

# EDUCATION - INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

The Government came to office with education as a top priority and this is already having a significant effect in the Kettering Constituency.

I have visited fifty of the sixty eight schools in the constituency to listen to pupils, teachers, parents and governing bodies.

The amount of extra money going in to repairs and new school buildings is encouraging but there is still much to do. Money is being spent on removing mobile classrooms, some of which have been in place for over twenty years, and repairs which are long overdue .

The extra money is a combination of Government funding, County Council funding, Lottery money and private fund raising. The success of this partnership is of enormous help to our local schools.

The total Government investment of £19 billion across the country, over three years, will help to equip schools, pupils and teachers for the challenges of the new millennium.

In addition to the investment in our school buildings the Government is delivering on its election pledge to cut class sizes for 5, 6 and 7 year olds and many of our children are now being taught in smaller classes.

Last year every school received an extra £2000 to buy new books.

It is essential to give our children the best possible



start in life and I have visited pre-school play groups, summer schools and after-school clubs in Broughton, Kettering, Spratton, Rothwell and Barton Seagrave to see at first hand the valuable contribution which they make to our children's learning experience.

Children are our future and during my visits to schools I have been extremely impressed with the efforts and achievements of pupils and the quality, standards and commitment of teachers.

I will continue to listen to, and work with, all those involved with education in our community to ensure that our children get the best possible educational opportunities.

• Rothwell Juniors	£380,000 for new classrooms to replace mobiles
• Loddington C of E	£23,000 to replace heating system
• St Thomas More RC Primary	New heating system and new classrooms
• Henry Gotch Infant, Nursery & Senior	Roof and guttering repairs
• East Lea St Mary's Burton Latimer	New windows and roof repairs
• Broughton Primary	Roof repairs
• Hawthorn Road	£235,000 three new classrooms and communal area
• Avondale Junior	£75,900 for new classrooms
• Park Infant	£79,000 for new classrooms
• Moulton	Additional classrooms
• Montsaye	£1 million for 8 new classrooms to replace mobiles
• Latimer	£750,000 for classrooms, science labs & changing rooms
• Guilsborough	£500,000 over next 3 years (Technology college status)
• Brambleside	£180,000 for two extra classrooms
• Maidwell Primary	New classrooms to replace mobiles
• Grange Primary	Two new classrooms to replace mobiles
• Bishop Stopford	£750,000 sports hall / sixth form centre
• Henry Gotch Senior	£1 million for 180 extra places
• Latimer	£1.7 million arts centre / £130,000 Media centre
• Tresham Institute	£1 million sixth form centre
• Rothwell Infants	£250,000 for new classrooms / office

**The above is not a complete list but it illustrates just how much investment is going in to local schools and colleges to create a better learning environment.**