



Benchmarking report

October 2022

When benchmarking I have looked at nurseries with similar characteristics as ours. I have looked at between 40 to 60 children, 2 full time teaching staff and 2 members on the SLT.

In addition to choosing nurseries with similar characteristics I have also included the other three nurseries in Stockport. These nurseries all have their own characteristics and illustrate whilst benchmarking is a useful exercise it should always be approached with caution as the full circumstances of the nursery cannot be understood by looking at their finances alone.

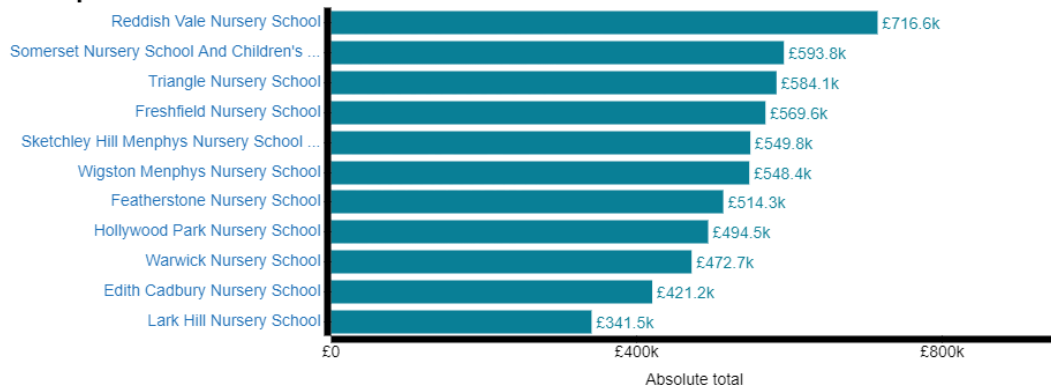
- Lark Hill is a small nursery school
- Hollywood is based in a listed building and has a resource centre attached.
- Freshfield is in a very affluent area.
- Reddish Vale is a very large nursery in a very new building. There are not many private nurseries around providing competition.

What is clear from the benchmarking is that our expenditure is low. We are the nursery with the lowest expenditure over all. We also spend less on supplies and staff costs.

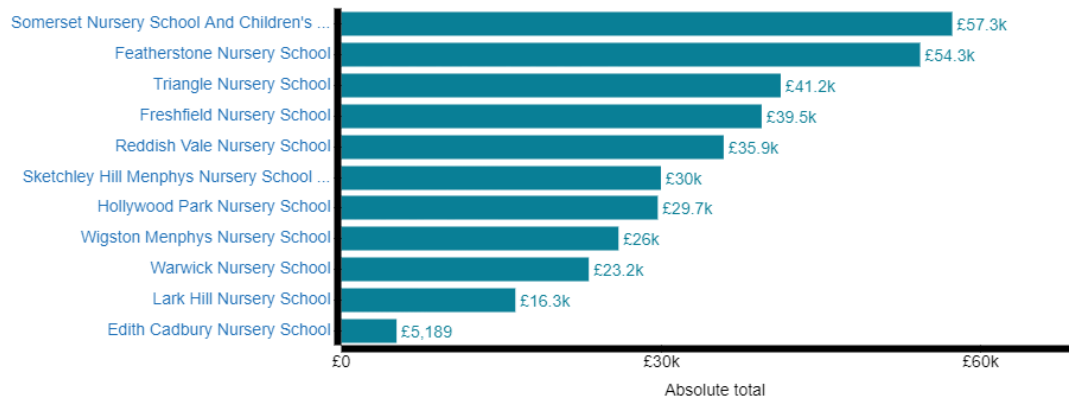
We also however have the lowest self generated income. We have tried to remedy this with the afterschool club but as you are aware this was actually losing money. It maybe that these figures from the other nurseries need to be read with caution as I know that Hollywood rents out part of their building to another school, therefore inflating their self generated funding. It is however an area that we definitely need to promote.

Expenditure

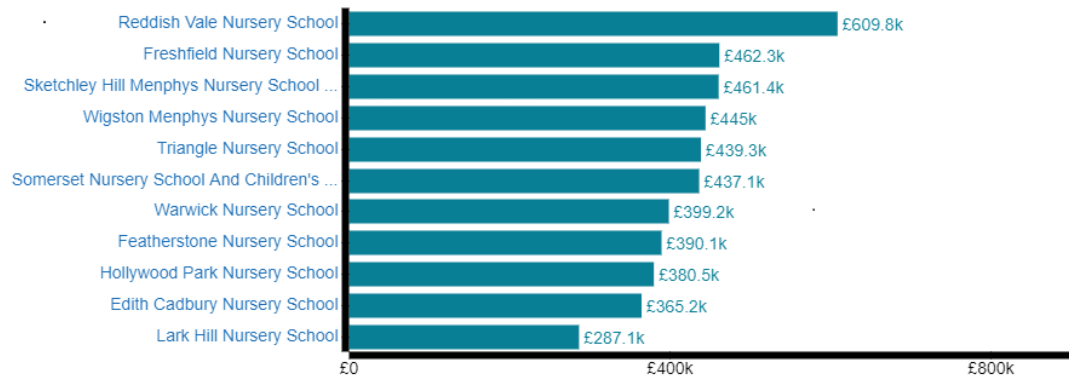
Total expenditure



Premises total



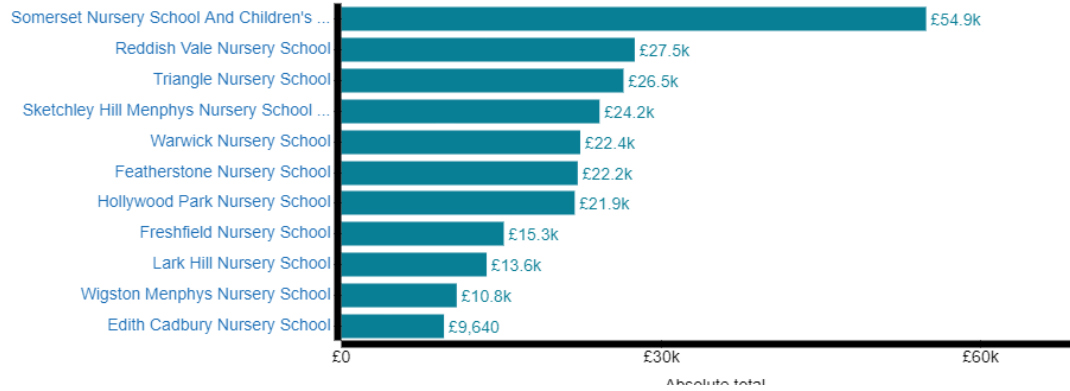
Staff total



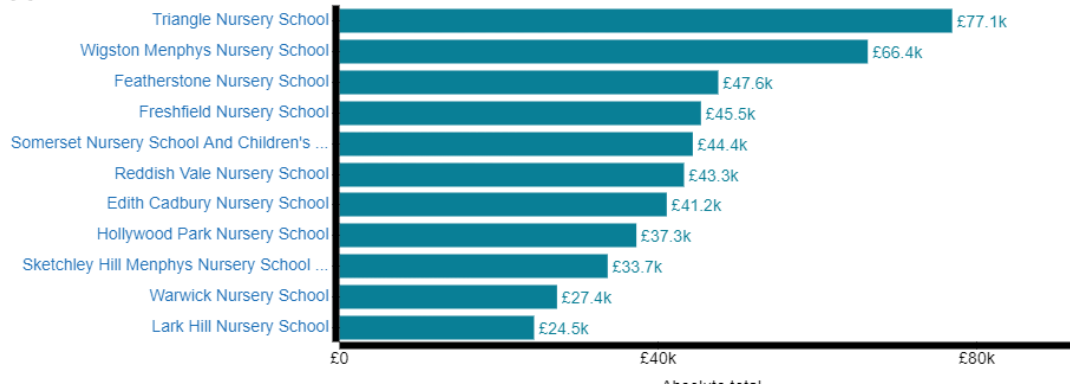
Occupational costs

These are costs associated with occupying the school building. They include energy, water, sewerage, rates, insurance, and catering.

Occupation total

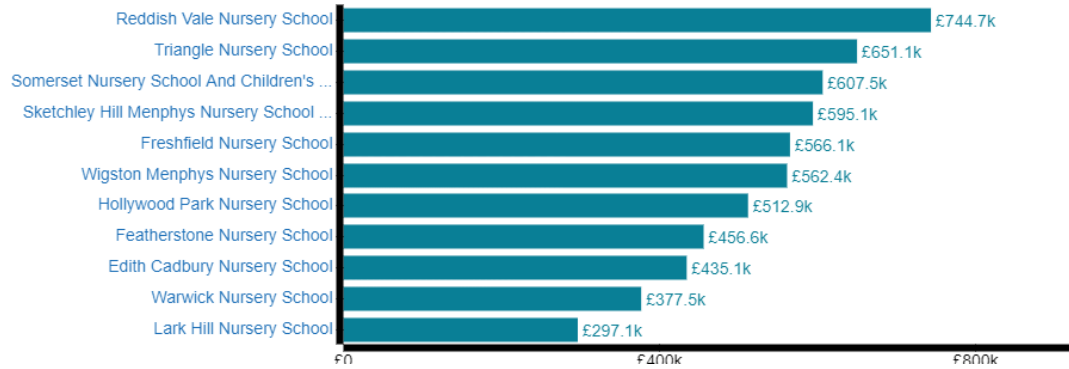


Supplies and services total

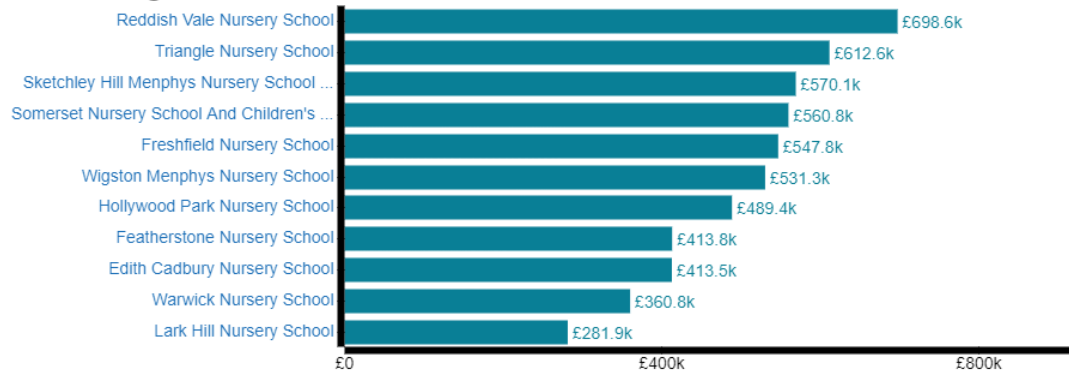


INCOME

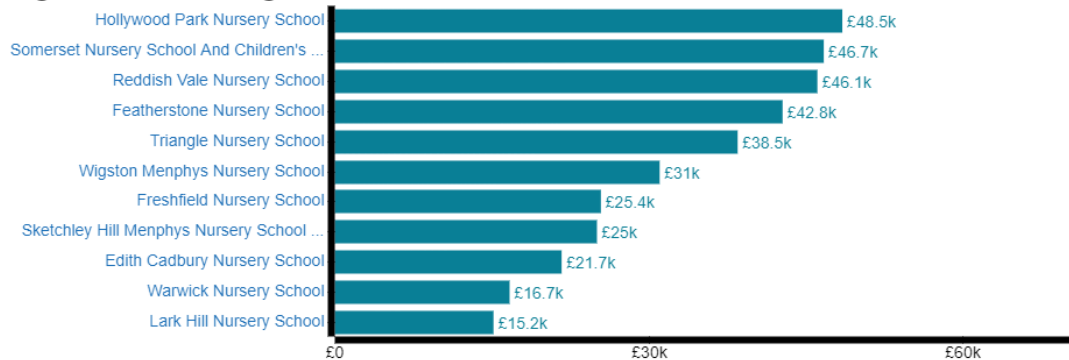
Total income



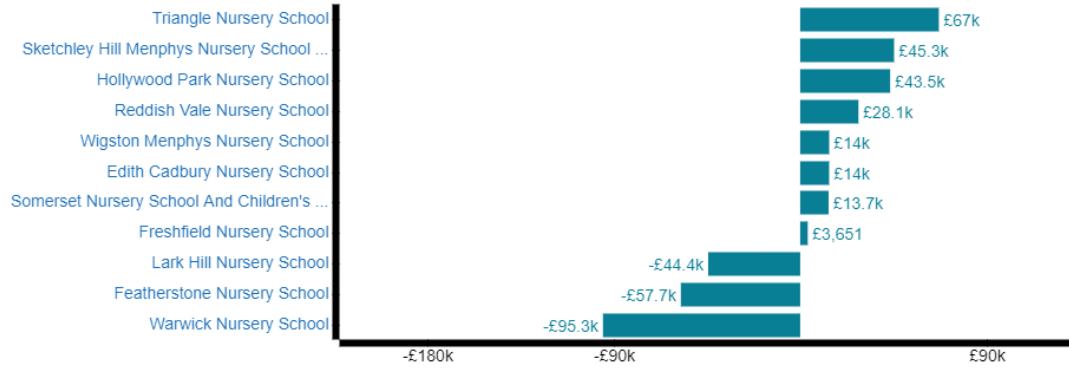
Grant funding total



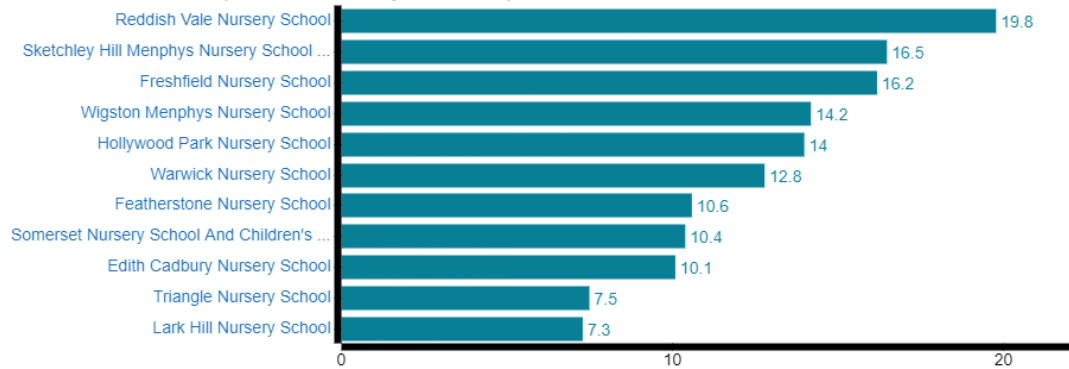
Self-generated funding total



In-year balance



School workforce (Full Time Equivalent)



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