

## Major funding to increase MK school places

Welcome news that the Government has announced an extra £2.35 billion to create more school places. This is in addition to the £5 billion that is already being spent in this parliament.

This means that between 2014 and 2017 schools in Milton Keynes will receive £54,243,479. This is part of the Government's long-term plan to give every young person the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

It is the first time that councils have had 3-year allocations of funding to spend on school places, so Milton Keynes Council can plan ahead and ensure every child has a school place. This Government has already created 260,000 new school places and this announcement means thousands more are on the way.

Having always campaigned for 'I before E' or infrastructure before Expansion I'm pleased that this Government has recognised the fact that rising birth rates and an ever growing Milton Keynes population has meant that we will need thousands more school places in the coming years.

It is great news for young people in Milton Keynes that this Government has found billions of extra funding to ensure every child has a place at school so that they can fulfil their potential.

This is part of our long-term plan to create an education system that gives young people who want to work hard the skills they need to get on in life and have a more secure and better future.