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Dear Mr White,

SCHOOL FUNDING

1. Thank you for your letter of the 14 November to the Chancellor of the Exchequer regarding school funding. I am replying as a Treasury Minister.
2. The Government has continued to protect the schools budget, even as we continue to repair the public finances. As a result, the core schools budget is at a record high this year, standing at almost £41bn.
3. In July, the Education Secretary confirmed £1.3bn in additional funding for schools over the next two years. This will support the introduction of the National Funding Formula from April 2018. As a result of this investment, core funding for schools will rise from almost £41 billion in 2017-18 to £42.4 billion in 2018-19 and then £43.5 billion in 2019-20 - a £2.6bn increase in cash terms, enabling overall pupil funding to be maintained in real terms for the next two years.
4. For the first time, under the national funding formula the specific characteristics of every school and pupil will be used to determine the distribution of funding for schools. With such a significant reform, it has been important to ensure that there is stability for schools, as well as fairness.
5. Every school will gain in cash terms under the National Funding Formula, with some schools receiving increases of three per cent per pupil in 2018-19 and 2019-20, to provide a foundation for continued improvement in every part of the country.



6. The Government wants the brightest and best teachers working in our schools and that is why we are investing more than £200 million this year to attract the best into teaching. There are also more teachers in schools in England than ever before, 15,500 more than in 2010.

Thank you again for your letter.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Truss'.

RT HON ELIZABETH TRUSS MP