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An Introduction to Benchmarking – Resource Pack
Schools Financial Benchmarking Website

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<https://schools-financial-benchmarking.service.gov.uk/>

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Step-by-Step Guide

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Choosing a School

You can find your school via school name

Once you start typing a list will appear, click on the school to continue.

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Find a school

[Find an academy trust](#)

[Compare with no default school](#)

Search by:

☒ School name, URN or LAESTAB code

Enter a school name, URN or LAESTAB number

☒ Include open schools only

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[Chaddesden Park Primary School](#)
(Derby, DE21 6JW)

North [Chadderton](#) School (Oldham,
OL9 0BN)

[Chaddlewood Primary School](#)
(Plymouth, PL7 2EU)

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Other Options

Use 'Find an academy trust' to get statistics and information for your entire MAT

Once you start typing a list will appear, click on the trust to continue.

You can also choose to compare without a default school. You could then create a list of comparator schools using detailed criteria.

[Find a school](#)

[Find an academy trust](#)

[Compare with no default school](#)

Search by:

- ☐ Academy trust name or Companies House number
- ☐ Location of schools in academy trust
- ☐ Local authority of schools in academy trust

[Find a school](#)

[Find an academy trust](#)

[Compare with no default school](#)

This allows you to create a benchmark basket without using a default school. If you already have a default school it will be removed.

Compare by:

- ☐ Detailed comparison using characteristics you choose
- ☐ Manual comparison by name or location

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Once you have selected your school you will see some basic information and below that, the image on the right.

This is an overview of the expenditure, income and in-year balance for the financial year.

Under this you will see a list of these options, a breakdown for each one.

Expenditure

£6.33m

2018 / 2019

Income

£6.36m

2018 / 2019

In-year balance

£31k

2018 / 2019

Expenditure

[Income](#)

[Balance](#)

[Workforce](#)

Show grouping

Total expenditure

Show value [?](#)

Absolute total

Central financing

Academy and trust proportion

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Scrolling down further, you will see graphs showing a breakdown for each of the options below. These separate graphs can be changed to show various values depending on what you want to see.

Show grouping

Total expenditure

Staff

Premises

Occupation

Supplies and services

Special facilities

Cost of finance

Community

Show value ?

Absolute total

Per pupil

Per teacher

Percentage of total expenditure

Percentage of total income

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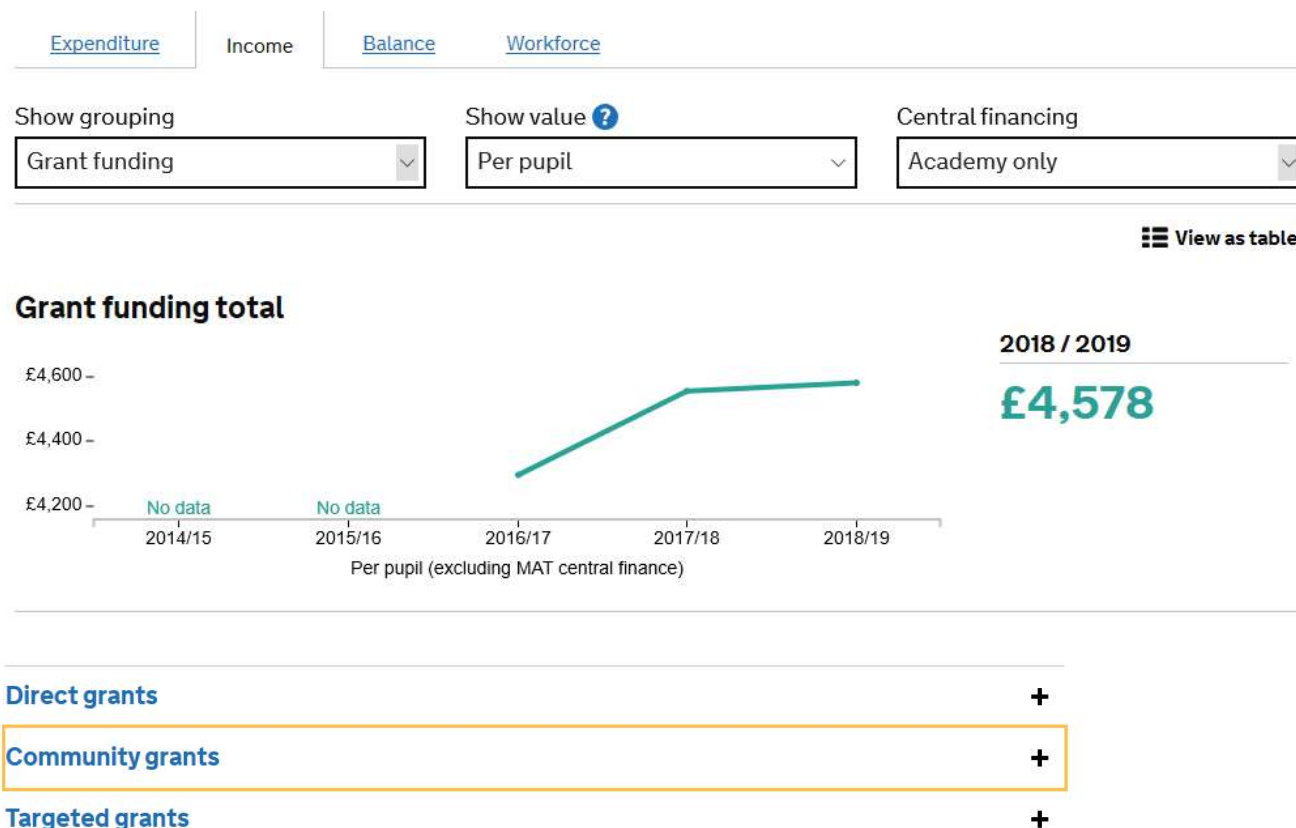
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For example, the graph to the right shows that we have filtered the income to show the grant funding per pupil for a single academy.

Below this you will then see a breakdown of Direct grants, Community grants and Target grants.



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Comparing with other schools

Once you have selected your school, some basic information will appear. Click on 'Compare with other schools' to commence benchmarking.

School **St Paul's Primary**

Compare with other schools

Add to benchmark basket

Address: [Carson](#)

Telephone number: [013326](#)

Local authority: [Derby](#)

School type: **Academy converter**

School overall phase: **Primary**

School phase: **Infant and junior**

Number of pupils: **369**

URN: **14**

Ofsted rating: **Not rated**

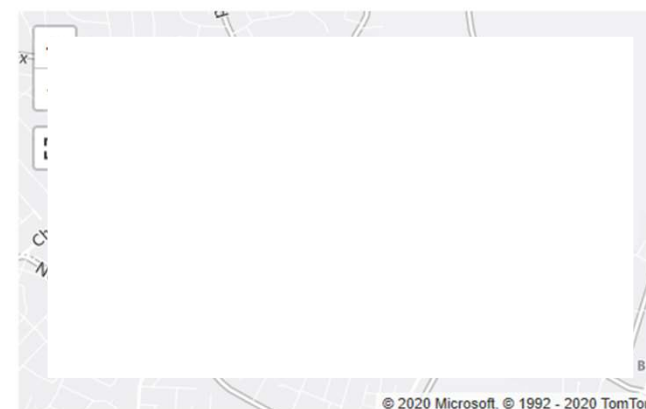
LAESTAB: **83**

Age range of pupils: **3 to 11**

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Select comparison type

Comparing to **Walton High School**

We have some guidance on [choosing characteristics](#) if you are unsure which method suits you.

- ☒ Quick comparison using pre-selected characteristics (number of pupils, school phase, urban/rural) [?](#)
- ☐ Detailed comparison using characteristics you choose
- ☐ Manual comparison by name or location

or

- ☐ Schools with the highest progress but similar characteristics (number of pupils, expenditure, FSM) [?](#)

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Once you click the “Compare with other schools” button you will then be taken to this screen.

This will give you the option to choose which kind of comparison you wish to look for.

Following the Quick Comparison search on the next slides will show what you will see.

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After this you will be asked which type of school you would like to compare with.

Quick comparison 1 of 2

Which school type do you wish to compare with?

Comparing to **Walton High School**

- ☐ Maintained schools
- ☒ Academies
- ☐ All schools

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You will then be given a checklist to refine the type of comparison you are looking for.

Quick comparison 2 of 2

Refine your comparison results

Comparing to **Walton High School**

Find schools with a similar percentage of:

- ☒ Pupils eligible for free school meals
- ☒ Pupils with special educational needs who have statements or education and health care plans
- ☒ Pupils with English as an additional language

Location characteristic (will produce fewer results if selected): ?

- ☐ Within the local authority

Number of schools in benchmark set: ?

- ☒ Use default (15)
- ☐ Choose your own basket size

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If you choose the detailed comparison you will have one extra screen of options. You would have to use these to get to a basket size of around 15 comparison schools. The categories available are:

This option could be used if your school has some outlier characteristics that you feel should be reflected in any sample you choose.

Detailed comparison 3 of 3

Choose comparison school characteristics

Comparing to **Murray Park Community School**

Please create a benchmark group of **1-30** schools with a recommended size of **15**.

21311 schools matching 'All school types' in 'All of England' (max. 30)

General characteristics (0 selected) **+**

SEN characteristics (0 selected) **+**

Performance characteristics (0 selected) **+**

Workforce characteristics (0 selected) **+**

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General characteristics (0 selected)



- ☐ Number of pupils
- ☐ School phase
- ☐ School type
- ☐ Eligibility for free school meals
- ☐ Pupils with special educational needs (SEN) who don't have statements or education and health care (EHC) plans
- ☐ Pupils with SEN who have statements or EHC plans
- ☐ Pupils with English as an additional language
- ☐ Urban/rural schools
- ☐ London weighting
- ☐ Government office region
- ☐ Part of a private finance initiative?
- ☐ Number in sixth form
- ☐ Gender of pupils
- ☐ Lowest age of pupils
- ☐ Highest age of pupils
- ☐ Boarders
- ☐ Admissions policy

SEN characteristics (0 selected)



The values here show the percentage of pupils in your default school who have these characteristics as a primary need.

- ☐ Specific learning difficulty
- ☐ Moderate learning difficulty
- ☐ Severe learning difficulty
- ☐ Profound and multiple learning difficulty
- ☐ Social, emotional and mental health
- ☐ Speech, language and communications needs
- ☐ Hearing impairment
- ☐ Visual impairment
- ☐ Multi-sensory impairment
- ☐ Physical disability
- ☐ Autistic spectrum disorder
- ☐ Other learning difficulty

Available options
include the following

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Performance characteristics (0 selected) —

To compare schools across more performance characteristics visit the [school performance tables](#) site.

- ☐ Key Stage 2 attainment
- ☐ Key Stage 2 progress
- ☐ Average Attainment 8
- ☐ Progress 8 measure
- ☐ Ofsted rating

Workforce characteristics (0 selected) —

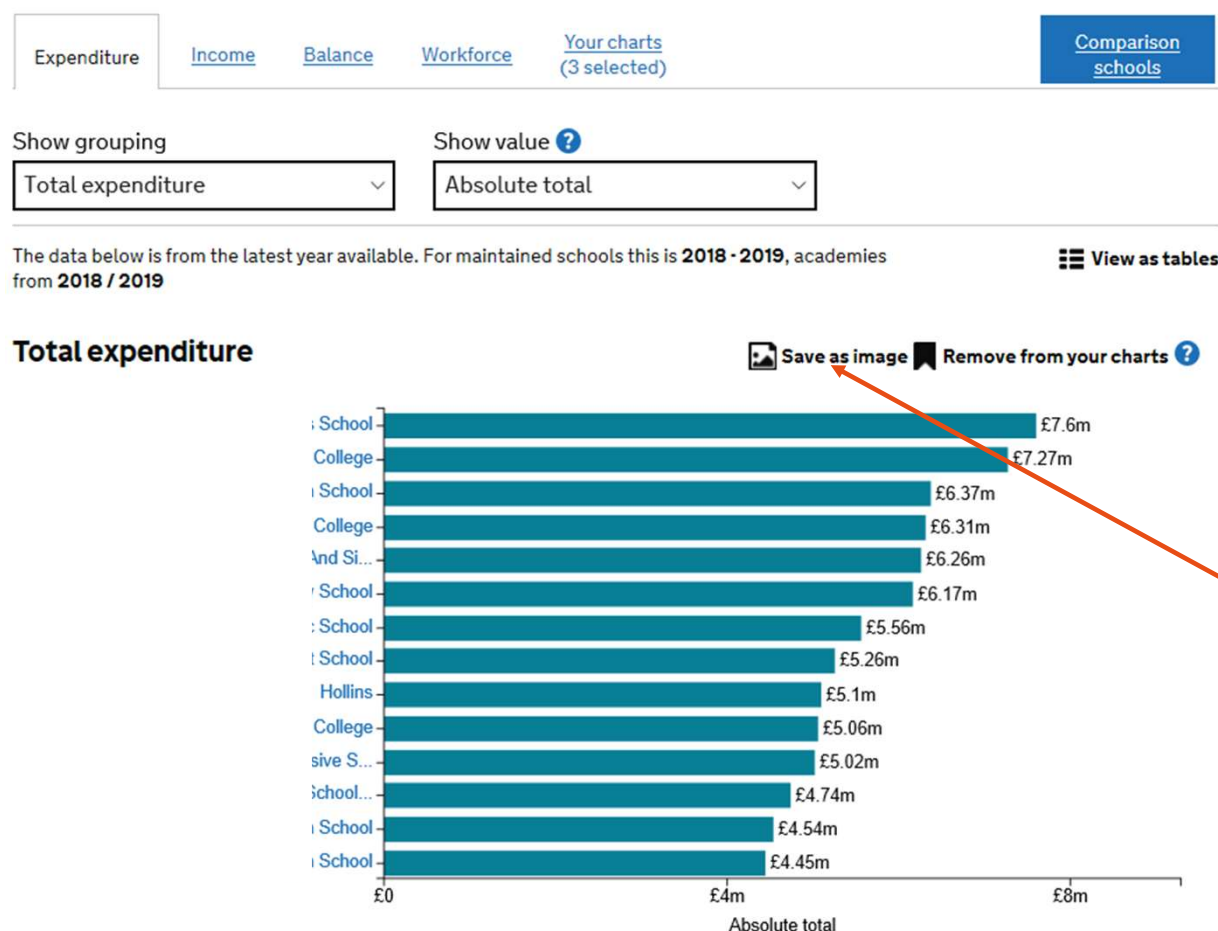
- ☐ Number in the school workforce (full time equivalent)
 - ☐ Number of teachers (full time equivalent)
 - ☐ Percentage of teachers with qualified teacher status (full time equivalent)
 - ☐ Number in the senior leadership team (full time equivalent)
 - ☐ Number of teaching assistants (full time equivalent)
 - ☐ Number of non-classroom support staff – excluding auxiliary staff (full time equivalent)
 - ☐ Number of Auxiliary staff (Full Time Equivalent)
-

Available options
include the following

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Once you have formed your comparison group, you will then be taken to a page from which you can select a specific area of income, expenditure or workforce.

You can focus your time here on areas you've identified from the dashboard.

Note you can save the images to your own computer for inclusion in your reports.

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Total expenditure

 Save as image  Remove from your charts 



You can hover over the relevant bar on the graph to bring up some basic information on the schools you've been compared with.

More information including some contact details is available if you click on the name of the school on the left-hand side of the graph.

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Expenditure Options

Show grouping

Total expenditure
Staff
Premises
Occupation
Supplies and services
Special facilities
Cost of finance
Community

Show value ?

Absolute total
Per pupil
Per teacher
Percentage of total expenditure
Percentage of total income

Income Options

Show grouping

Total income
Grant funding
Self-generated

Show value ?

Absolute total
Per pupil
Per teacher
Percentage of total expenditure
Percentage of total income

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Balance Options

Displays both in-year balance for latest complete financial year, and overall revenue reserve

Show value ?

Absolute total
Per pupil
Per teacher
Percentage of total expenditure
Percentage of total income

Workforce Options

Displays:
School workforce (FTE and headcount)
Number of Teachers
Teachers with Qualified Teacher Status (%)
Senior Leadership
Teaching Assistants
Non-classroom support staff
Auxiliary Staff

Show value ?

Total
Headcount per FTE
Percentage of workforce
Pupils per staff role

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Your Charts

Once you have found charts you like and want to re-use next time you visit the website, you can click on the 'Add to your charts' button

School workforce (Full Time Equivalent)

[More info](#)

Save as image

Add to your charts [?](#)



These can then be found on the 'Your charts' tab, along with a summary of the schools included in the sample.

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[Income](#)

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