



Cost of the School Day

In partnership with our Parent Council, we want to make sure that all children are able to make the most of the school day and that no child misses out on any experiences. 68 families recently completed our survey to help us review if there is anything more that we can do to further help out.

Key Themes

- The following items, events or activities cost families money across the school year – uniform, trips, lunch, break time, fun events and clubs and activities.
- The top three costs for families across the school year are uniform (33%), trips (19%) and clubs and activities (15%).
- Most families (78%) feel the school does not ask for too much money over the school year.
- Most families (76%) feel there is always lots of notice given if the school is asking us for money.
- Few families (16%) can find it difficult to afford all of the things their child needs for school.
- The survey feedback identified there is further work required by the school to communicate to families that there is help available for families to support paying for items, events and activities.
- Less than half (49%) of our parents and carers would feel comfortable telling staff they were struggling to pay for something at school.
- The majority (54%) of parents know how to go about applying for free school meals and clothing grants.

The key themes from this survey, along with suggestions from families regarding what else the school do to help families with school costs were discussed at our recent Parent Council meeting and in partnership with our Parent Council we have agreed to take forwards the following actions to further support families with the cost of the school day.

- The Parent Council/ PTA have agreed that an element of funding raised annually will be committed to supporting school events to reduce costs for all families. This will include the school panto, Christmas Parties, Halloween discos and the buses for P7 camp. The PTA will keep you informed of how funds raised continue to support the school in various ways.
- We will continue to promote our school uniform swap shop providing families access to free high quality nearly new school uniform. We will also extend this to include skiing clothes, Halloween costumes, Christmas jumpers and winter/ waterproof coats. Families who wish to donate to this can hand items into the school office.
- In partnership with the Parent Council, we will carry out a consultation regarding school photographs to find out what photographs parents would like and how often.