



**COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY TOOLKIT  
EQUALITIES GROUP PARENTAL SURVEY  
Equalities Group meeting 11.11.21**

**Members of the group met and shared through discussion and email the following:-**

- ✚ Overarching influences in Education and priorities eg National Improvement Framework, road to recovery from trauma (pandemic)*
- ✚ Equity influences everything – discussion on breadth of impact for parents and children (showed a map of ideas)*
- ✚ What is impacting our families – sharing of Cost of the School Day survey*
- ✚ Next steps for us – a Newsletter to share the information from the survey with key areas on*
- ✚ Money - Uniform - Family contacts – Survey comments – Communication (are we reaching out to everyone? Twitter facebook emails other languages?)*
- ✚ Sharing the group work at Pupil Parliament*
- ✚ Working with Rights Respecting School Committee on Cost of the School Day*
- ✚ Group will communicate updates through School Parliament and School newsletter.*

## THE COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY



**1** What year/s are your child(ren) in? (optional)  
Please tick all boxes that apply:

P1	<input type="checkbox"/>	P2	<input type="checkbox"/>	P3	<input type="checkbox"/>	P4	<input type="checkbox"/>
P5	<input type="checkbox"/>	P6	<input type="checkbox"/>	P7	<input type="checkbox"/>		

OR

S1	<input type="checkbox"/>	S2	<input type="checkbox"/>	S3	<input type="checkbox"/>	S4	<input type="checkbox"/>
S5	<input type="checkbox"/>	S6	<input type="checkbox"/>				

**2** In your school, which of the following items, events or activities cost you money?  
Please tick all boxes that apply:

Uniform	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spending time with friends	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travelling to school	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trip	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breakfast club	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning (e.g. materials, subject costs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fun events (e.g. discos, fundraising)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Break time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Homework	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clubs and activities	<input type="checkbox"/>		



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**3** What are the TOP THREE costs for you across a school year?  
Please tick up to three of the boxes below.

Uniform	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spending time with friends	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travelling to school	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trips	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breakfast club	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning (e.g. materials, subject costs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fun events (e.g. discos, fundraising)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Break time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Homework	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clubs and activities	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**4** How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?  
Tick one box for each statement.

'The school asks for too much money over a school year.'

Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>		

'It's difficult to afford all of the things my child needs for school.'

Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>		

'There's always lots of notice given if the school is asking us for money.'

Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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Any other comments?

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- 5** Do you know whether there is help available at school to help pay for any of the items, events or activities below?  
Please tick one box for each option.

	Yes	No	Don't know
Uniform	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lunches and eating at school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Materials for learning in class and at home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subject costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School trips	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fun events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clubs and activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 6** What help does the school provide that you know about?  
Please write in the box below.

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**7** How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?  
Tick one box for each statement.

**'If I was struggling to pay for something at school I would feel comfortable telling staff about that.'**

Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**'I think there is enough support for families finding it difficult to afford school costs.'**

Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**'I know from the school how I would go about applying for free school meals and clothing grants  
(and Education Maintenance Allowance for parents of young people 16+).'**

Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**Any other comments?**

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- 8 What else could the school do to help families with school costs?  
*Please write in the box below:*

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- 9 Is there anything else you would like to say about costs at your school?  
*Please write in box below:*

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