



Petersfield Church of England (Aided) School Finance Report 17-18

The financial year 2017-8 at Petersfield School was again challenging as we started the year with the expected deficit of £16,795 as the new Funding Formula was delayed. We continue to identify the funding crisis for schools and ask that you read the website [School Cuts](http://schoolcuts.org.uk) (schoolcuts.org.uk) and continue to support us in whatever way you can as we seek to change the years of underfunding of Cambridgeshire schools to enable us to give your children the education they truly deserve. As a result of careful planning and savings, we ended the year with a true carry forward of around £4000. We have also carried forward ring fenced money to spend on specific planned projects including our sports provision, reading books (thanks to a generous donation) and computers (thanks to the Colbatch Hooper Trust). Details of the plans for this Sports Premium Spending can be found on our [school website](#).

This year, savings have again been made as we continue to search for a caretaker for weekdays to work alongside Mr Ferris. Whilst the savings are positive, the need for a caretaker is higher. If you know anyone who may be interested in this position, please do ask them to contact the school office. Oil costs were higher than budgeted for due to the price rises. Thanks to the hard work of Mrs Bonfield and Mrs McNab, and the Puffins team, Puffins has been oversubscribed on some nights and has repaid some of the debt incurred previously. Over the year, more money has been spent on staff training than originally budgeted for. This was deliberate and [Ofsted](#) fully endorsed the actions governors and staff have already taken together to raise standard further. We funded specific developments to the school website during 2017-18 and will be launching our new ICT tool for pupils in the summer term (2018) now this development is complete. We continued to fund the Allayance project with our cluster schools which enabled us to provide playtherapy and other support for pupils.

Designated Pupil Premium funding of over £37,000 was spent on specific interventions for eligible pupils to raise their attainment. The threshold for Pupil Premium has now changed so if you may be eligible if you are entitled to Universal Credit. Please do apply by clicking [here](#). More details of our [Pupil Premium provision](#) can be found on our website together with the impact this spending has had.

FOPs (formerly the PTA) have continued to be highly active and thanks to your support have raised a significant amount of money to fund Mathletics for all pupils in school and to purchase more quality books to foster a love of reading in pupils. The visiting Christmas production, Christmas crackers, cameras, a typing program and a £15 contribution per pupil to school visits provide a flavour of the many opportunities we have been able to provide our pupils thanks to the work of FOPs. In 2018-9, the sensory garden will be completed thanks to Tesco and a Community Chest grant. Our thanks also go to local companies including Volac and Johnson Matthey who funded the wonderful Clicker7 software and an inspirational science teaching program for year 6 respectively.

With the impending closure of CCS the catering and cleaning company, we are currently reviewing our options for Autumn 2018.

Our successful Cambridge School Improvement Board funding bid of £15,000 has been partially spent on the Oracy project with Barrington and Foxton Schools. During 2018-19, we will continue the exciting collaboration as pupils from each year groups across the three schools will have the opportunity to work together on an oracy project.

We do not have the funding to cover all we want but we have set a balanced budget for 2018-19.