



The Arnewood School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: School Funding and Staffing

You may be aware of recent media interest in the school's consultation with staff on potential redundancy.

The school's governors have regrettably taken this course of action as a last resort owing to constraints placed on school funding nationally. Schools are not allowed to run long-term deficits and unfortunately the only solution left open to us is staff cuts, as staffing is the largest area of school expenditure.

We are working towards making these job losses through natural wastage or voluntary redundancies. However, and very regrettably, compulsory redundancies might be necessary if we cannot achieve that. These will be in support staff rather than teaching roles for the main part, as we seek to maintain a broad and balanced curriculum.

Despite the financial pressures facing us we have maintained high standards and the school was recently rated Good by Ofsted. Our Sixth Form is Outstanding.

The school has successfully bid for additional central funding which has helped refurbish school buildings and significantly improve the school environment. This money cannot be diverted for other purposes as awarded for capital building projects.

Our priority as always is to provide the best possible education for our children in what are extremely testing financial times - not just for us but all schools. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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