



Cost of the School Day

We know that financial pressures are real for many families in our community and we want to help. These pressures aren't always obvious, and our survey has shown us that many families would find it difficult to tell us if they were struggling to pay for something at school.

We want to remove stigma around not having lots of money. We operate on open-door policy and would urge parents and carers to come in and speak with Mrs Graham if they have any concerns or difficulties relating to the cost of the school day. Any discussions will be held in the strictest confidence.

Uniforms

Our core uniform is non-gender-specific, consisting of a white polo shirt and school sweatshirt.

New school sweatshirts can be purchased from ALJ Work and Leisurewear and Brown and Out.

Pre-loved school uniforms are available to everyone from the school's Community Corner and Biggar Youth Project. Financial donations for recycled uniforms are welcome but not required.



We would be grateful for clean uniform donations at the recycled uniform stations. Clothing that remains in lost property

at the end of each term will also be moved to the recycled uniform station.

Families with qualifying benefits for clothing grants will receive them automatically.

Clothing for sporting events is provided to promote identity and ensure equity.

Pre-loved Hallowe'en costumes and Christmas jumpers are welcomed for our pop up seasonal clothing rails.

Eating at school

Free school meals are automatically offered to all children in nursery, all pupils in P1-5 and families with qualifying benefits in P6-7.



School trips



Educational excursions and residential trips enhance the curriculum and provide children with valuable experiences.

To gain the benefit of these whilst being mindful of costs for families we:

- Try to use the local environment when appropriate.
- Limit each class to no more than one excursion that incurs expense per year.
- Subsidise school trips and try to source external funding wherever possible.
- Do not allow pupils to bring spending money on educational excursions.
- Offer free packed lunches for all nursery and P1-5 pupils, and for all P6-7 pupils with free school meal entitlement.

The school will offer reduced rates for families with more than one child attending the same trip.

A savings scheme for the P7 residential trip starts during the P6 session.

We will also endeavour to make sure all trip correspondence clearly states:

- Its cost for the family.
- That families with qualifying benefits for free school meals will not be charged.
- That COSD fund is available either for families to contribute towards another child's trip or how to access it if needing support.

Learning

Children do not need to pay for any core learning activities and equipment is provided in all classes for pupils. Homework tasks do not incur costs and are designed so they can be completed by all pupils no matter their family circumstances (e.g., for those without internet access at home)

Fun events

- Events that raise money for the school and charities are selected carefully based on parent council and pupil input and planning.
- We do not insist on particular charges for pupil participation in charity events, instead asking for optional donations.

Clubs and activities

Extracurricular clubs and activities are always free and we provide any specific equipment required.

Sanitary products

Sanitary products are freely available within the school for anyone that requires them.

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