

# Waverley School



## Our vision

Challenging expectations and sharing success

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Dear parent/carer,

You may have read recent news reports about upcoming changes to the way schools are funded, and been interested in how these changes may affect your child and our school. I am writing to explain the expected financial situation.

### The funding situation

The government has confirmed its plans to change the way funding for pupils with more complex or severe special educational needs ('high needs') is allocated from April 2018. This is in order to base funding decisions on a more up-to-date assessment of need in each area, rather than on past spending patterns.

We don't yet know exactly how funding for Waverley School will be affected. However, we expect that there will be a reduction in our ability to offer as many trips, visiting musicians. We may need to make changes to staffing structures. Our resources are limited and future building works will currently be reduced.

All schools are still facing rising costs due to, among other things, increases in the National Insurance and pension contributions that we have to make for staff. Inflation also means that the price of resources and services that we buy is rising, and the funding we receive is not adjusted to account for this.

On a national level, pupil numbers are rising, and the number of children with education, health and care (EHC) plans or statements of special educational needs is increasing in line with this. This means that special schools like ours may need to cater for more pupils each year.

### How we are responding

We, like many other schools, are thinking carefully about how we can continue to provide your child with an excellent education in a sustainable way.

For example, we are planning to: fund raise for the development of our playground and ask for more donations towards outing etc.

If you would like more information about the reasons behind the new high needs funding formula and what the proposals were, you may like to read the following post by the Council for Disabled Children:

### High needs funding – what does it really mean? Council for Disabled Children

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/news-opinion/news/high-needs-funding-what-does-it-really-mean>

If you have any specific questions or concerns about the points mentioned in this letter, please contact [*insert name of relevant staff member and contact details*].

Yours faithfully,

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