



Department
for Education

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Dear colleague

Priority School Building Programme Phase 2 announcement of successful schools; and Schools Condition Funding Allocations 2015-18

We are writing to let you know that the government today announced that 277 schools have been successful in their applications for the second phase of the Priority School Building Programme (PSBP2), and will now have the condition needs in one or more of their buildings addressed as part of the programme. The programme will run from 2015-21 and undertake projects at schools with buildings in the very worst condition. Details of successful schools can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/priority-school-building-programme-psbp>.

The government also announced today allocations to fund the improvement and maintenance of our schools. Funding will go to schools, local authorities, academy trusts and voluntary aided partnerships and will reflect the size and condition of the schools in your constituency. Our aim is that all children have access to a learning environment which is safe and fit for purpose, no matter where they live. For the first time our allocations will cover three years – from 2015-16 to 2017-18, giving those responsible for schools the certainty they need to plan effectively and deliver the best possible value. Details of the schools condition funding allocations can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/capital-allocations>.

Furthermore, in the coming weeks the Department plans to announce funding for local authorities to support the creation of more new school places. This funding will be for 2017-18 and will help to create the new school places needed by September 2018. In doing so, the Department will be continuing to give local authorities longer-term allocations for new school places which will allow them to plan strategically and deliver school places for every child who needs one in the coming years.

Together, these announcements will help ensure that every child has a good quality school place in buildings which are safe, good quality and fit for learning.

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