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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Invoice**

On Tuesday Phillip Hammond, the chancellor, received over thirty invoices from head teachers representing their local authorities all over the country. This invoice was sent to highlight the differences in pupil funding for each area when compared to the funding per pupil in Westminster. As you can see the figure is startling. We believe this is unfair as our children are taught the same curriculum, undertake the same assessment procedures and are held to account by Ofsted in the same way. We are not calling for better funded schools to lose money but we are asking for the same tools to do the same job.

If the £97 million on the invoice is broken down to per pupil funding it is clear that your children and your schools are missing out;

Local authority	Per Pupil Funding Per Year as of April 2018	Difference in funding for an average sized primary school
Dorset	£3703	£94,000 per year
Reading	£3938	

When the Dorset figure is compared with London boroughs it is more extreme;

Local authority	Per Pupil Funding Per Year as of April 2018	Difference in funding for an average sized primary school in Dorset and Hackney
Dorset	£3703	£873, 600 per year
Greenwich	£4898	
Hackney	£5887	

Clearly London is more expensive but this difference is, I believe, unfair and unjustified.

I can only dream of the huge and wide ranging improvements we could make to our already good school if we received the additional £42,300 per year, that the same sized school in Reading will get. All this is happening at a time of significantly increased costs for schools and as we face the impact of the decline in the wider support from local authorities, health and social care. Also the government are insisting they have given an 'extra £1.3 billion' to schools between 2015-2020 however this ignores the initial £3 billion that was taken out of schools budgets during the same period, so this is not new money, but a slightly smaller cut. All of this means that schools all over the country are increasingly finding it difficult to make ends meet and support children as effectively as they could.

If schools do not get additional financial support, then I will be writing to you to ask for your help in getting our voice heard.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Pope  
Head teacher