

## **Press Release**

### **New National Funding Formula Announcement – 17 July 2017**

Headteachers across 17 counties and beyond who have been involved in the school funding campaign are beginning to digest Justine Greening's announcement.

As ever, it will be vital to examine the precise details carefully. Crucially, schools and families need to know what the announcement means in real terms for every pupil in our care. Only when any additional school funding is set against rising pupil numbers and inflationary costs will we know how our school budgets are being really affected by this announcement.

We are, however, pleased that after two years of campaigning the government finally appears to be listening to the legitimate concerns that have been raised. Any additional funding is welcome, as is the decision to review the efficiency of the Free Schools programme. Whilst many schools already operate at the optimum, any national procurement programmes that help to reduce cost will also be supported.

After a considerable wait, Headteachers will remain concerned that the new National Funding Formula is still not ready to be fully implemented and this continues to leave schools in an uncertain position. We will continue to inform families about how their children's schools are being funded both now and in the future. Until we are convinced that all schools are adequately funded our joint campaign will continue.