

A/16 Budget consultation responses received from residents (personal details redacted)

Response Identifier	Proposal it relates to	Proposal Title	Response
0001	CYP001	Individual Schools Budget Saving	As parents of children, who live and attend school in Monmouthshire, we would like to raise objections to the proposal to reduce base funding of schools by 2% for this financial year. Our children attend King Henry VIII school and we believe the Headteacher and her team have worked extremely hard to raise standards within the school; managing to effectively target limited resources to improve standards. We strongly feel that at 2% reduction would have a serious impact on their ability to continue that journey of school improvement. A good education system benefits everyone in Monmouthshire and should be fully funded. Please can our concerns be registered as a part of the consultation process.
0002	CYP001	Individual Schools Budget Saving	I would like to share my concerns regarding the reduction in funding allocation to King Henry VIII school. I understand there is a proposed 2% savings requirement which will impact on their base funding. Mrs Lewis and her team have worked extremely hard to drive up standards in the school and improve exam and test results, which has had a positive impact on both the students and the wider community. I am very concerned that they will not be able to maintain these standards and continue to grow and develop as a school if their base funding is cut. The school is a significant part of the Abergavenny and area community, with the majority of the children attending also living in the local area. It is for the benefit of this community that these children have a robust and high quality education. Please can this impact be considered in the consultation.
0003	CYP001	Individual Schools Budget Saving	My daughter currently attends Magor Church in Wales primary school. I am very concerned to see the proposal for school budgets to be cut by 2% in the coming financial year. The school has gone through a very difficult time following a estyn report a few years and the head, Mrs Haymer and her team have worked hard to try and bring about real improvement. Teaching staff, parents and PTFA are all aware that budgets are tight. As a member of the PTFA, and current joint Chair, I can honestly say that we are already helping the school in a number of areas, and have specifically funded new equipment for the junior yard as this was raised as an issue in the report, but if school funds could not hope to have achieved this with other pressures. The PTFA fund a number of school projects and are now looking to provide equipment to the infant yard. If the school budget is cut further my concern would be that the children would suffer with reduced opportunities. Alternatively it may mean parents having to contribute more and we have to be aware that not all parents are in a financial position to do this. Benefit entitlements have not increased, and universal credit puts even bigger pressures on families. Education should be free for all with no child feeling left out because parents are unable to contribute.
0004	CYP001	Individual Schools Budget Saving	As a parent of a pupil at King Henry VIII school, I would like to raise an objection to the proposed 2% cut to school funding. I hope very much that this cut is being reversed as part of the Wellbeing of Future Generations analysis, as it is clearly wrong to put the burden onto those who we should be giving the best possible start in life i.e. state school pupils. King Henry School has seen some fantastic improvements in recent years, and it is unacceptable to undermine the efforts of the Headteacher to do the best for her pupils. I understand that there are extremely difficult pressures being put on the council, but I would like to object to core school funding being cut.
0005	CYP001	Individual Schools Budget Saving	I'm writing to object to the proposals made in your draft document. We have a child studying at King Henry VIII in Abergavenny and are concerned a further cut to the school's budget will undermine the good work done by Mrs Lewis in improving standards. Protecting standards for future generation must surely be the first priority when budgeting, and while I understand the unfortunate position you have been put in, suggest that cuts are made in other areas and not education. Obviously this whole situation is terrible and the county should not be in this position, however state schools are the future.