

East Riding of Yorkshire Council
North Ferriby C of E School

**“A Christian school with
children at its heart”**



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Dear Parents/Carers

You will probably have seen in the media that many schools across the country are having financial difficulties. This is particularly true in the East Riding as it continues to be one of the worst funded authorities in England under the new National Funding Formula.

At North Ferriby CE Primary School we have been careful with the budget over the last few years and we have a small surplus. School funding is largely based on the number of pupils. A lower birth rate, as well as fewer children living in the village has meant our income has gone down. Costs have gone up recently and this increase has not been fully funded by the government. So, as our costs now exceed our income the surplus will soon be used up.

The governors' finance committee reviews staffing in relation to the budget available and works hard, seeking ways to balance the budget whilst ensuring that your child receives the best education and support possible.

Consequently from September 2019 in Key Stage 2 we will be reducing from 6 teachers to 5 teachers. More specifically we will be reducing from the three Year 5/6 classes down to 2 larger Year 5/6 classes and therefore additional 'Teaching Assistant' hours will be put in to support these pupils. We will continue to review this.

The governors have set up a task group to explore ways of increasing the income and reducing costs. Also, we hope that the government will increase education spending as part of the next Comprehensive Spending Review.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding this matter then please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Derek Shepherd
Chair of Governors