

Education cuts: Letters to politicians

Letters copied from a template are less persuasive than letters written in your own words. But here are some points you could make:

- Edinburgh's schools are in crisis. Councillors should make it a priority to protect them.
- The cut would slice about £100K from many secondary school budgets in 2010–11 alone.
- 75 full-time teaching posts could go.
- Further cuts will damage children's education with bigger classes and fewer subjects.
- The new 'Curriculum for Excellence' requires more spending not less.
- Schools have already had to take on additional 'backdoor' costs such as exam fees, maternity leave pay, water, refuse) with inadequate budgets.