

Councillor Mo Sykes
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Panel

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Dear Councillor Sykes

With reference to your letter dated 31 October 2018 please find responses below.

We heard that the reduction in spending at the school is still a work in progress. That the School was awarded £70,000 from the restructuring fund this year but this is one off payment. With the new budget round on the horizon, the governors are gravely concerned about funding and that the considerable impacts are likely to be a barrier to ongoing school improvement. Could you look into this situation and given us your thoughts and whether the Local Authority can assist the school with this funding situation.

All schools are funded by a funding formula and there are spending pressures for all schools in Swansea as costs increase for pay awards and the like. There is already a commitment to review the funding formula for special schools for April 2019, in consultation with the Finance Groups and School Budget Forum. Feedback from the school's Primary Support Officer is that the financial situation is balancing out at the school following the needed staffing restructure.

Look at utilizing expertise at the school, in particular in meeting the educational needs of children with ADHD/Autistic spectrum, to inform practice in mainstream schools.

This has been discussed with the school previously, however at the time they had significant workload and internal development in preparation of the Estyn re-visit. We are happy to work with the school to identify how they can contribute to course development and delivery to support children with ADHD and ASD accessing mainstream and specialist teaching facility placements.

Yours faithfully



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