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Dear Parents

School Funding Update

You may have recently seen various press reports and news articles about the pressure schools are currently facing regarding funding.

As you may recall, I wrote to you last year highlighting our own funding challenges and unfortunately these have not been alleviated and have in fact become more acute.

Most schools across all phases are experiencing a reduction in school budgets in real terms and Tatsfield Primary School is not immune to this.

We have worked hard in recent years to ensure that reduced funding has had the least amount of impact on our provision. However, in the last two years we have had to make various cuts. Some of these cuts have been on staffing support and some in other areas to help balance budgets.

At present, the excellent work the PTA do to raise funds for the children, the money raised at the Beer Festival added to your own donations to school fund has helped us to maintain our provision and to provide equipment and extra curriculum enrichment opportunities for the children.

However I want to impress on parents that with rising costs and a static budget, even with these donations, as a school, we are feeling the pressures even more at present. As we move forward, we may have to make difficult decisions as to what we can afford to provide if the current government funding trend continues.

We had hoped that there would be an increase in government funding this year, but unfortunately this has not materialised. We would like to assure you that we have also been looking at other ways to generate money for the school and we continue to look very carefully at the way our budget is allocated to ensure the money we have is spent most effectively on the children.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

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