16th May 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I am writing to inform you of the measures the school has had to take to address the budget deficit the school is facing. Schools nationally are facing a funding crisis and this school is no exception. I have written to you before to inform you that this school has to reduce expenditure by around £700000 by the end of the financial year 2018-19.

In order to reduce costs the following measures are being taken:

* The school will not recruit post 16 students next year and will close the Sixth Form from 31st August 2018.
* Ten members of staff will leave the school at the end of this academic year and will not be replaced.
* There will be further reductions in staffing at the end of the following year.
* There have been reductions in the amount of money that will be available for books and resources and for repairs to the buildings.
* The number of courses available to study in Key Stage 4 has been reduced.
* Class sizes in Key Stage 4 will increase.
* Teachers will teach more lessons next year, which means they will have less time for marking, planning and preparation of lessons.

I know that the staff will do their best to minimise the impact of cuts on provision and quality for students but there is no doubt that these changes will have a detrimental effect on the ability of the school to deliver the highest quality of education.

I know that the content of this letter will be a concern to you, however the steps we are taking are essential given the funding the school receives and will, in time, put the school on a firmer financial footing, though with reduced provision.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Wood

Headteacher