



Brumby Junior
School

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Brumby Junior School – Financial Report 2016-17

Financial Management in School

Schools are responsible for the management of public money each year. Formal responsibility for this rests with the governing body who set the budget and monitor income and expenditure throughout the financial year. Schools are expected to take a strategic approach to their finances with the budget reflecting the school's priorities for development and improvement and to plan for the medium-term. At Brumby Junior School, the budget is prepared in draft by the senior leadership team, reviewed in detail by the resources committee and approved by the full governing body. It includes a three year projection. Prior to setting the budget, benchmarking exercises are undertaken to inform the process. In addition the school maintains an asset management plan.

Daily financial decisions are made by school staff, primarily the headteacher, in accordance with a schedule of financial delegation which is reviewed annually by governors.

As a maintained school, we are also obliged to submit an annual return known as the SFVS (Schools Financial Values Standard) in April each year. The standard is designed to ensure that schools manage their finances well to achieve value for money; that those responsible for school finances have the necessary skills to manage them effectively and that appropriate financial controls are in place. The school submitted its SFVS return in April following its preparation by the resources committee and its approval by the full governing body.

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A summary of the School's income and expenditure for the financial year 2016-17 is set out below.

Teaching staff	£1,006,965
Teaching assistants and learning mentors	£347,140
Supply cover	£70,161
Other Staff costs inc office staff, insurances and training	£132,416
Premises and occupation costs	£286,783
Learning resources	£139,110
Professional Services	£69,887
Catering	£47,846
Other (insurances, admin supplies)	£106,642
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£2,206,950
TOTAL INCOME	£2,072,431
Amount of reserves used	£134,519

A school's income is primarily comprised of funds delegated by the Local Authority. It also includes other government grants (including Pupil Premium, Sports Premium and Universal Infant Free School Meals funding) plus money raised by the school from hiring out its facilities and those funds raised for the School.

Although the school's finances were in deficit at the end of the financial year, we had saved over previous years and built a bank of reserves to help us with the new school building. We still have a small amount of these reserves remaining and these are focussed on improving the maths, literacy and science provision and experiences for our pupils.

There are currently considerable pressures on school budgets including the impact of the Local Government Pay Offer (a consequence of the introduction of the National Living Wage) and increased National Insurance and teachers' pension costs. In addition, there is some uncertainty about the level of future funding as a new National Funding Formula is expected to be introduced. The school's budget projections take these factors into account and the existence of a reserve will assist the school to maintain a balanced budget.

However, our budget (in real terms) is going to be cut in future years. Within two years we would be facing a major deficit of around £300,000 (based on current expenditure). At Brumby, this sadly means that we have lost 2 teachers and 12 teaching assistants, although the vast majority of these losses have been accounted for through non-renewal of fixed-term contracts and voluntary redundancies, with very few compulsory redundancies.

These difficult decisions have been necessary for us to protect pupil budgets. As mentioned above, the school is investing in many more resources for our pupils so that they can access many more practical experiences both within and outside the school environment. We are confident that the school will improve even further as a result of these investments.