

Press Release

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Stafford Children Would Benefit From Smaller Class Size Plan

Children in schools in Stafford and Penkridge would benefit from Liberal Democrat plans to cut class sizes claims the areas would be MP today.

Speaking just hours after the launch of the Party's Education Manifesto, Stafford's Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Candidate Barry Stamp said he welcomed the proposal which would see average class sizes of 20 for 5 – 7 year olds and 25 for 7 – 11 year olds.

“As an ex teacher and a governor of a local primary school I welcome these proposals that would see more funding getting to the very heart of education. Giving children a good start in the early years of the school life is extremely important and keeping class sizes down to these levels will really help. Having both taught in Stafford schools and having worked for Staffordshire Education Authority I have first hand experience of the difficulties teachers face when class sizes are too large. While headteachers and school governors do their best to ensure that class numbers are kept as low as possible, lack of funding does not make this job easy. The Liberal Democrat policy of scrapping the Child Trust Fund will ensure the money is used now to benefit to-days children, and not kept in the bank for the future. Over the past few months I have spoken to dozens of Stafford parents and I know they support this plan. Every child gets just one chance of a decent education and I believe small class sizes are key to ensuring this happens,” said Barry Stamp.

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