

Education

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Government spending cuts mean

- class sizes up
- less individual attention for children
- fewer subject choices for your child
- teachers and support staff being cut or not replaced



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Biggest education cuts in a generation

Schools are already under severe financial strain. This is going to worsen, with the respected Institute for Fiscal Studies confirming that the biggest real terms cuts to per pupil funding in a generation, are on the way.

Government is increasing schools costs

George Osborne says he is protecting education. This isn't true. In reality he is FREEZING the cash per pupil he gives TO schools whilst INCREASING what he takes FROM them. He has increased national insurance and pension contributions by about 5% of the teacher pay bill. **For every 20 teachers the school employs it has to give George Osborne back an extra teacher's salary.** There are similar costs on the support staff budget. These increased costs, directly from the Government, are leading to big cuts affecting your children.

Schools cutting back on childrens' education

Schools have had to cut staff to balance their books. In a recent NUT school leaders' survey, 70% of

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heads said that lack of funding was affecting education standards in their schools: class sizes up and less individual attention for children, resulting in fewer subject choices for your child.

Wrong priorities – £1.3bn on lawyers' fees

Any responsible government would do everything it could to protect funding for the quality education our children deserve. But this Government is instead ploughing ahead with their costly plans to make every school an academy. Labour estimates this will cost £1.3 billion – mainly spent on lawyers' fees, and none of it spent on your children's education.

A distraction for heads and teachers

The Government also wants to break up the national system of pay and conditions for teachers. Under this plan head teachers will be diverted from focusing upon teaching and learning and will instead, have to spend a big chunk of their time negotiating pay rates with teachers. There will be many more local disputes and an ever-increasing teacher shortage.

Please show your support

Write to your MP asking them to protect funding for schools and your child's education, to give schools the money they need for extra costs and not waste resources on lawyers' fees for academy conversions.

The National Union of Teachers thinks the Government has the wrong priorities for education.

Thousands of teachers have taken the difficult decision to take strike action. Teachers don't want to strike but they feel they have no alternative in trying to persuade the Government of the need for investment in education, rather than hurtful cuts.

Visit www.teachers.org.uk to find out more about the NUT's campaign for investment in education.

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