

Controls on Surplus Balances 2019/20

Costc	School Name	Revised £	Amount £	2019/20 Balance £	% Balance	Above Maximum Threshold £
DH40050	Manchester Mesivta	1,091,214	1,002,308	88,905	8.1%	23,433
<p>This is the 1st year of Reportable Surplus. The school has been subject to a very lengthy period of deficit recovery, involving the removal of Delegated Powers from the school and very intensive support from Financial Services. Delegated Powers were restored with effect from 1 April 2019 and the school has continued to demonstrate sound and sustainable financial management, with ongoing support from finance due to caveats placed on the school by the DfE.</p> <p>After years of deficit the school wanted to build up their surplus balance to allow them to have contingency available for meeting cost pressures and to ensure they can invest into additional staff capacity in the Maintained school ready to support increased numbers on roll from September 2020.</p> <p>The approved spending plan for 2020/21 includes these commitments and the school has planned to have an intended surplus carry forward into 2021/22 of 2.5%.</p>						
DH40070	The Derby High	5,278,460	4,777,116	501,344	9.5%	184,637
<p>This is the 1st year of Reportable Surplus.</p> <p>Unfortunately the long standing School Business Manager left school in February prior to their replacement being appointed and commencing their role at the end of April. The new Business Manager has identified projects that were planned but did not go ahead. They have identified the priority areas for the 2020/21 budget plan which will be ratified by the Governing Body on 17 June 2020.</p> <p>These plans include significant repairs to the heating system throughout school which has many leaks plus there are concerns in respect to legionella; contribution to new toilets as the school only has one set of toilets for boys and girls and 928 pupils on roll; internal and external security including CCTV; replacement of the aged telephone and internet lines which are no longer fit for purpose; replacement of rotten fire doors; additional classroom requirements in order to enable delivery of a more challenging and enriching curriculum – including transformation of current office space; investment into ICT as the school is technology deprived when compared to other school – including purchase of 60 laptops.</p> <p>Beyond 2020/21 the school is looking to convert the current gymnasium in order to help accommodate increased numbers on roll. Funding will also be committed through Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) and hopefully through LACIF if successful in their bid.</p> <p>The approved spending plan for 2020/21 includes these commitments and the school has planned to have an intended surplus carry forward into 2021/22 of 4%.</p>						
DH40280	Prestwich Community High	4,671,494	4,329,584	341,910	7.3%	61,621
<p>This is the 3rd year in a row of Reportable Surplus. I am sure no action would have been recommended due to their significant reduction in pupil numbers (-75) and associated funding impact for 2020/21, however due to academy conversion this surplus has transferred to their academy trust.</p>						
DH46030	Bury C of E High	4,172,087	3,878,658	293,429	7.0%	43,104
<p>This is the 1st year of Reportable Surplus. When the multiple-year budget was developed at the start of 2019/20 the following years predicted a significant deficit on the horizon if no actions were taken, consequently the school embarked on a process of staff reduction and cost savings to address this, including curtailing some development and spending plans in order to maximise financial gains. In-Year savings were made to many expenditure headings including Staffing, Buildings, Grounds, ICT, Administration, and Catering. The school also benefitted in-year due to income generated above their original expectations.</p> <p>The surplus for 2019/20 was also enhanced greatly by the in-year revision to SEND EHCP funding whereby the school was provided with over £90,000.</p>						

The school has planned to utilise the surplus to contribute to various aspects during 2020/21 including; providing additional support to Pupil Premium children, raising Year 11 attainment – including rescue packages to address the impact of Covid-19, whole school raising attainment, enhancing Teaching and Learning through staff CPD, resourcing a new curriculum model, addressing School Improvement for Maths, English and Science, developing the ICT infrastructure, building repairs and maintenance including security and painting, marketing and branding, and further staffing reviews.

The approved spending plan for 2020/21 includes these commitments and the school has planned to have an intended surplus carry forward into 2021/22 of 6.5%. NB – the school has very recently appointed a new Headteacher (June 2020) and intend to review their spending plan again for the new academic year and re-profile based on the new Headteachers' considerations. The re-profiled will be approved by the Governing Body.

DP20120	Greenhill Primary	1,028,037	922,341	105,696	10.3%	13,173
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The unexpected retirement of the Business Manager in December left a gap in the office that was not replaced before Year End. This generated a large saving of around £10,000 in addition to their planned savings.

Greenhill planned to spend the accumulated surplus on an electronic sign-in system (completed over Easter) and renovating their reception classroom, which was scheduled to be carried out over Easter but delayed and rescheduled for the Summer. They will also be using some of the surplus to offset inflationary increases for 2020/21.

The approved spending plan for 2020/21 includes these commitments and the school has planned to have an intended surplus carry forward into 2021/22 of 8%.

DP20190	Old Hall Primary	970,824	817,099	153,725	15.8%	66,351
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This is the 4th year in a row of Reportable Surplus. The school has a history of high surplus balances with 9 out of the last 12 years being above the maximum threshold.

The surplus balances have been: 2008/09 11.8%; 2009/10 9.5%; 2010/11 8.9%; 2011/12 8.4%; 2012/13 8.3%; 2013/14 9.9%; 2014/15 15.5%; 2015/16 6.5%; 2016/17 10%; 2017/18 10.8%; 2018/19 11.6%; 2019/20 15.8%.

NB: the maximum surplus balance threshold was originally 8% up to and including 2010/11 and then was increased to 9% in 2011/12 to allow schools to accumulate greater surplus balances to contribute to Capital projects after the cuts to Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) allocations. i.e. the school would have seen 11 out of 12 years above the threshold had the threshold not been increased.

During the last 4 years no action has been recommended due to specific circumstances in school. The school has endeavoured to complete all works identified on previous Controls on Surplus Balances considerations and have planned to retain surplus balances at a level that will assist them maintain a balanced budget when they are facing reductions in pupil numbers and funding. Over the last 2 years additional work has been done to improve the main office, Head Teachers Office, reception area, with new blinds, carpets and painted. Fire doors have also been replaced around the School. Externally, improvements to the car park and new signage have been made.

For 2020/21 the school has invested into staffing including increased Teaching and Support Staff, additional Mid-day hours, and enhanced Administration. Pupil numbers look set to stabilise with admissions confirming no overall reduction for September 2020 pupils on roll.

The approved spending plan for 2020/21 includes these commitments and the school has planned to have an intended surplus carry forward into 2021/22 of 8.7%.

DP20290	Mersey Drive Community Primary	1,401,801	1,241,576	160,225	11.4%	34,063
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This is the 1st year of Reportable Surplus. After being issued with a formal Notice of Concern in respect to financial management issues and with intensive support from Financial Services, the school has recovered its' deficit and can now demonstrate sound and sustainable budget planning. The 2019/20 surplus was enhanced by increases to income generation from the Nursery and Before/After School Club provisions. The surplus will support the 2020/21 budget in respect to increased cost pressures and for the reduction to funding of the SEND Unit which has been revised to reflect the statutory funding guidance for occupied and un-occupied places. The school has no intention to continue to have an excessive surplus.

The approved spending plan for 2020/21 includes these commitments and the school has planned to have an intended surplus carry forward into 2021/22 of 4.8%.

DP20300	Ribble Drive Community Primary	1,063,297	927,629	135,668	12.8%	39,971
<p>This is the 1st year of Reportable Surplus. School has accumulated the surplus in order to pay for significant drainage works that require urgent attention on order for the school to be able to use outside areas, including access to school and outdoor sporting areas. The school has also planned to increase Teaching and Learning hours to provide additional support to pupils that may have been adversely affected due to Coronavirus.</p> <p>The approved spending plan for 2020/21 includes these commitments and the school has planned to have an intended surplus carry forward into 2021/22 of 8%.</p>						
DP30190	Summerseat Methodist Primary	510,284	462,802	47,482	9.3%	1,557
<p>This is the 2nd year of Reportable Surplus. The school had no intention of sustaining the surplus above the threshold for a second year however delays on some works and orders late in the year resulted in the balance tipping over the limit by £1,557.</p> <p>The school recently had an Inadequate rating with Ofsted which is unfortunate as the current Headteacher is new to the role and only started in September 2019. The school is receiving support from School Improvement and making plans for investing on training and improvements to teaching and learning. The Deputy HT is on Secondment to another out of borough school and their role has not been backfilled. School is looking at a reduction to children on roll from September 2020, which could possibly worsen due to the latest Ofsted report, so they are trying to protect some carry forward to sustain a balanced budget into following year/s.</p> <p>The approved spending plan for 2020/21 includes these commitments and the school has planned to have an intended surplus carry forward into 2021/22 of 8.2%.</p>						
DP33260	St Joseph and St Bede RC Primary	1,557,140	1,407,525	149,615	9.6%	9,473
<p>This is the 1st year of Reportable Surplus. School has saved up funding to be able to contribute to the replacement of ICT ready for the new academic year and in respect to the conversion of the boiler house into a Key Stage 1 classroom, with works scheduled to commence by the end of June 2020.</p> <p>The approved spending plan for 2020/21 includes these commitments and the school has planned to have an intended surplus carry forward into 2021/22 of 3.9%.</p>						
DP33340	St Mary's C of E Aided Primary	993,762	902,308	91,454	9.2%	2,015
<p>This is the 1st year of Reportable Surplus. The surplus was above the maximum threshold due to a British Council – Erasmus 2 Grant awarded but not fully spent in 2019/20, in accordance to grant conditions the balance has been carried forward in the surplus and is committed to be spent during 2020/21.</p> <p>In addition the school has saved surplus funding in order to contribute to LCVAP schemes for new Fire Doors, Kitchen Shutters and Kitchen Boiler.</p> <p>The school has also committed additional expenditure required in respect to Grounds Maintenance and tree works.</p> <p>The approved spending plan for 2020/21 includes these commitments and the school has planned to have an intended surplus carry forward into 2021/22 of 6%.</p>						
DP33460	St Andrew's C of E Primary Radcliffe	1,102,441	969,722	132,719	12.0%	33,500
<p>This is the 4th out of the last 5 years of Reportable Surplus with only 2018/19 being slightly below at 8.8%. The surplus balances have been: 2015/16 10.2%; 2016/17 10.2%; 2017/18 14.3%; 2018/19 8.8%; 2019/20 12%. The 2019/20 surplus balance was sustained at a higher than planned level due to building works scheduled for March 2020 which had to be postponed due to the Covid-19 situation. These works are committed to be completed in 2020/21 and are reflected in their budget plan in respect to funding Roof repairs (due to no LCVAP funding), and ICT replacement programme including electronic whiteboards and interactive TV's. These are all are booked to take place over the Summer months.</p> <p>The approved spending plan for 2020/21 includes these commitments and the school has planned to have an intended surplus carry forward into 2021/22 of 7.5%.</p>						

DS70090	Cloughside	1,573,105	1,137,777	435,328	27.7%	293,748
<p>This is the 3rd year in a row of Reportable Surplus. The LA was successful in securing additional funding in respect to expansion and creation of new secure provision beds, however due to circumstances outside the schools control the hospital have not expanded the provision to date. The funding is being held by school in its' surplus balance until the expansion plans are progressed.</p> <p>The surplus balance was increased further in 2019/20 in order for the school to accumulate sufficient funds to implement specific priorities. For 2020/21 the school has reconfigured its timetable and enhanced the teaching time available with additional tutors to support the children accessing education at different times through the day and into the evening. They are also replacing the ICT infrastructure which was delayed from last year due to ensuring the right specification was incorporated, together with delays in logistically arranging for the work to be done within the secure unit.</p> <p>The approved spending plan for 2020/21 includes these commitments and the school has planned to have an intended surplus carry forward into 2021/22 of 8.8%.</p>						