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Our message to the new Government

Protect education funding

Schools and colleges face rising costs. Higher National Insurance and pension contributions will take 5% of budgets. Student numbers are up. Unless the new Government protects and increases education funding, pupils and students will be hit hard by bigger class sizes, fewer teachers and a reduced curriculum.

Despite its promise to "ring fence" education funding, the Coalition government cut its total spending on education in real terms. Post-16 education and capital building projects have been hit particularly hard.

In the run up to this election, all parties committed to 'protect' education funding. The first test of the Conservative party will be funding cost increases and protecting all education funding, regardless of sector, location or age.

Spending on education invests in our future. The focus must be on the value of education, not its cost. Cutting education spending damages growth. Ensuring the resources to educate our young people must be a priority.

A joint letter from these unions to the 10 May *Sunday Times* made these vital points in defence of education.



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