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Please quote reference when replying.

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Dear Judith

Further to our recent correspondence regarding school funding, please find enclosed a copy of the response I have received from Rt. Hon. Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me on this issue.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mel Stride".

Mel Stride

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Dear Mel

Thank you for your email of 31 March, enclosing correspondence from Ms Judith Hart, Town Clerk at Buckfastleigh Town Council, regarding the schools national funding formula.

Core schools funding is almost £41 billion in 2017-18 and will increase to £42 billion by 2019-20 as pupil numbers rise over the next two years.

The Department recently consulted on proposals to introduce a national funding formula for schools, which would use an up-to-date assessment of need to allocate funding across the country on a more consistent basis. As part of the consultation, a significant amount of data was made available to help schools, governors, local authorities and parents understand the impact of the proposed formula. This information is published at: tinyurl.com/HLODTAL.

The Department received over 25,000 responses to the consultation, which are being analysed in detail. The Department is grateful to all those who expressed their views on school funding and the proposed formula as part of this process. The response to the consultation will be published in due course.

The Department recognises the cost pressures schools are facing on their per pupil spending. The Department has produced tools, information and guidance to support improved financial health and efficiency in schools, which can be found at: tinyurl.com/HUTWG36. The Department has also launched a school buying strategy to support schools to save over £1 billion a year by 2019-20 on their non-staff spend. The strategy is available at: tinyurl.com/ZJVJZDY.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely
Nick