

# School Balances 2019/20

<b>Report being considered by:</b>	Schools' Forum		
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<b>Item for:</b>	Discussion	<b>By:</b>	All Maintained Schools Representatives

## 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report sets out for information purposes the year end balances for all maintained schools, highlighting those schools with a deficit or significant surplus.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the report.

**Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Council or the Executive for final determination?**

Yes:

No:

## 3. Introduction

- 3.1 The Scheme for Financing Schools states: "In order to control surplus balances, the authority will report the balances held by each school at the end of the financial year to the Schools' Forum (during the Summer term), alongside the actual balance for the previous three years and any other data deemed to be of relevance. The Schools' Forum may request individual schools to provide further information and/or attend a meeting of the Heads Funding Group if the data reported raises any concerns regarding their financial management in respect of their balances."
- 3.2 This report provides an overview of school balances at the end of 2019/20. A separate report provides the detail for those schools either in deficit or ending the year with an unplanned deficit.

## 4. Overview of School Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

- 4.1 The schools' accounts for 2019/20 have now been closed and the closing balances for each school determined.
- 4.2 Table 1 summarises the overall closing balances (all funds) of West Berkshire maintained schools compared to the previous year (adjusted for in year academy conversions whose opening balances have been removed).

<b>TABLE 1</b>	<b>As at 31st</b>	<b>As at 31st</b>	<b>Increase/(Decrease)</b>	
	<b>March 2019</b>	<b>March 2020</b>		
<b>Total Balances Summary</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>%</b>
Nursery Schools	185	252	68	36.7%
Primary Schools	3,667	3,396	(271)	-7.4%
Secondary Schools	677	566	(111)	-16.4%
Special Schools	578	933	355	61.3%
Pupil Referral Units	107	162	55	51.2%
<b>Total for all Schools</b>	<b>5,213</b>	<b>5,309</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1.8%</b>

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- 4.3 The school balances at 31st March 2020 are £5.3m, an increase of £95k from 2018/19. Primary and secondary school balances have decreased, with the balances in the other school types increasing year on year.
- 4.4 Table 2 summarises the balances of West Berkshire maintained schools by fund.

	Main School Budget	Pupil Premium	Revenue Sports Fund	Resource Units	Revenue Total	Community (Before & After school clubs)	Capital	Total Balances
2019/20 Balances by type of fund	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Nursery Schools	162	0	0	0	162	5	85	252
Primary Schools	2,078	231	305	(9)	2,605	222	570	3,396
Secondary Schools	467	0	0	0	467	0	99	566
Special Schools	792	67	37	0	896	20	17	933
Pupil Referral Units	106	0	12	0	118	0	43	162
<b>Total for all Schools</b>	<b>3,606</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>4,248</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>5,309</b>
2018/19 Balance	2,994	299	402	19	3,714	252	1,247	5,213
Increase/(Decrease)	612	(1)	(48)	(28)	534	(6)	(434)	95
%	20.4%	-0.3%	-12.0%	-147.6%	14.4%	-2.2%	-34.8%	1.8%

- 4.5 In addition to £4.2m being held in revenue balances, £246k is held in before and after school club funds and £814k in capital balances.

Of the revenue balances £298k is unspent pupil premium grant (though note that not all schools account for this separately and include within the main school budget) and £354k unspent sports premium grant.

Capital balances have reduced by £434k. West Berkshire schools were allocated £655k additional capital funding in February 2019, leaving little time to spend the allocation before the end of the year, and thereby inflating the capital balances for 2018/19.

- 4.6 Table 3 summarises the main school balances.

	As at 31st March 2019	As at 31st March 2020	Inc/(Dec)	Balance as a % of funding
Main School Balances	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Nursery Schools	89	162	74	14%
Primary Schools	2,021	2,078	57	4%
Secondary Schools	377	467	90	2%
Special Schools	453	792	339	8%
Pupil Referral Units	54	106	53	4%
<b>Total for all Schools</b>	<b>2,994</b>	<b>3,606</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>4.0%</b>

- 4.7 Primary school balances have increased by £57k to £2,078K. This represents 4% of the main school funding. 29 primary schools have seen a reduction in balances (£752k), 26 with an increase (£809k). A detailed breakdown per school is shown in Appendix A
- 4.8 Two of the three maintained secondary schools have reduced balances in 2019/20 totalling £157k. The remaining secondary has a significant increase in their balance having recovered from deficit. PRU's, nursery and special schools all have increased main school balances. Appendix B provides details of these.

## 5. Schools with Significant Surpluses

5.1 The Schools' Forum previously agreed to remove the claw back scheme for schools with excess surplus balances with the understanding that information on high surplus balances would still be reviewed. Table 4 shows those schools with a surplus greater than 10% of their funding in 2019/20.

<b>TABLE 4 Main School Surplus Balances</b>	<b>As at 31st March 2019</b>	<b>As at 31st March 2020</b>	<b>Percentage of Funding %</b>	<b>Balance in excess of 10%</b>
Robert Sandilands	82,041	128,578	11%	12,493
John Rankin	48,646	298,129	12%	46,124
Victoria Park Nursery	88,772	162,498	18%	45,887

5.2 Three schools have closed the year with a surplus on their main school budget greater than 10% of their funding for the year. John Rankin have recently recovered from significant deficit and have remained cautious given the uncertainty of future funding. It is understandable for the nursery school to operate with a larger surplus due to the volatility of their funding.

## 6. Conclusion

6.1 Overall balances have increased from last year, although half of the schools have seen a reduction in their main school revenue balance. Schools are generally cautious in the use of their balances and continue to strive to improve or maintain their financial position against a backdrop of uncertain future funding.

6.2 It should be noted that Schools' Forum may request information from any school whose balance is of concern and does not have an adequate explanation.

## 7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix A – Main School Budget Balances Maintained Primary Schools

7.2 Appendix B – Main School Budget Balances Maintained Other Schools

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Appendix A	Main School Budget Balance				Inc/Dec
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	
Primary Schools	£	£	£	£	£
St Finian's Catholic Primary School	(7,714)	(31,909)	(56,722)	(40,599)	16,123
Beenham Primary School	(37,090)	(64,783)	(40,676)	(33,847)	6,829
Mrs Bland's Infant School	6,444	9,150	17,275	(32,526)	(49,801)
Compton Church of England Primary School	48,011	34,629	37,270	(26,608)	(63,878)
Bucklebury Church of England Primary School	13,411	25,631	6,565	(20,418)	(26,983)
Basildon Church of England Primary School	1,123	2,952	10,918	(6,040)	(16,958)
Hampstead Norreys Church of England Primary School	2,264	5,766	42,026	(3,825)	(45,852)
Bradfield Church of England Primary School	585	4,077	19,157	(1,779)	(20,936)
The Ilsleys' Primary School	(1,697)	(6,496)	0	0	0
St John the Evangelist Cof E Infant and Nursery School	(22,724)	(37,759)	3,462	487	(2,975)
Birch Copse Primary School	6,373	25,169	51,130	501	(50,629)
Woolhampton Church of England Primary School	14,560	17,985	6,809	1,588	(5,221)
Stockcross Church of England School	(6,324)	1,155	(25,899)	2,000	27,900
Enborne Church of England Primary School	(1,359)	14,962	(3,167)	2,446	5,613
Welford and Wickham Church of England Primary School	(10,940)	3,471	(13,208)	4,466	17,674
Theale Church of England Primary School	8,835	7,723	23,669	5,747	(17,922)
Westwood Farm Schools Federation	(67,108)	(82,753)	(26,786)	6,502	33,288
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	53,394	49,633	9,730	7,606	(2,124)
Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet CofE VA Primary School	(3,778)	(5,514)	2,944	10,525	7,582
Cold Ash St Mark's Church of England Primary School	98,760	100,210	50,414	11,915	(38,499)
Brimpton Church of England Primary School	5,300	3,506	11,053	15,396	4,344
Inkpen Primary School	18,585	22,427	28,399	15,767	(12,632)
Mortimer St John's Church of England School	5,040	15,839	23,163	16,389	(6,774)
Yattendon Church of England Primary School	6,043	11,832	20,205	18,877	(1,328)
Beedon Church of England (Controlled) Primary School	12,317	26,861	35,048	19,149	(15,899)
Pangbourne Primary School	6,344	26,901	28,584	19,379	(9,204)
Downsway Primary School	43,780	48,100	44,558	25,049	(19,509)
Shaw-cum-Donnington Church of England Primary School	30,768	32,043	35,057	25,140	(9,917)
Kennet Valley Primary School	41,326	27,068	35,467	25,522	(9,945)
Long Lane Primary School	(2,341)	(17,060)	3,459	26,597	23,138
Hermitage Primary School	38,182	11,226	11,233	26,971	15,737
Aldermaston Church of England Primary School	17,144	45,363	36,601	29,263	(7,337)
Chieveley Primary School	28,296	36,876	34,848	31,702	(3,146)
Streatley Church of England Voluntary Controlled School	74,572	105,998	87,502	32,757	(54,744)
Brightwalton Church of England Aided Primary School	21,741	9,232	16,577	33,336	16,759
Burghfield St Mary's Church of England Primary School	1,740	16,310	34,333	34,627	294
Curridge Primary School	18,900	26,022	31,964	36,595	4,631
Purley Church of England Infant School	16,745	38,203	63,249	40,562	(22,687)
Garland Junior School	85,642	52,629	36,014	41,281	5,267
Thatcham Park Church of England Primary School	46,340	76,275	79,123	41,932	(37,191)
St Nicolas Church of England Junior School	5,508	35,737	43,776	45,825	2,050
Mortimer St Mary's CofE Junior School	47,673	44,169	50,073	46,787	(3,286)
Kintbury St Mary's Church of England Primary School	24,958	(12,317)	16,372	47,570	31,198
Chaddleworth Shefford Federation Cof E Primary School	27,541	47,448	38,077	47,900	9,823
Englefield Church of England Primary School	43,903	35,110	36,071	48,436	12,365
Parsons Down Schools Federation	16,147	(22,432)	5,673	58,879	53,206
Springfield Primary School	34,296	47,541	89,060	81,296	(7,764)
St Paul's Catholic Primary School	36,856	47,990	91,767	93,651	1,883
The Winchcombe School	43,788	96,787	71,213	95,590	24,377
Hungerford Primary School	39,169	52,054	73,899	103,085	29,186
Spurcroft Primary School	(7,842)	52,785	211,676	103,681	(107,995)
Calcot Schools Federation	140,975	129,103	197,284	116,363	(80,921)
Robert Sandilands Primary School and Nursery	30,288	53,018	82,041	125,878	43,837
The Willows Primary School	(17,826)	(212,694)	37,892	154,239	116,347
Falkland Primary School	152,399	133,531	116,175	166,124	49,950
John Rankin Schools Federation	(122,680)	(189,992)	48,646	298,129	249,483
<b>Total Primary Schools</b>	<b>1,106,648</b>	<b>1,026,791</b>	<b>2,021,041</b>	<b>2,077,868</b>	<b>56,828</b>

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Appendix B	Main School Budget Balance				Inc/Dec
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	
<b>Nursery Schools</b>	£	£	£	£	£
Hungerford Nursery School Centre for Children and Families	43,185	35,172	17,765	43,514	25,749
Victoria Park Nursery School	63,435	85,766	71,006	118,983	47,977
<b>Total Nursery Schools</b>	<b>106,620</b>	<b>120,939</b>	<b>88,772</b>	<b>162,498</b>	<b>73,726</b>
<b>Secondary Schools</b>	£	£	£	£	£
The Downs School	353,723	290,539	173,786	30,622	(143,164)
Little Heath School	187,470	287,347	354,518	340,875	(13,643)
The Willink School	(2,630)	(98,684)	(151,086)	95,498	246,584
<b>Total Secondary Schools</b>	<b>538,563</b>	<b>479,201</b>	<b>377,217</b>	<b>466,994</b>	<b>89,777</b>
<b>Special Schools</b>					
Brookfields Special School	185,995	19,738	117,903	425,991	308,088
The Castle School	282,590	346,254	335,535	366,436	30,901
<b>Total Special Schools</b>	<b>468,585</b>	<b>365,992</b>	<b>453,438</b>	<b>792,427</b>	<b>338,989</b>
Pupil Referral Units					
iCollege Alternative Provision	464,944	252,095	53,871	106,385	52,515
<b>Total PRUs</b>	<b>464,944</b>	<b>252,095</b>	<b>53,871</b>	<b>106,385</b>	<b>52,515</b>
<b>Total for all Schools</b>	<b>2,685,360</b>	<b>2,245,018</b>	<b>2,994,338</b>	<b>3,606,171</b>	<b>611,833</b>