

### Background and Context

In a recent letter from Mr Dowler, Headteacher and Mrs Ratcliffe and Mr O'Neill from the Governing Body, the school advised all parents that the government is currently consulting on a new national funding formula which will come into effect from April 2018.

In its current form the formula will have a negative impact on the funding provided to Helsby High School which will undoubtedly make it difficult for the school to continue to provide our students with the quality of education they currently enjoy.

It is within this context that we, as parent governors of the school, urge you to consider contributing to the consultation before it closes on **March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017**.

### The consultation document

The consultation document is complex, even for those familiar with how the funding formula works, however you do not need to contribute to all 18 questions. You can answer as many or as few as you wish as long as you click on the **submit** button at the end.

If you do not wish to answer every question there are some which we feel are critical for the future funding of our school. **We believe that any new formula should increase the basic per-pupil funding element by reducing the proposed share for various additional needs.** It is the proposed reduction in basic per-pupil entitlement which will impact on Helsby High School the most.

If you agree that the basic per-pupil funding should not be reduced then questions **1, 4, 5** and **7** are the key questions to respond to and we would like to encourage parents to answer them and make their views known.

To access the consultation before the deadline of **March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017** please go to the link [online here](#)

For further advice please contact Matt Vickers, School Business Manager, at [mvickers@helsbyhigh.org.uk](mailto:mvickers@helsbyhigh.org.uk) or 01928 728345.

Thank you for your continued support.

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