

Maintained Nursery Schools Lobby and March Monday 11th March 2019, London

Attendee Information

Ahead of the day

We need you to do three things ahead of the event:

1. Sign the letter to the Chancellor

Ensure the head teacher and chair of governors of your nursery school has signed the letter to the Chancellor (before 5pm on Sunday 10th March). We are aiming for the head teacher of every nursery school in England to sign the letter. Please do so and share with head teacher colleagues so we can reach as far as possible. You can read and sign the letter here:

www.naht.org.uk/nurseriesletter

2. Contact your MP

Ask them to attend the lobby and pledge their support for secure and sustainable funding for maintained nursery schools. Even if you cannot make the lobby yourself, ask your MP to attend and sign a pledge. You can do this here: <https://www.naht.org.uk/news-and-opinion/news/ask-your-mp-to-attend-the-lobby-for-increased-funding-of-maintained-nursery-schools/>

3. Make a poster to represent your nursery school

We are asking all schools to produce a poster/banner that represents your school. Please get creative and involve your children! Bring this to the march, or if you cant attend, tweet a photo (#SaveOurNurseries) or email to organising@naht.org.uk and we can tweet for you.

If you are intending to enter Parliament for the lobby ahead of the march, please ensure your poster is A3 or smaller and not on a stick.

On the Day

Planned timetable of events:

2pm	Arrival at Parliament
3-4.30pm	Lobby and briefing for MPs
4.30pm	Assemble on Parliament Square
4.45/5pm	March departs down Whitehall

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c. 5.30pm Letter to the Chancellor deliver to Number 11 Downing Street and march disperses

Arrival and entering Parliament

To enter Parliament, please go to the Cromwell Green entrance (marked number 8 on this map: <https://www.parliament.uk/documents/facilities/maps/colmap.pdf>)

You will need to go through security where you and your luggage will be scanned.

For full details of what you can and cannot take into Parliament, please see here: <https://www.parliament.uk/visiting/access/security/>.

The time it takes to get through security Parliament vary dependent on how busy it is. It could take a few minutes, or it could take up to an hour so we advise you to arrive from 2pm.

The lobby

The lobby is scheduled to take place in Committee Room 14 on the first floor of the main Houses of Parliament building. Please ask House of Parliament ushers for directions.

We will be meeting from 3pm until 4.30pm. There will be some short speeches/briefing to inform MPs of the current funding situation, but MPs listen to what is happening in their constituencies.

Please contact your MP in advance to ask them to come and meet you in Committee during this time.

We have pledge cards for MPs to sign to call for secure and sustainable funding for maintained nursery schools, so please ask your MP to sign it.

It is the individual and personal story and situation of your nursery school that your MP will be interested in, but please see the separate briefing on your lobbying your MP that sets out the national situation and what we are asking for.

Committee Room 14 is a large room, so we hope to fit everyone in, but you can meet your MP outside the room if necessary or in the House of Commons lobby downstairs (outside the House of Commons chamber).

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The march

The assembly point for the march is the North East corner of Parliament Square, near the Winston Churchill statue.

Please assemble from 4.15pm if you are not attending the lobby.

If you will be in Parliament for the lobby, please leave as quickly as you can after it has finished.

We are aiming for the march to depart around 4.45/5pm.

The route of the march is from Parliament Square, crossing the road on the public crossing on Great George Street, and walking on the pavement along Parliament Street/Whitehall to Downing Street.

This is a short route and should not take too long.

Once the front of the march reaches Downing Street, the procession will then stop. We ask you to remain on the pavement and be a large and visible display of the strength of feeling from maintained nursery schools. We will be taking picture of the march and by attending you are consenting to your photo being used by the press and on social media.

A small delegation will then enter Downing Street to deliver the letter to the Chancellor to Number 11, and photographs will be taken.

Once the letter has been delivered, the march will then disperse. There will not be speeches in Parliament Square or outside Downing Street.

We anticipate it ending around 5.30pm.

The lobby and march are open to anyone associated with maintained nursery schools in England, not just head teachers.

Further questions

Hopefully this information will have answered any questions you have, but if you have any further questions about the day, please email organising@naht.org.uk.

Thank you for your support of the campaign.



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