



Dave Davis welcomes historic funding boost for schools in Knowsley

Dave Davis, Conservative candidate for Shevington ward, has welcomed the confirmation that secondary schools in Knowsley are guaranteed at least £5,000 in per pupil funding, and every primary school at least £3,750 per pupil, thanks to new legislation introduced by the Conservative Government.

Knowsley will now be required by law to make sure every school receives these minimum levels of funding for each pupil – a commitment which the Prime Minister pledged to deliver during his first 100 days in office.

Previously, local authorities were not required to allocate the money for schools in this way – with many schools across the country falling below the recommended minimum levels of funding for each pupil.

This forms part of the government's £14 billion funding boost for schools over the next three years – ensuring that all young people receive an excellent education, regardless of where they grow up or go to school.

In August, the Prime Minister announced that the budget for schools and high needs would be increased by £2.6 billion in 2020-21, £4.8 billion in 2021-22 and £7.1 billion in 2022-23 respectively – plus an extra £1.5 billion per year to fund additional pensions costs for teachers.

This legislation guarantees that funding per pupil in Knowsley will increase by 6.01% in 2020-21 to an average of £5,382.32 per pupil.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said:

“Levelling up education is the key to helping every child reach their full potential.

“We’re guaranteeing the minimum level of funding for every pupil in every school so that, with a top class education, our children can go on to become the world’s future innovators, trail blazers and pioneers.

“As we start a new chapter in our history, our younger generations will be front and centre of all that we do.”

Education Secretary Gavin Williamson said:

“We’re giving schools the biggest funding boost in a decade so we can invest in the future talent that will help the next generation and our country thrive outside the EU.

“Putting minimum per pupil funding levels into law for the first time gives schools a cast-iron assurance they will receive the money they need to help every child, wherever they live, unlock all of the fantastic opportunities an excellent education provides.”

Dave Davis said:

“Every child should have the chance to succeed in life. And that starts with access to a good education, no matter their background or where they live.

“That’s why I am delighted this Conservative Government is boosting school funding by £14 billion over the next three years, and requiring in law that Knowsley deliver minimum per pupil funding levels, ensuring every child can get the education they deserve.

“This will give every parent confidence that their children are getting the best start in life - one that will allow them to fulfil their potential and prepare them for their future.”

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Local authority level data

| Local Authority | Funding per pupil change % | Funding per pupil 2020-2021 £m |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Knowsley | 6.01 | 5,382.32 |

Notes to editors

- **We are boosting funding in our primary and secondary schools by £14 billion over the next three years, so that every child can get a good education.** We are increasing the schools budget by £2.6 billion in 2020-21, £4.8 billion in 2021-22 and £7.1 billion in 2022-23, compared to 2019-20. This will bring the schools budget up to a record £52.2 billion (HM Treasury, *Spending Round 2019*, 4 September 2019, [link](#)).
- **We are levelling up funding across the country, so every pupil in every school gets a funding boost.** Every secondary school will receive a minimum of £5,000 per pupil in 2020-21, and every primary school

will receive a minimum of £3,750 per pupil in 2020-21, rising to £4,000 per pupil by 2021-22. This is a real terms rise of 7.4 per cent in per pupil spending by 2022-23 (DfE, *Press Release*, 11 October 2019, [link](#)).

- **We are increasing funding for pupils with Special Educational Needs, so that every child can reach their potential.** We are investing an extra £780 million in high needs funding next year – a 12 per cent increase, bringing the SEND budget to over £7 billion a year. We have also introduced new inspection arrangements focusing on provision and outcomes for pupils with SEND (DfE, *Press Release*, 23 October 2019, [link](#)).
- **We are recruiting and retaining more teachers, so that the best talent is drawn into our schools.** We are increasing the starting salary for teachers to £30,000 by 2022-23, an increase of up to £6,000. We have cut teacher workload by 5 hours a week over the past three years and there are 12,000 more teachers in schools than in 2010 (DfE, *Press Release*, 2 September 2019, [link](#); DfE, *Press Release*, 11 October 2019, [link](#)).