

# DfE Financial Benchmarking Review

The DfE provides a financial benchmarking tool that enable users to compare the financial performance of any school against other schools.

The starting point for BSP is

<https://schools-financial-benchmarking.service.gov.uk/school/detail?urn=125729&openOnly=true>

A user may nominate specific schools or groups of school or use similar schools selected by the application.

The most recent financial data available is for 2018-19

Using the parameters suggested by the programme, a comparison “basket” of 15 schools (all identified) throughout England is compiled.

Pupil numbers at the schools ranged from 149 to 216. BSP is shown as 177 using Dec 2017 census numbers that determined 2018-19 funding.

## Summary of Findings

Because of the range of school sizes, comparison is only meaningful on a “per Pupil” basis.

### Income

School Total Income per Pupil (3/15) and Self-generated Funding per Pupil (2/15) rank highly, possibly due to funds received from the School Trust.

### Expenditure

Total Expenditure, Total Staff Costs and Total Premises Cost per Pupil rank between 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> out of the 15 schools. Total Occupation Costs are 12<sup>th</sup> lowest of all 15 while Supplies and Services are highest suggesting a difference in cost classification. This merits further investigation.

### Annual Balance

At total level and on a per pupil basis BSP ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the 15 schools reflecting prudent financial management

### Conclusion

Supplies and Services Expenditure merits further enquiry, otherwise all benchmarking data indicates solid to good financial performance compared to the selected schools

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