

# Children Shouldn't Pay – Protect Primary Education

## Letter from the National Primary Education Alliance

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The National Primary Education Alliance, comprising all the partners at primary level, has come together to call on Government to stop any further cuts to primary education in this year's Budget. The Alliance believes that any attempt to impose additional cuts on primary education is essentially a direct attack on children and their constitutional right to primary education. The children of today and tomorrow should not be forced to pay for this country's troubles or economic crisis.

The Alliance is urging Government to prioritise primary education, thus enabling it to support our national recovery. How can schools equip today's generation for tomorrow if they are drained of vital resources? Cuts to primary education are short-sighted, represent bad value for money and will have devastating consequences for Irish society.

Please circulate this letter to the members of your board of management and parent body. The Alliance is asking the members of your local school community to contact local TDs and ask them to protect primary education. Postcards for use in direct mailing to elected representatives have been sent by the Alliance to each school. Please distribute the postcards to each family, together with a list of local representatives to whom the postcards may be circulated.

The National Primary Education Alliance is calling on schools, teachers, parents, communities and the people of Ireland, to stand together and resist these cuts and protect primary education for our children.

The National Primary Education Alliance includes:

