

PRESS STATEMENT
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MP REDOUBLING EFFORTS FOR SCHOOL FUNDING

Local Hastings and Rye MP, Sally-Ann Hart, has hit back at the Government at the disappointing news that Hastings and Rye schools have missed out on the latest round of funding.

Following the announcement from the Secretary of State for Education, Sally-Ann said “I welcome the fact that this Government is putting more money into the upkeep and rebuilding of schools around the country. However, I am deeply disappointed that Hastings and Rye has missed out on this vital funding. That is why I am urging the Education Secretary to reconsider his decision and to provide schools and children in this constituency with the funding they deserve. I have this week written to him urging him to think again.”

On Monday (29 June), the Prime Minister announced a new package of funding to support a ten-year rebuilding programme for schools and Further Education Colleges across England.

The rebuilding programme will start in 2020-21 with the first 50 projects, supported by over £1 billion in funding. Further details of the new, multi-wave ten-year construction programme will be set out at the next Spending Review. Investment will be targeted at school buildings in the worst condition across England.

“I have a real drive for every child in Hastings and Rye, to unlock their talents and open them all up to the opportunities out there. This can only be achieved with offering every child the best start in life, through a fantastic education, delivered by brilliant teachers and staff, in environments fit for the twenty-first century. It's time to put rocket boosters under the talents of every child in our towns and villages, and I will now redouble my efforts to get the funding for our schools.” said Sally-Ann.

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Notes to Editor

Please find attached to this press statement a copy of the letter from Sally-Ann Hart MP to the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson MP.

More information of the Government's announcement this week on the school rebuilding programme can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-announces-transformative-school-rebuilding-programme>

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