

CUMBERNAULD PRIMARY SCHOOL

COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY

PUPIL SURVEY RESULTS- (12 MARCH 2021)



1. 42 pupils responded to the Cost of the School Day Survey.

Primary 6	Primary 7	Overall %
11/30	31/64	45

2. What costs you and your family money at school?

Costs	Number of responses
Uniform	42
Travelling to school	8
Breakfast club	3
Break time	17
Clubs and activities	19
Spending time with friends	6
Trips	31
Lunch	31
Fun events (e.g. discos, fundraising)	29
Homework	3

3. What do you think are the biggest costs at school?

- School uniform
- School trips
- Trips cost the most but really important for kids to take part in
- This year tech to do work
- The less expected costs, we expect to buy uniforms and there are plenty of options at low cost. We expect to pay lunch etc. but things like costumes, special clothes for dress down days, the 'cool' PE kit and trainers, that are not compulsory but make kids feel like they keep up with their friends are the difficult costs to meet.

4 If somebody in our school didn't have a lot of money at home, what are the **TOP THREE** costs that might be difficult for them to afford?

Costs	Number of responses
Uniform	31
Travelling to school	4
Breakfast club	1
Break time	4
Clubs and activities	7
Spending time with friends	2
Trips	24
Lunch	18
Fun events (e.g. discos, fundraising)	12
Homework	1

Our senior pupils identified: **uniform, trips** and **lunch** as the **TOP THREE** costs for their families.

5. Thinking about all the things you pay for in school, how much do you agree or disagree with this statement?

'Even if you can't pay, you wouldn't miss out on doing anything in our school.'

Thinking about all the things you pay for in school, how much do you agree or disagree with this statement. (Please tick ONE box only) 'Even if you can't pay, you wouldn't miss out on doing anything in our school.'

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Strongly agree	8
Agree	16
Not sure	12
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	5



Less than half (19%) of pupils strongly agree with this statement.

Less than half (38%) of pupils agree with this statement.

Less than half (29%) of pupils were not sure about this statement.

A few (2%) of pupils disagree with this statement.

A few (12%) of pupils strongly disagree with this statement.






Overall, the majority (57%) of pupils felt pupils would not miss out on doing anything in our school due to costs.

6. Thinking about all the things you pay for in school, how much do you agree or disagree with this statement?

'It doesn't matter how much money people have at this school, they wouldn't be left out or made to feel bad about it.'

Thinking about all the things you pay for in school, how much do you agree or disagree with this statement. (Please tick ONE box only) 'It doesn't matter how much people money have at this school, they wouldn't be left out or made to feel bad about it.'

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 Strongly agree	14
 Agree	15
 Not sure	12
 Disagree	1
 Strongly disagree	0



Less than half (33%) of pupils strongly agree with this statement.

Less than half (36%) of pupils agree with this statement.

Less than half (29%) of pupils were not sure about this statement.

A few (2%) of pupils disagree with this statement.

Overall the majority (69%) of pupils felt pupils are not left out or made to feel bad about how much money people have.

7. How easy would it be to talk to teachers or other school staff if you were worried about money or couldn't afford to pay for something?

How easy would it be to talk to teachers or other school staff if you were worried about money or couldn't afford to pay for something? (Please tick ONE of the boxes below)

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● Really easy	5
● Easy	6
● Not sure	17
● Difficult	10
● Really difficult	4



A few (12%) of pupils felt it would be **really easy** to talk to a teacher or other school staff if they were worried about money or couldn't afford to pay for something.

A few (14%) of pupils felt it would be **easy** to talk to a teacher or other school staff if they were worried about money or couldn't afford to pay for something.

Less than half (40%) of pupils were **not sure** if they could talk to a teacher or other school staff if they were worried about money or couldn't afford to pay for something.

Less than half (24%) of pupils felt it would be **difficult** to talk to a teacher or other school staff if they were worried or couldn't afford to pay for something.

A few (10%) of pupils felt it would be **really difficult** to talk to a teacher or other school staff if they were worried or couldn't afford to pay for something.

8. Do you ever worry about costs at school?

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● A lot	2
● Sometimes	13
● Not much	13
● Never	14



A few (5%) of pupils worry **a lot** about costs at school.

Less than half (31%) of pupils **sometimes** worry about costs at school.

Less than half (31%) of pupils **don't worry too much** about school costs.

Less than half (33%) of pupils **never worry** about school costs.

9. What else could the school do to help families with school costs?

- Introduce free lunches and clubs
- Reduce the cost of school lunches
- As uniform being probably the most expensive, organise a drop off place for unused or near new items
- Liaise with the clothing bank so people can come along to an event
- Make sure parents know how to claim extra benefits for uniform and that the school offer to put in referrals to local baby bank who do school uniform too.
- Stricter uniform policy. E.g.: simple no branded tracksuits or exercise gear for gym.
- Remove uniform in my opinion school uniform is an annual unnecessary major cost
- Reduce fundraising money requests.
- More fundraisers
- Continue to communicate with parents that a donation would be appreciated towards an event/fund raiser, rather than an actual price
- Affordable trips. Maybe to museums but needs to be engaging and relevant.
- I think the school are always very mindful not to put financial demands on parents
- Being able to speak to a dedicated staff member privately would be helpful if this possibility doesn't already exist

10. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about school costs?

- I think they're in keeping with other schools and not too much
- To be honest happy with all.
- Free school meals should be for all children
- The cost is school lunches does not always seem like a good deal. I would use this service more if it was cheaper

Terms of reference

almost all	means	over 90%
most	means	75% to 90%
majority	means	50% to 74%
less than half	means	15% to 49%
few	means	up to 15%