

## Larbert High School

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**Falkirk Council**  
*Children's Services*

*Rector: Jon Reid*

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Dear Parent/Carer

At the most recent meeting of the Falkirk Council Education Executive, held on 6 November 2018, the decision was taken to take forward Local Authority budget planning to achieve a savings target of £5.83m from Children's Services for each of the next 5 financial years.

To meet this level of unprecedented cuts Children's Services has instructed all Secondary Headteachers to consider a range of measures which will have a direct and significant impact on our schools. For the first year of this plan Secondary Headteachers have been tasked with identifying £2.5m of cuts for the start of Session 2019-20.

To achieve this at Larbert High School, we would have to reduce our staffing levels and realise savings of £503,407. I estimate that for next session this would reduce our overall teaching capacity by 12.3FTE staff.

The report to the Education Executive highlights that these cuts may result in the following increased risks:

- Compulsory redundancies
- Reduction in teacher numbers leading to larger class sizes
- Reduction in curricular choices
- Reduction in support staff and consequent supervision capacity

At Larbert High School we will endeavour to minimise the above risks, however, it is inevitable that such a level of cuts will have a significant impact.

Children's Services and the school are committed to ensuring that throughout this process we will consult with you and keep you informed of our planning to meet the substantial challenges ahead.

Should you wish to respond to this letter then please do not hesitate to contact the school via our email address, [larberthighschool@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:larberthighschool@falkirk.gov.uk). Whilst we will not be able to respond to all emails within the brief time frame set out, the overall parent response will be collated and shared with the Chair of the Parent Council and Children's Services.

Yours sincerely

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Rector



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