



FLEECEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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“Children First”
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Dear Families,

I am writing to you in challenging times. Over the next few years our school, alongside most schools in England, will have to make difficult choices over staffing and resources as we manage with less money. We will have less money because school budgets have been cut by 8–10% in real terms over the last few years, as schools have had to meet the costs of statutory pay rises, increased pension contributions and National Insurance costs. Schools across England are close to a financial crisis. I, along with most Headteachers and governors, will need to make difficult choices in considering what to cut: Teachers? Teaching assistants? Clubs? Trips and Resources?

I will, of course, be working with governors to ensure we do whatever we can to limit the worst effects of the cuts. You may want to find out more at www.schoolcuts.org.uk. Additionally, there is a parent group www.fairfundingforallschools.org who are trying to represent parents’ opinions.

It is important that you know that the staff and governors of our school will continue to put “Children First” and all decisions made will ensure the best outcomes we can for our children. During this potentially difficult period, we intend to put all of our energies into eight priorities which are fundamentally important for our school, regardless of the actions of any government.

In relation to the children we will ensure that:

- *We keep the emphasis unremittingly on the development of the whole child*
- *We deliver consistently high quality teaching and learning*
- *We support all children to make good or better progress*
- *We work tirelessly to diminish differences and overcome disadvantage*

In relation to the school culture and organisation we will strive to:

- *Grow capacity and sustainability*
- *Build a culture of teamwork and collective accountability*
- *Develop and maintain high levels of staff job satisfaction and fulfilment*
- *Strengthen partnerships within and across schools and in particular within the Edmonton Community Partnership*

We know that as parents we have always had your support in securing the best for our children and as times get harder we will need your support even more. Please do not hesitate to talk to us about any concerns because it is only by working together we will truly give our children the best opportunities to be successful.

Yours sincerely,

Antoinette Goldwater

