



Petersfield Church of England (Aided) School Finance Report 18-19

From a deficit position the previous year, despite the financial challenges in 18-19, we set a balanced budget. We continue to recognise the schools funding crisis and ask that you read the information on School Cuts - schoolcuts.org.uk - and continue to support us however you can as we challenge years of underfunding of Cambridgeshire schools and demand the educational funding our pupils deserve.

This year, savings have been made possible as the Headteachers (together with support from other school staff) have continued to fill positions as we aimed to recruit to roles including caretaker, Puffins Playworker, SENDCO, Administrator, Clerk, Teacher and Teaching Assistant (TA). We are pleased to have recruited Mrs Davy and Mrs Wynn into the school office who are taking over the administrative responsibility and also to have recruited our caretaker, Mr Nathan Morley, who has already made a significant positive impact on the learning environment. We continue to look to recruit a playworker to work in Puffins 3 mornings a week. If you know anyone who may be interested in this position, please do ask them to contact the school office.

Thanks to the hard work of Mrs McNab, and the Puffins team, Puffins has been oversubscribed on some nights and has now repaid the full debt incurred in previous years. Following the Colbatch Hooper Trust donation we have replaced interactive whiteboards and computers. We spent more money meeting the Special Educational Needs (SEND) of pupils, including through funding additional TA hours. As last year, we committed more funding to staff training to further raise standards and develop our teachers as leaders of their curriculum area. Together with three other local schools, we funded the YMCA play therapist to work with individuals and groups of children in school. The building continues to be expensive but we have secured capital funding (LCVAP) from Diocese to replace the boilers this summer and fix the defects.

Designated Pupil Premium funding, of over £30,360, 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. In 2018-19, 82% of pupils made accelerated progress in at least 1 area – reading, writing or maths.

FOPs (PTA) have continued to be highly active and thanks to your support at key events like Run Orwell and Fireworks, have raised a significant amount of money to fund Athletics, the visiting Christmas production, Christmas crackers, cameras, £15 contribution per pupil to school visits, Rockstars, and teaching resources.

Our successful Cambridge School Improvement Board funding bid of £15,000 saw the two year project begin in January 2018. The culmination of this was our BFP (Barrington, Foxton, Petersfield) Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies Oracy day in June 19 which showcased all the essential oracy skills we are now embedding as a regular part of the Petersfield curriculum.

As a result of all the careful planning and savings, we ended the year with a carry forward of around £74k which included funding allocated to spend on funding the class structure planned for 19-20 and a significant amount of ring-fenced allocated to specific planned projects due to complete by September 2019. This includes the capital works (boiler) and our running track which is due to be installed in August. Details of the plans for this Sports Premium Spending can be found on our [school website](#).

We do not have the funding to cover all we want but we have set a balanced budget for 2019-20 where we have maintained the five class structure in the mornings.