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Rayner MP, Labour's Shadow Education Secretary, ahead of the party's Opposition Day Debate on schools funding, said:

"Schools are struggling to plug the massive budget deficits created by a Tory Government incapable of running a schools system.

"On Monday we heard from headteachers who are increasingly faced with difficult choices of whether they can afford to have classrooms cleaned, sport pitches mowed or to keep hold of vital support staff who are essential to school communities.

"With three quarters of school budgets taken up by staffing costs, the fear across the sector is that classroom teachers could be cut next.

"At the election the Tories offered warm words to parents about better schools and promised to protect school funding. It is clear that their legacy will now be one of cutting school budgets, super-sized class sizes, and no progress made in the international league tables.

"Our children deserve better."