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Councillor Simon Ball
Elected Member

Via email: simon.ball@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Ball

Question at Council – Wednesday 22nd May 2024

Thank you for your question to Council as follows:

What would be the impact to local schools if Labour's proposals to remove VAT relief to independent schools was put in place?

Labour's plan to fund an additional 6,500 teachers across the country would help to cut class sizes and improve the education received by children right across the country, including here in Rotherham. A pro-rata distribution of those additional teachers would stand to see hundreds of local children benefit directly.

On the other hand, there are no independent schools in the borough, with only a very small number of Rotherham children attending independent schools elsewhere, so the impact in that regard would be minimal.

Labour's plans to improve our education system after 14 years of Tory failure by ending single word Ofsted judgements and bringing in report cards with annual checks on safeguarding and attendance, inspecting multi-academy trusts as well as schools themselves - and recruiting more than 6,500 additional teachers, would help to give all of Rotherham's children the educational opportunities that they deserve.

Yours sincerely



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