



Petersfield Church of England (Aided) School Finance Report 16-17

The financial year 2016-17 at Petersfield School was again challenging as the expected new Funding Formula has still not yet been implemented. Our thanks go to all our governors, staff parents and those in our local community who supported us by completing the national Funding Consultation and petition identifying the funding crisis schools, including Petersfield, are currently facing. We ended the year with an expected deficit of £16,795. Nearly £5,000 related to Puffins supply and recruitment costs as we revised our provision and recruited permanent staff. Staffing and increased numbers mean we expect Puffins to cover costs and recoup the deficit going forward. The remainder of the deficit was due to unexpected, but essential, spend to meet pupils' needs. At all times during the year, County and our Financial Advisor monitored the budget alongside staff and governors given our position. Governors and County approved a cashflow loan towards the end of the financial year to enable us to cover our payments. We have budgeted to balance our budget by the end of 2017-18.

Income from lettings was below previous years as the hall is no longer let on some nights. Expenditure on staffing and also staff training was a little higher than budgeted due to the governors' continued focus on raising standards and also factors beyond the school's control. As we continue to search for a caretaker for weekdays to work alongside Mr Ferris, a saving was made on the vacant position. We continue to be committed to safeguarding and an increased cost resulted from DBS checks, including for Governors which has been mandatory since September 2016. We are proud of our new website and the positive feedback regarding this. We funded specific developments to the school website during 2016-17. We continue to fund the Allayance project with our cluster schools which enable us to provide playtherapy and other support for pupils. The cost of Allayance increased this year to enable the provision to continue. In January 2016, we subscribed to Target Tracker following an extensive review of the options available to us to track and report pupil assessment effectively.

Designated Pupil Premium funding of over £24,000 was spent on specific interventions for eligible pupils to raise their attainment. Sports Funding of over £8,000 was used to purchase membership with South Cambs School Sports Partnership (SCSSP) which gives the school access to a range of competitions and training events giving pupils more opportunities in sport and upskilling school staff. More details of our [Pupil Premium provision](#) and [Sports Funding spending](#) can be found on our website together with the impact this spending has had.

The PTA continued to fund Athletics for all pupils in school and raise funds to purchase more quality books to foster a love of reading in pupils. We are particularly grateful to a number of individuals, groups and business who donated towards our book appeal and supported other aspects of school life through donations of time, skills and money. The Autumn and Spring term fundraising raised over £3,500 to cover the cost of the school staging made by local company Setup ready for the Summer 17 production and other events.

The budget for 2017-18 continues to be focused on raising standards for our pupils. Further investment in the website, to develop a 'Starz replacement' ICT Learning Platform for our pupils, is planned and we will be replacing whiteboards and developing the Hazel computer room whilst looking to fund Clicker7. Clicker7 is an excellent literacy resource for all our pupils to use at school and at home to support learning.