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Colchester Conservatives welcomes funding boost for schools in the Borough

More children across Colchester will be able to access a world-class education thanks to a major funding boost.

The Conservative Government has confirmed schools in Essex will receive 4.88% more funding per pupil next year as part of the recent multi-billion investment in primary and secondary education.

Cllr Lewis Barber, Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group, has welcomed this new funding, saying the commitment that every secondary school pupil will receive a minimum of £5,000 next year and every primary school pupil will receive a minimum of £4,000 by 2021-22 would reassure parents of the Government's promise to deliver the best for their children.

This funding follows the Prime Minister's announcement in August that the budget for schools and high needs would be increased by a total of over £14 billion over three years, rising to £52.2 billion by 2022-23. Schools and local authorities will today find out how the first part of that investment - £2.6 billion - will be allocated for the coming year.

The extra money, available from April, will ensure that per-pupil funding for all schools can rise at least in line with inflation and will deliver promised gains in full for areas which have been historically under-funded

Commenting, Cllr Barber said:

'Every child in Colchester deserves the best possible start in life – regardless of their background or where they live.

'The 4.88% per pupil funding boost next year will mean that every school in Colchester will receive a budget increase, giving teachers, parents and pupils the certainty to plan, and supercharging standards in our schools.

'This new funding will also target those schools who need support the most need, making sure that every parent in Colchester can be sure their children are getting a world class education.'

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Notes to Editors

Boris Johnson and the Conservatives are committed to properly funding and improving our schools:

- **Increasing funding in our primary and secondary schools by £14 billion, so that every child can get a good education.** We are lifting per pupil funding to a minimum of £5,000 for secondary school pupils and £4,000 for primary school pupils, as well as providing £700 million more for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (DfE, *Press Release*, 30 August 2019, [link](#)).
- **Recruiting and retaining more teachers, so that the best talent is drawn into our schools.** We have increased the salary for new teachers to £30,000 by 2022/23, an increase of up to £6,000. There are also now 12,000 more teachers than in 2010 (DfE, *School Workforce in England*, 27 June 2019, [link](#)).
- **Introducing new inspection measures to boost standards in schools.** We are reintroducing Ofsted inspections for outstanding schools so that parents can be confident that schools rated outstanding really are providing the highest standards (DfE, *Press Release*, 1 September 2019, [link](#)).
- **Empowering communities to open their own schools, so every child can access a good or outstanding school place.** At GCSE level, free schools outperform all other types of school with an average Progress 8 score of 0.24. At A Level, the average point score per entry at 16-19 free schools is 36.53, outperforming all other non-independent schools (DfE, *Key Stage 4 Including Multi-Academy Trust Performance*, 24 January 2019, [link](#); DfE, *Revised A level and other 16-18 results in England*, 24 January 2019, [link](#)).
- **Supporting struggling schools to maintain high standards for all pupils.** More than 2,000 struggling schools will benefit from a three-year programme of support to drive up standards, giving them access to some of the country's best performing school leaders (DfE, *Press Release*, 24 May 2019, [link](#)).
- **Dramatically improving children's literacy skills with our phonics reforms.** Thanks to our phonics reforms, England has risen to joint 8th place in the 2016 Progress in International Reading Literacy Study, up from joint 10th in 2011 and the historic low of 19th under Labour. 82 per cent of pupils are now meeting the expected standards in phonics, up from 58 per cent in 2012 (DfE, *PIRLS 2016: Reading Literacy Performance in England*, 5 December 2017, [link](#); DfE, *Press Release*, 26 September 2019, [link](#)).
- **Created 921,000 new school places since 2010, making sure children get off to the best start in life.** 636,000 of these places have been created in primary schools after Labour cut 100,000 school places between 2004 and 2010. 87 per cent of primary schools are now judged good or outstanding, compared to 67 per cent in 2010 (DfE, *Press Release*, 16 April 2019, [link](#)).
- **Introducing our new, more challenging, primary curriculum.** In 2016 we introduced more rigorous KS2 tests which set pupils up to succeed at secondary school and beyond. Latest results show that 65 per cent of year six pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined, up from 53 per cent in 2016 (DfE, *Press Release*, 9 July 2019, [link](#)).
- **Narrowing the attainment gap by 13 per cent since 2011, spreading opportunity more widely.** The disadvantaged pupils' attainment gap index has fallen from 3.34 in 2011 to 2.90 in 2018, a 13 per cent decrease. We are also spending over £2 billion a year on pupil premium, which provides additional funding for more disadvantaged pupils (DfE, *National Curriculum Assessments at Key Stage 2*, 13 December 2018, [link](#); DfE, *Pupil Premium: Allocations and Conditions of Grant*, 17 December 2018, [link](#)).
- **Extending free school meals, investing in breakfast clubs and piloting ways of supporting disadvantaged families during the holidays.** Our new eligibility criteria means that 1 in 7 school pupils

are eligible for free school meals, the highest proportion since 2014 (DfE, *Schools, Pupils and their Characteristics*, 27 June 2019, [link](#)).

Local authority level data

Region	LOCAL AUTHORITY	Pupil numbers 2019-20	Provisional funding in 2020-21 (total cash)	Provisional funding in 2020-21 (per pupil)	Provisional percentage change (per pupil)
England		7,357,629	£35,592,677,374	£4,838	4.16%
East Midlands	Derby	38,694	£185,657,810	£4,798	6.89%
East Midlands	Derbyshire	97,700	£461,243,408	£4,721	5.43%
East Midlands	Leicester	52,439	£257,335,681	£4,907	4.63%
East Midlands	Leicestershire	91,433	£409,698,155	£4,481	4.58%
East Midlands	Lincolnshire	95,602	£448,216,070	£4,688	5.72%
East Midlands	Northamptonshire	106,157	£490,497,823	£4,621	5.91%
East Midlands	Nottingham	41,074	£214,000,801	£5,210	2.05%
East Midlands	Nottinghamshire	108,519	£499,289,864	£4,601	4.36%
East Midlands	Rutland	5,359	£24,354,359	£4,545	4.70%
East of England	Bedford Borough	25,446	£119,971,235	£4,715	8.49%
East of England	Cambridgeshire	80,315	£362,724,876	£4,516	5.07%
East of England	Central Bedfordshire	39,094	£177,272,895	£4,535	4.11%
East of England	Essex	193,647	£889,219,278	£4,592	4.88%
East of England	Hertfordshire	167,709	£777,257,608	£4,635	4.27%
East of England	Luton	36,557	£178,324,410	£4,878	2.40%
East of England	Norfolk	105,132	£496,194,638	£4,720	3.82%
East of England	Peterborough	34,382	£165,711,221	£4,820	3.99%
East of England	Southend-on-Sea	25,974	£121,009,746	£4,659	2.57%
East of England	Suffolk	92,824	£427,346,521	£4,604	4.62%
East of England	Thurrock	26,783	£123,118,876	£4,597	5.01%
Inner London	Camden	18,708	£118,783,684	£6,349	2.21%

Inner London	Hackney	30,344	£208,721,299	£6,879	2.17%
Inner London	Hammersmith and Fulham	16,856	£103,507,744	£6,141	1.95%
Inner London	Haringey	33,871	£198,399,386	£5,858	1.84%
Inner London	Islington	21,034	£131,195,229	£6,237	2.84%
Inner London	Kensington and Chelsea	11,499	£70,861,278	£6,163	3.43%
Inner London	Lambeth	33,073	£210,593,986	£6,368	1.84%
Inner London	Lewisham	36,271	£212,669,725	£5,863	1.99%
Inner London	Newham	55,545	£343,915,901	£6,192	2.04%
Inner London	Southwark	37,835	£249,091,378	£6,584	2.37%
Inner London	Tower Hamlets	37,871	£263,090,917	£6,947	1.84%
Inner London	Wandsworth	28,255	£160,823,664	£5,692	2.17%
Inner London	Westminster	18,382	£114,796,041	£6,245	3.52%
North East	Darlington	14,929	£68,992,491	£4,621	4.67%
North East	Durham	64,330	£314,730,935	£4,892	3.53%
North East	Gateshead	23,718	£113,878,345	£4,801	3.72%
North East	Hartlepool	13,369	£65,286,970	£4,883	2.77%
North East	Middlesbrough	21,147	£105,879,531	£5,007	3.04%
North East	Newcastle upon Tyne	34,605	£171,054,790	£4,943	4.49%
North East	North Tyneside	26,770	£125,220,806	£4,678	4.20%
North East	Northumberland	39,033	£185,261,261	£4,746	4.12%
North East	Redcar and Cleveland	19,455	£93,701,678	£4,816	3.25%
North East	South Tyneside	19,391	£95,046,778	£4,902	4.52%
North East	Stockton-on-Tees	28,036	£131,471,345	£4,689	4.19%
North East	Sunderland	35,978	£171,969,133	£4,780	3.33%
North West	Blackburn with Darwen	25,230	£125,676,913	£4,981	2.97%
North West	Blackpool	17,965	£86,929,399	£4,839	5.91%
North West	Bolton	45,831	£220,221,818	£4,805	5.78%
North West	Bury	27,904	£129,633,596	£4,646	5.78%
North West	Cheshire East	48,688	£219,733,743	£4,513	4.14%
North West	Cheshire West And Chester	45,218	£209,680,817	£4,637	3.65%
North West	Cumbria	61,614	£298,698,457	£4,848	5.25%
North West	Halton	18,147	£91,093,144	£5,020	5.51%
North West	Knowsley	18,155	£97,737,040	£5,383	6.09%
North West	Lancashire	162,354	£769,614,403	£4,740	4.34%

North West	Liverpool	61,613	£316,358,387	£5,135	2.71%
North West	Manchester	77,364	£408,700,615	£5,283	2.13%
North West	Oldham	39,920	£197,282,681	£4,942	4.66%
North West	Rochdale	33,803	£167,326,805	£4,950	2.88%
North West	Salford	32,879	£167,717,299	£5,101	4.72%
North West	Sefton	35,287	£163,223,404	£4,626	3.02%
North West	St Helens	24,177	£113,347,291	£4,688	4.84%
North West	Stockport	38,787	£175,326,028	£4,520	4.93%
North West	Tameside	34,283	£166,736,455	£4,864	3.55%
North West	Trafford	36,617	£168,175,386	£4,593	4.10%
North West	Warrington	29,824	£137,148,064	£4,599	4.29%
North West	Wigan	44,300	£208,118,702	£4,698	2.62%
North West	Wirral	43,796	£209,868,263	£4,792	4.20%
Outer London	Barking and Dagenham	38,661	£218,884,854	£5,662	2.81%
Outer London	Barnet	50,736	£259,934,933	£5,123	3.08%
Outer London	Bexley	38,630	£186,111,425	£4,818	4.39%
Outer London	Brent	41,833	£231,336,771	£5,530	2.31%
Outer London	Bromley	44,717	£212,694,788	£4,757	3.12%
Outer London	Croydon	51,037	£259,759,425	£5,090	6.99%
Outer London	Ealing	46,235	£246,205,601	£5,325	3.71%
Outer London	Enfield	50,857	£268,016,281	£5,270	4.45%
Outer London	Greenwich	38,000	£223,170,088	£5,873	2.72%
Outer London	Harrow	33,437	£164,076,385	£4,907	2.94%
Outer London	Havering	36,565	£178,038,488	£4,869	3.99%
Outer London	Hillingdon	44,350	£225,454,323	£5,084	4.11%
Outer London	Hounslow	37,769	£194,528,630	£5,150	4.23%
Outer London	Kingston upon Thames	22,202	£106,143,431	£4,781	4.56%
Outer London	Merton	24,687	£128,279,843	£5,196	5.99%
Outer London	Redbridge	48,574	£236,505,491	£4,869	4.72%
Outer London	Richmond upon Thames	25,417	£118,140,497	£4,648	5.13%
Outer London	Sutton	32,765	£157,901,284	£4,819	4.21%

Outer London	Waltham Forest	38,112	£202,145,889	£5,304	1.96%
South East	Bracknell Forest	16,140	£73,383,581	£4,547	7.18%
South East	Brighton and Hove	30,079	£138,667,214	£4,610	4.10%
South East	Buckinghamshire	73,903	£336,525,073	£4,554	5.33%
South East	East Sussex	63,097	£291,397,225	£4,618	5.03%
South East	Hampshire	172,554	£778,400,789	£4,511	3.06%
South East	Isle of Wight	15,424	£73,139,968	£4,742	4.15%
South East	Kent	209,075	£962,929,041	£4,606	5.95%
South East	Medway	40,558	£186,367,930	£4,595	4.95%
South East	Milton Keynes	41,962	£195,759,291	£4,665	6.43%
South East	Oxfordshire	84,830	£386,725,621	£4,559	4.16%
South East	Portsmouth	25,137	£119,894,997	£4,770	4.38%
South East	Reading	19,729	£92,133,116	£4,670	5.06%
South East	Slough	27,218	£133,079,229	£4,889	2.49%
South East	Southampton	30,765	£146,746,453	£4,770	3.72%
South East	Surrey	143,790	£649,772,616	£4,519	4.62%
South East	West Berkshire	22,645	£103,604,453	£4,575	4.34%
South East	West Sussex	106,492	£480,307,934	£4,510	5.68%
South East	Windsor and Maidenhead	19,343	£89,007,363	£4,602	4.49%
South East	Wokingham	24,089	£107,486,935	£4,462	4.72%
South West	Bath and North East Somerset	23,926	£110,458,813	£4,617	5.65%
South West	Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole	45,851	£204,701,230	£4,465	4.85%
South West	Bristol, City of	54,600	£267,068,553	£4,891	3.97%
South West	Cornwall	68,760	£320,207,488	£4,657	4.48%
South West	Devon	91,237	£417,402,004	£4,575	4.86%
South West	Dorset	43,870	£203,126,000	£4,630	5.43%
South West	Gloucestershire	80,115	£370,739,402	£4,628	4.94%
South West	North Somerset	28,159	£126,812,493	£4,503	4.69%
South West	Plymouth	34,446	£162,154,508	£4,708	6.00%
South West	Somerset	66,894	£307,825,188	£4,602	5.59%
South West	South Gloucestershire	36,598	£162,018,702	£4,427	5.26%
South West	Swindon	31,693	£143,171,898	£4,518	5.08%
South West	Torbay	17,376	£81,311,648	£4,680	5.13%
South West	Wiltshire	63,116	£287,015,270	£4,547	5.30%
West Midlands	Birmingham	180,755	£931,006,124	£5,151	2.29%
West Midlands	Coventry	49,674	£241,775,811	£4,867	2.07%
West Midlands	Dudley	44,079	£208,383,021	£4,727	3.40%
West Midlands	Herefordshire	22,277	£104,042,510	£4,670	3.81%

West Midlands	Sandwell	53,601	£265,476,831	£4,953	2.69%
West Midlands	Shropshire	35,723	£166,092,533	£4,650	3.67%
West Midlands	Solihull	34,752	£162,418,412	£4,674	5.45%
West Midlands	Staffordshire	110,652	£502,111,324	£4,538	4.34%
West Midlands	Stoke-on-Trent	35,989	£175,250,001	£4,870	4.77%
West Midlands	Telford and Wrekin	25,574	£121,669,516	£4,758	4.83%
West Midlands	Walsall	43,822	£215,097,308	£4,908	3.44%
West Midlands	Warwickshire	74,888	£339,862,364	£4,538	4.97%
West Midlands	Wolverhampton	39,229	£197,947,236	£5,046	4.86%
West Midlands	Worcestershire	72,886	£335,911,975	£4,609	4.58%
Yorkshire and the Humber	Barnsley	31,593	£157,025,691	£4,970	6.21%
Yorkshire and the Humber	Bradford	87,501	£428,984,868	£4,903	2.85%
Yorkshire and the Humber	Calderdale	32,881	£157,532,226	£4,791	4.34%
Yorkshire and the Humber	Doncaster	41,855	£202,002,902	£4,826	4.46%
Yorkshire and the Humber	East Riding of Yorkshire	41,441	£192,219,061	£4,638	4.85%
Yorkshire and the Humber	Kingston upon Hull, City of	36,833	£182,726,178	£4,961	4.18%
Yorkshire and the Humber	Kirklees	62,703	£301,125,091	£4,802	2.80%
Yorkshire and the Humber	Leeds	110,783	£535,645,845	£4,835	4.50%
Yorkshire and the Humber	North East Lincolnshire	21,773	£103,999,914	£4,777	2.64%
Yorkshire and the Humber	North Lincolnshire	23,210	£109,781,698	£4,730	4.06%
Yorkshire and the Humber	North Yorkshire	74,152	£353,316,461	£4,765	4.71%

Yorkshire and the Humber	Rotherham	39,659	£195,043,124	£4,918	3.37%
Yorkshire and the Humber	Sheffield	71,993	£348,811,440	£4,845	6.10%
Yorkshire and the Humber	Wakefield	47,514	£222,428,434	£4,681	2.70%
Yorkshire and the Humber	York	22,917	£102,580,737	£4,476	5.38%