

Dear Parents,

This is how your child will be affected by the new budget cuts:

1. We will lose another 4 teachers on top of the cuts we have already had. This will reduce our staff hours by a further 140 hours **per week!**
2. Many class sizes will rise.
3. Scottish Studies and Rural Studies have already been removed as SQA certified subjects.
4. More vocational and interest based classes will be cut.
5. More classes will need to be doubled up during times of assessment procedures and staff sickness. Staff have previously had to manage up to 27 uncovered classes **in one day!**
6. ON TOP of these losses the school will also have a reduction in Additional Support Needs staff. This will have a significant effect on the work load and well-being of all pupils and staff.

ALL the staff are working as hard as possible to ensure that your child has access to the widest possible curriculum and the highest teaching standards however, this is the **first time** the Parent Council have had to consider whether the school will meet the minimum statutory requirements for your child as set out by the Scottish Government.

Dingwall Academy is NOT alone; these cuts are affecting EVERY school in the Highlands.

We have asked for an emergency meeting with the Scottish Minister for Education, the Highland Council Chief Executive, our local MSP, all our local councillors and every Parent Council Chairperson across the Highlands.

We need the Highland Council to revisit these decisions!

If you would like to add any concerns/comments please email dingwallacademypc@gmail.com

Dingwall Academy Parent Council.