



**ST.VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
MANOR PARK SOUTH, KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE WA16 8AL

*“It is the mission of this Catholic School to enable our children to become aware of the world that God has given them and to recognise their vocation and responsibilities within it”*

8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, national government is consulting on proposals for changes to school funding that will result in a £9.3 million reduction to funding for education across Cheshire East, with 131 out of 146 schools seeing a reduction in funding.

Based on the current proposals our school will have an estimated reduction in the school’s annual budget of approximately £80,140 by 2019, which equates to 2.6 %. This is equivalent to a loss of £385 for every pupil. This would be a significant reduction and would impact greatly upon us, as every penny of our budget is already accounted for. Therefore, we are asking for your support in asking the government to reconsider the proposed changes to school funding.

1. Please click on the link below and sign the petition asking the government to reconsider the National Funding Formula.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/182705>

All schools in Cheshire East are currently working together, with the full support of the local authority, to challenge these proposals. A delegation has met with the Minister, Nick Gibb MP who has given a commitment to consider the minimum level of funding required to deliver a good education and consider some historic anomalies which have resulted in this potential reduction in funding.

2. I recognise that many of you might want to respond to the government’s consultation. It is available at <https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>. You have until 22 March 2017 to respond.

All schools and the local authority are committed to ensure children in Cheshire East have the same opportunities as children in similar schools and local authorities across the country.

3. I would urge you to write to your local conservative councillors asking them for their support. Their contact details can be found at:

[www.knutsfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.knutsfordtowncouncil.gov.uk)

I appreciate your support and understanding on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G. Davies  
Acting Head Teacher