My wife and I are two working parents who can JUST afford private sector fees.

My wife was a state school teacher for 12 years and is very aware of how overstretched and underfunded state schools are. Parents such as ourselves will be forced to move our children back into state education putting more strain on an overstretched education system. This will also add stress to our children at having to move schools.

We are both tax payers and therefore pay towards education in Scotland, yet are being penalised.

In addition to this, there are many families who will miss out on bursaries if rates increase- again penalising the children.

Flipping the coin, my wife moved from teaching in state education to private in 2018. Since that time, with the implementation of these rates, her school is being forced to close down. This is leading to many, many job loses, and children devastated that they will need to find new schools to finish their education.

These rare increases are unfairly targeting many families, who despite public conception are merely attempting to give their children the best education that they are able, in a very difficult economical environment. Families like us, who quite literally can not afford these huge increases that will be forced into fees due to these unjust rates.