and a frozen budget mean that tough decisions will have to be taken. We cannot guarantee that such cuts will not impact on teaching, despite doing our utmost to prevent this.

Please be assured that we will, as always, take the utmost care with budgets, to ensure all the money we have is spent effectively on your children. We are also letting the local authority and government know just how serious the funding crisis has become.

Kind regards

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Chair of Governing Board

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