Schools Funding

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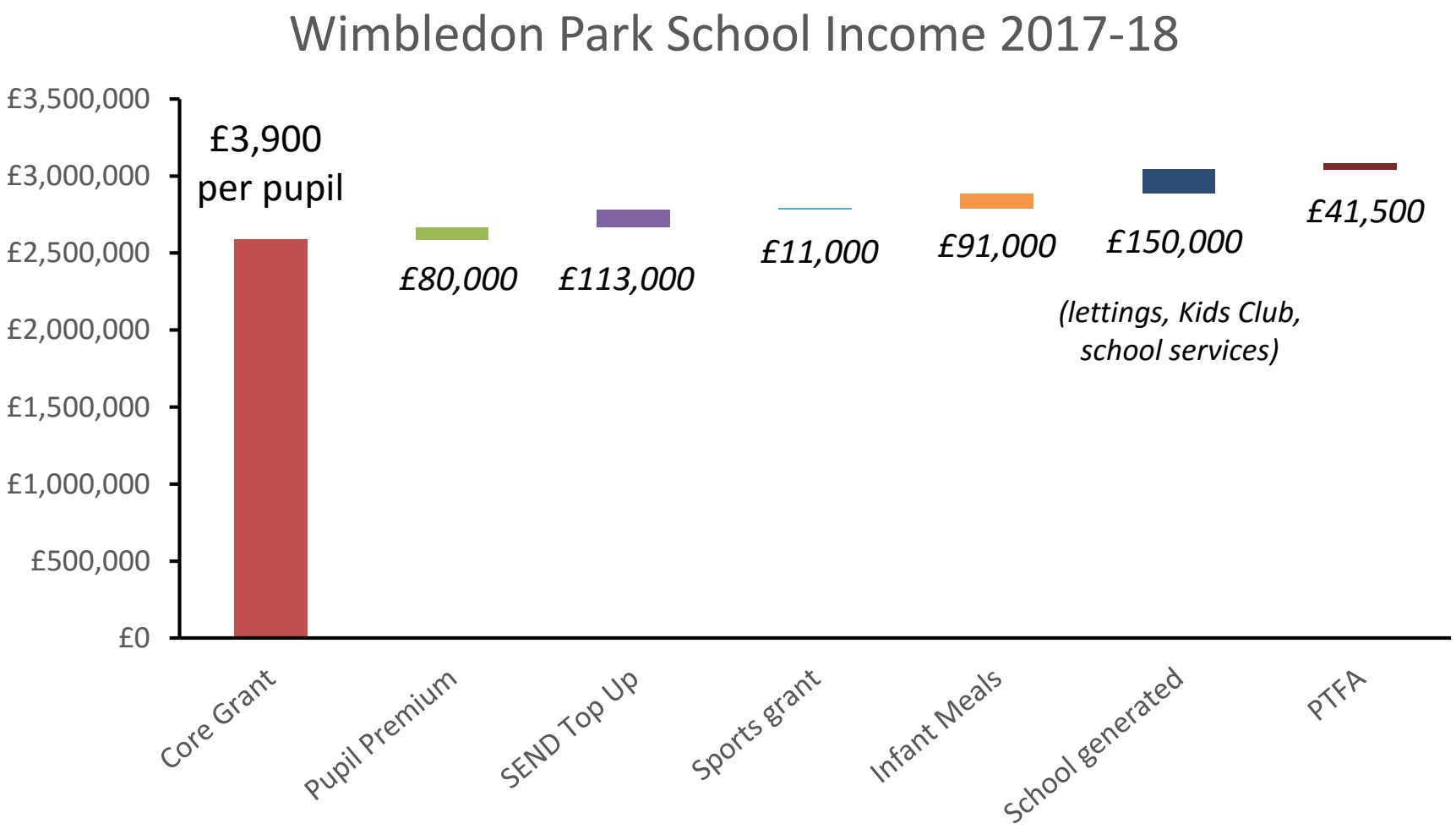
How much funding do we get?

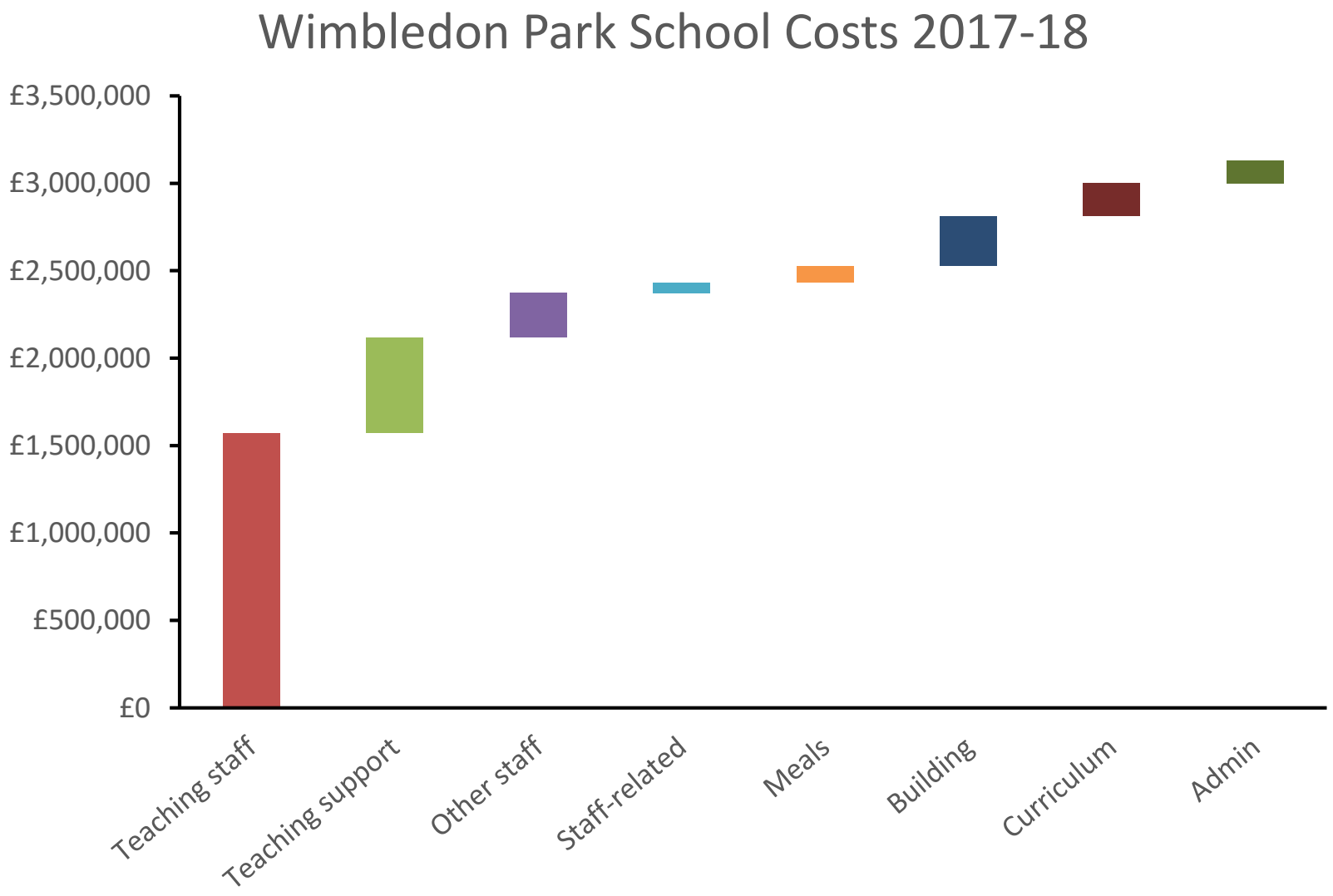


670 pupils (full time equivalent)

Pupil numbers are the key driver of our income

Only 7% is school generated

What do we spend this on?



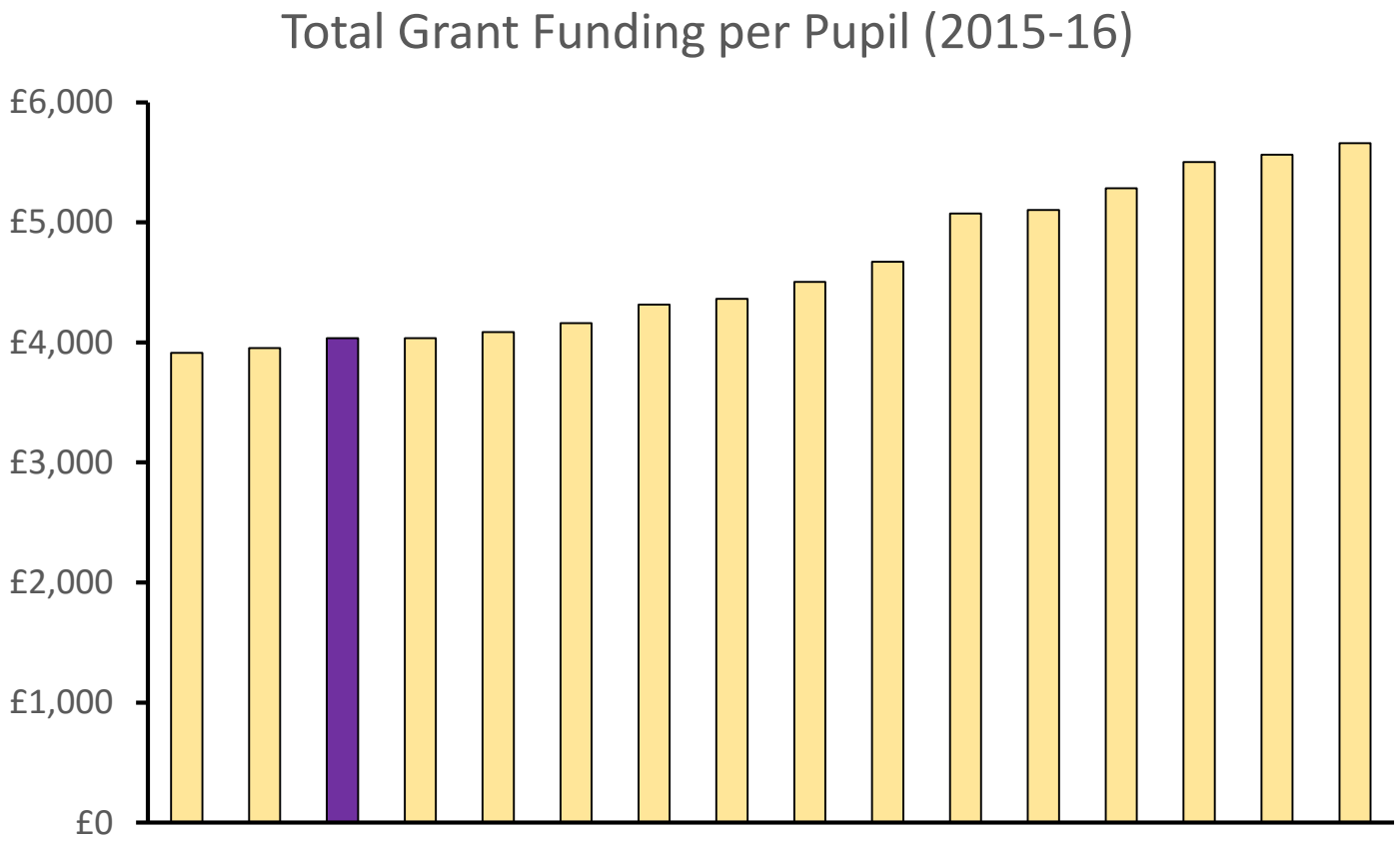
50% of our costs are teachers

80% of our costs are staffing related

Challenge 1 – Public sector austerity

Our income per pupil has essentially been flat since 2011

Challenge 2 - Funding Unfairness



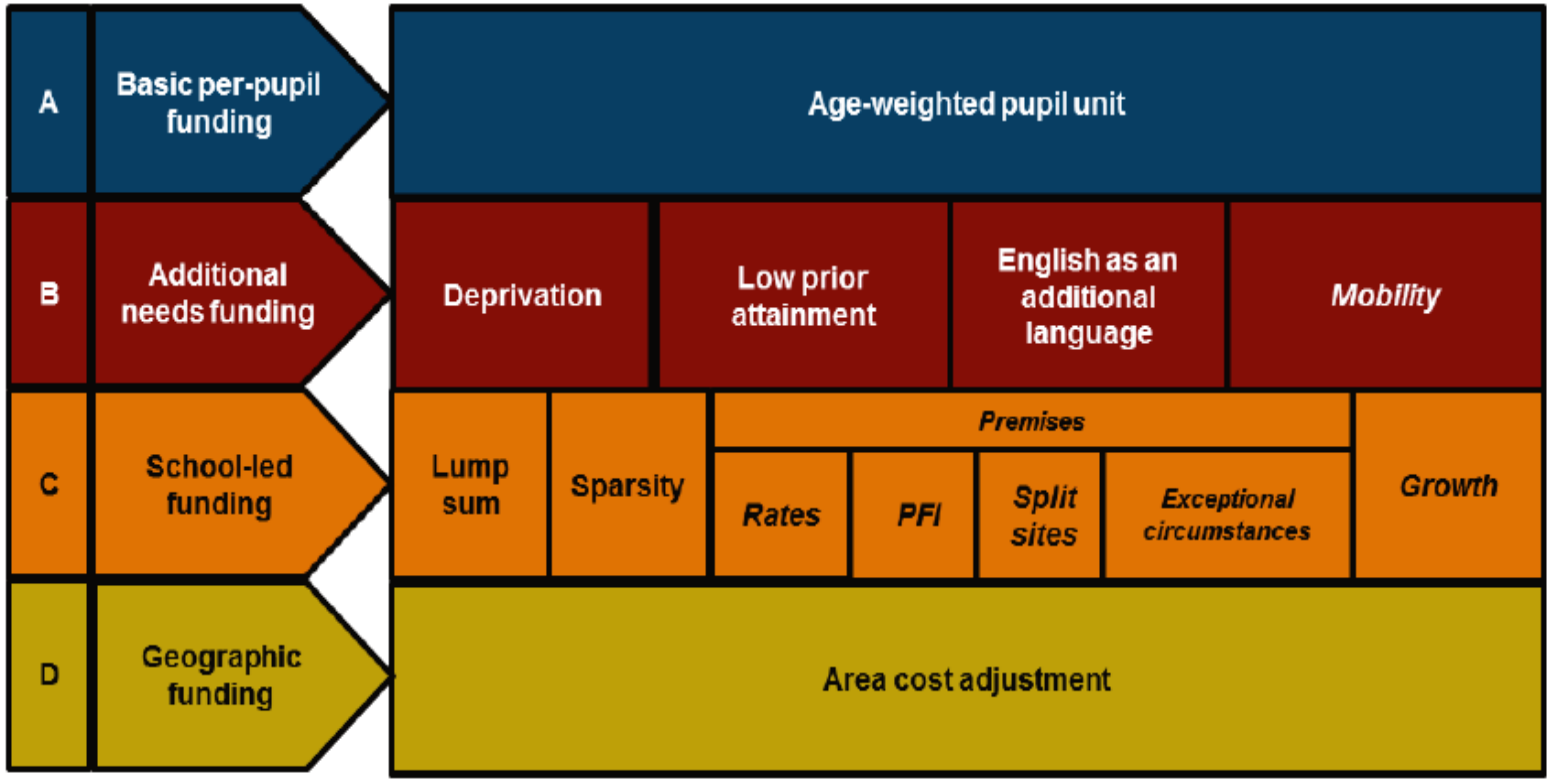
15 statistical neighbours
- Same number of pupils
- Same level of deprivation
- Same levels of SEND
- Same levels of EAL
- Urban

Top 3 schools are funded over 40% more per pupil than bottom three schools (£1,600)

Equivalent to almost £1 million difference in school budgets

Addressed through the new National Funding Formula!

Challenge 3 – National Funding Formula

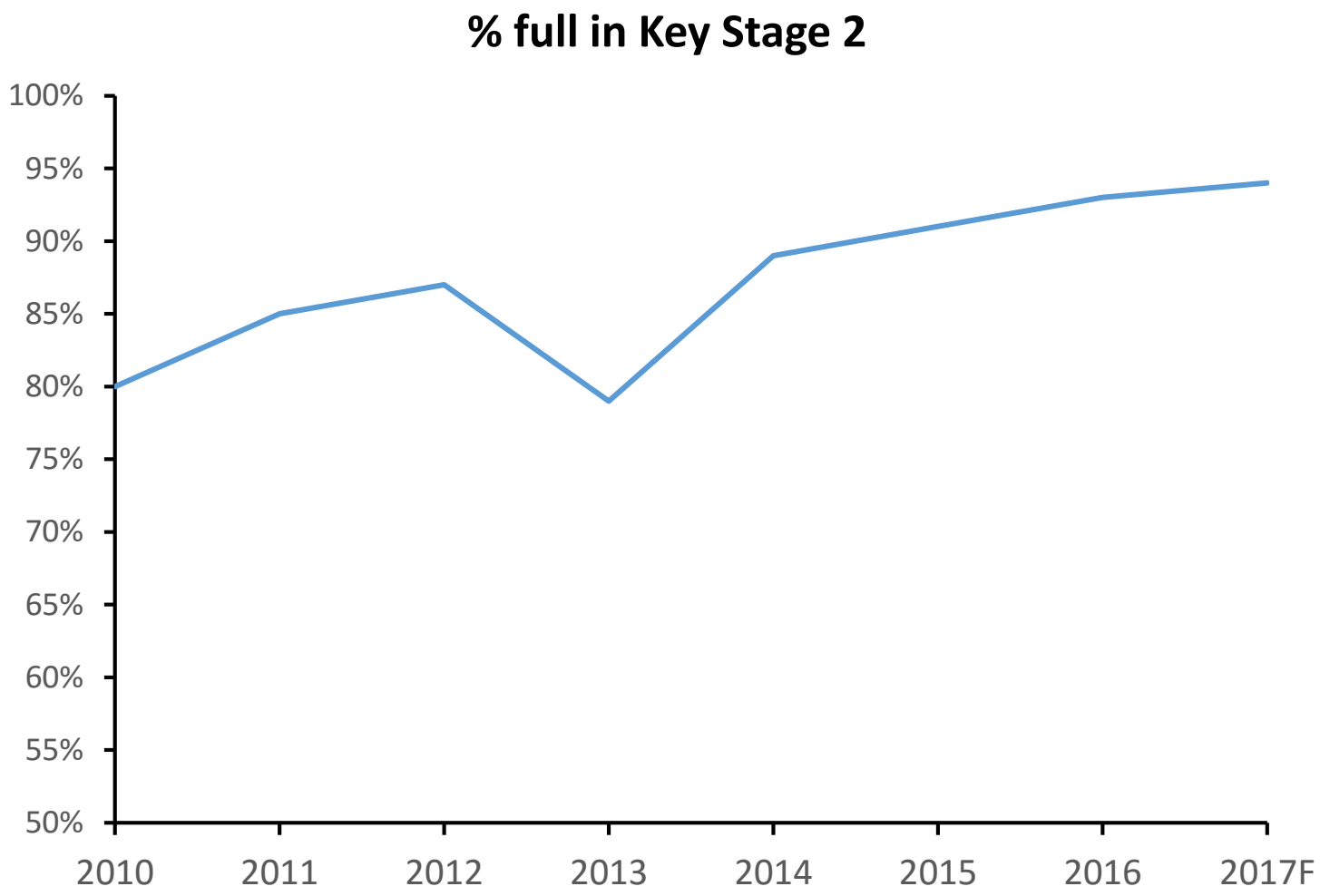


The proposal is to fix the factor weightings at national averages

56% schools gain and 46% lose out

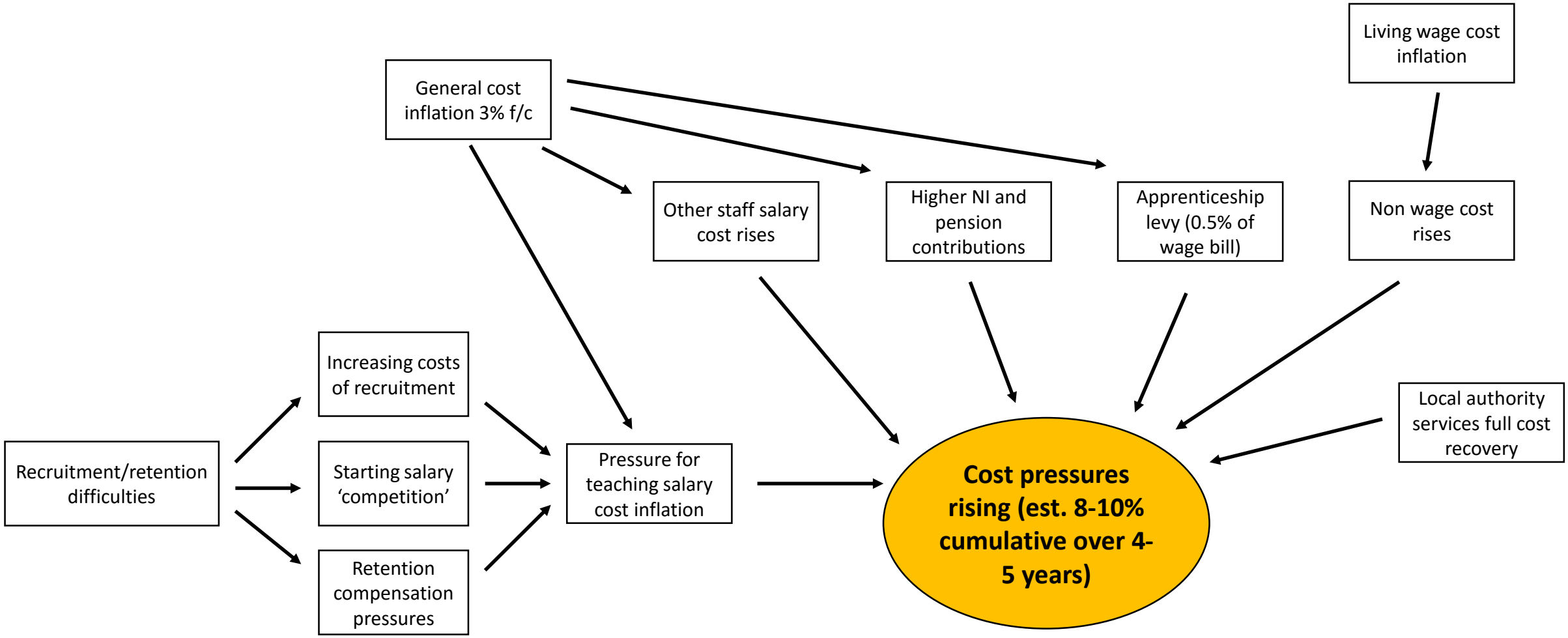
We are predicted to lose 5% of our core grant income or about £130,000

Challenge 4 – School vacancy levels

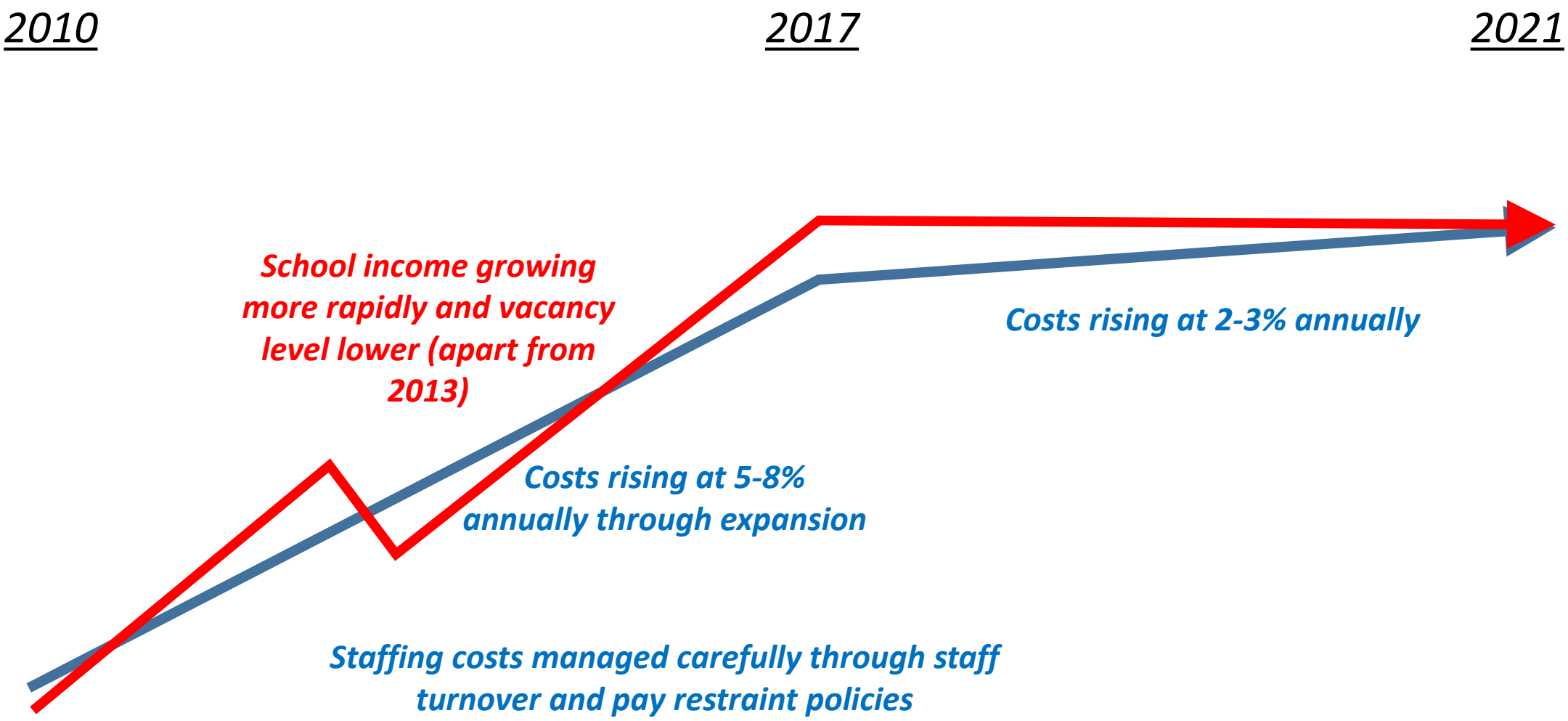


At one point in 2013, we had 65 vacancies across the school amounting to over £250,000 of foregone income

Challenge 5 – Rising Costs



Summary position



Summary position

There is not an immediate “shortfall” between how much money we receive and how much we need to spend

In the next 2-3 years, we will face increasingly complex decisions about resourcing: “cutting back to bare bones”

- Less investment in facilities/resources
- Fewer support staff (particularly for pupils with additional needs or new to English)
- Reduced spending on support services
- Fewer enrichment activities

In the long term, we need to generate new and recurring sources of income

- Cost efficiencies on their own will be unsustainable

Parent support

- Remain informed
- Stay committed
- Lend your voice