



Petersfield Church of England (Aided) School Finance Report 19-20

Despite the financial challenges in 19-20, we set a balanced budget. We continue to recognise the schools funding crisis and ask that you read the information on [School Cuts](http://schoolcuts.org.uk) - 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.

During the summer of 2019, phase I of our building project took place funded by LCVAP money. LCVAP is the name for the money received by Church schools to fund building projects. This LCVAP money was received following a bid to the Diocese to access government funds for essential work to improve our premises. Phase II of this heating and water project – designed to make sure our school is warm and efficient, to save money on expensive utility costs and which should ensure we still have a water supply in a power cut – is due to take place in Summer 2020.

Following significant donations from FOPS, the Colbatch Hooper Trust and the Thomas McGregor Foundation we were able to combine these with the capital funds we have been saving to replace our outdated and increasingly failing laptops. This is essential to enable us to deliver the required computing National Curriculum

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, £15 contribution per pupil to school visits and a wide range of resources to support the curriculum which prior to lockdown were being reported on the weekly newsletter. Please do visit the website to read more about this spend [by clicking here](#).

Designated Pupil Premium funding, less this year at £21,120, was spent on specific interventions for eligible pupils to raise their attainment. As in previous years, 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 continue to fund the YMCA play therapist to work in school. The threshold for Pupil Premium has now changed so if you may be eligible if you are entitled to Universal Credit, especially during Covid. 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.

Over a number of years, we have ring fenced some of our Sports Funding which enabled us to purchase our running track in September. From the first day we were able to use it following installation, it has proved very popular with children and staff alike. Our grateful thanks to Barrington school who donated the storage container which enable us to access our PE equipment easily from outside. Details of the plans for this Sports Premium Spending can be found on our [school website](#).

As a result of all the careful planning and savings, we ended the year with a carry forward of around £47k which included funding allocated to funding the class structure planned for 20-21 and a significant amount of ring-fenced money, allocated to purchase the trim trail outside activities equipment due to be completed in September 2020.

We do not have the funding to cover all we want but we have set a balanced budget for 2020-21 where we have maintained the five class structure in the mornings.