

Education Special Labour Rose



SAVE OUR SCHOOLS

Hundreds have already signed Labour's petition to save investment in Colne and Barnoldswick schools.



**Cut - Barnoldswick
West Craven High
Technology College:
50% - 70% new build**



**Cut - Colne Park
High: 20% - 50%
new build**



**Cut - Colne Fisher
More High: 20% -
50% new build**



**Cut - Colne Primet
High: 50% - 70%
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Pendle Labour Party's campaign to stop the cuts to the Building Schools for the Future programme has met with support throughout Colne and Barnoldswick. Staff and parents at Fisher More, Primet, Park and West Craven are furious that Secretary of State Michael Gove has axed funding for their building programmes without any consultation.



County Councillor George Adam said: **"Parents in Colne and Barnoldswick will be ruing the day that the Con-Dem coalition came into power. Pendle's Lib-Dem Councillors must ask themselves why their leaders are part of a government that is blighting the chances of the children in these towns. I urge you to sign the petition to push for the facilities the children were promised."**



SAVE OUR SCHOOLS PETITION

We, the undersigned, condemn the LibDem/Tory Coalition plans to scrap the Building Schools for the Future programme for the four secondary schools in Colne and Barnoldswick.

We call on the newly elected MP for Pendle, who throughout the General Election campaign told us that BSF was safe, to ensure Pendle's schoolchildren get the facilities they were promised.

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Please complete and send to Pendle Labour Party
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33 Carr Road Nelson Lancashire BB9 7JS

Reversing the decline

During the 1980s and 1990s, under the Tory governments of Margaret Thatcher and John Major, England's school building stock suffered from under-investment in refurbishment and renewal. Many thousands of children were forced to learn in damp and leaking classrooms and in temporary Portakabins and blocks. The majority of these school buildings have gone beyond their intended design life.



Independent evidence shows a clear link between capital investment, pupil progress and the morale of school staff.

Labour's Building Schools for the Future programme started to reverse the decline in 2004. By 2030 it was expected all of England's 3,500 secondary schools would have benefited from massively improved learning environments. Because of their condition Colne and Barnoldswick High schools were due to go ahead this year.

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Political decision-making

Despite Michael Gove's talk of needing to make savings, the BSF cuts won't help reduce the deficit. Money cut from this programme will go towards his new academy scheme, which will only help the strongest schools at the expense of the weakest, and towards his "free" school project, which has been shown in Sweden to benefit only the children of the wealthy.

We're not all in this together

A review of schools capital investment is due to report to Ministers this month. Headed up by Sebastian James, a chum of David Cameron's from Oxford's Bullingdon Club days. The review team contains no one currently working in education, and only one member from local government.

Some of us are in it deeper than others!

PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION OVERLEAF



Labour supports UNISON's *A Million Voices For Public Services* campaign

UNISON is Britain's biggest public service trade union and represents more than a million voices delivering essential services to the public. Services that protect enrich and change lives. UNISON believes that cutting back public service spending puts all our communities at risk.

General Secretary, Dave Prentis, has accused the Government of declaring war on public services and public service workers with the most draconian budget in decades.

"Freezing public sector pay when inflation is running at 5.1% and VAT is going up, will mean a real cut in living standards for millions of ordinary workers and their families - already struggling to pay rising bills.

"A 25% cut in departmental public spending will decimate our public services. The budget will do nothing to restore confidence or kick-start the recovery, but will push local economies into the ground, raising the spectre of breadline Britain. Vital services that the poor, the sick and the vulnerable rely on, are in the firing line. There is no compassion in this coalition."

