



Crawforddyke Primary School

COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY

May 2023

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Carluke Learning Community

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Rationale

In Carluke Learning Community, we strive to ensure that every child should have equity of opportunity to educational experiences. To ensure this occurs each of our schools understands its own unique context and families in order to provide targeted support as required.

For further information on Child Poverty Action Group please look up <http://www.cpag.org.uk/costoftheschoolday>

Aims

1. Ensure all children and young people have access to meaningful learning experiences, which enable them to develop an understanding of the different types of poverty, and how they affect learning and daily lives.
2. Enable children and young people to be empowered and make meaningful changes, which benefit learners and families.
3. Support children, young people and families to access supports and financial advice.
4. Offer a collective and ongoing commitment to equity by listening to and acting upon what children and parents say.
5. Support the Government's vision for Scotland's society and economy to be stronger with families feeling empowered.

Understanding Poverty

More than one in five (210,000) children across Scotland are officially recognised as living in poverty. Insufficient household income can mean that some children and young people don't have the resources needed for school and can't easily afford the essential items required to attend school e.g. uniform, transport, resources. It is therefore essential that all school within Carluke Learning Community look to address equity as part of their annual priorities.

Planning

Teachers plan each session very carefully and use Curriculum for Excellence outcomes as a guide to ensure that children access a broad and stimulating curriculum. Across the curriculum teachers use a variety of contexts to stimulate discussion and develop understanding of poverty in Scotland and across the world in line with our work on sustainable development goals and UNCRC.

Our Commitment

Uniform-

Parents/ carers can purchase uniform from any local shop/ supermarket. Uniform does not need to have school badges. We encourage parents/ carers to apply for all appropriate benefits and offer uniform swaps for good quality used items. We direct parents to South Lanarkshire's website using the link below, for further details on how to apply.
https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/159/school_clothing_grants_and_free_school_meal

At different times of the school year we host uniform recycling events, pop up shops and clothing swaps where good quality uniform, dressing up costumes and Christmas jumpers can be collected.

Lunches- We encourage and direct parents to South Lanarkshire's web site below to apply for free school meals. We remind parents/ carers to do this on an annual basis and offer support to complete the online form if a parent/carer is having trouble. The school has a supply of fruit/ snacks, which are available for any child who does not have a snack with them at breaktime.

<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals#:~:text=If%20you%20are%20in%20Receipt,clothing%20grants%20to%20eligible%20families>.

Curriculum- all equipment required to fully engage in all curricular activities is provided by the school. Learners at times may want to bring their own pencils/ pens but each classroom is fully equipped with all necessary resources.

After school clubs- we have a wide range of afterschool clubs running as well as lunchtime clubs. We do not charge for after school clubs.

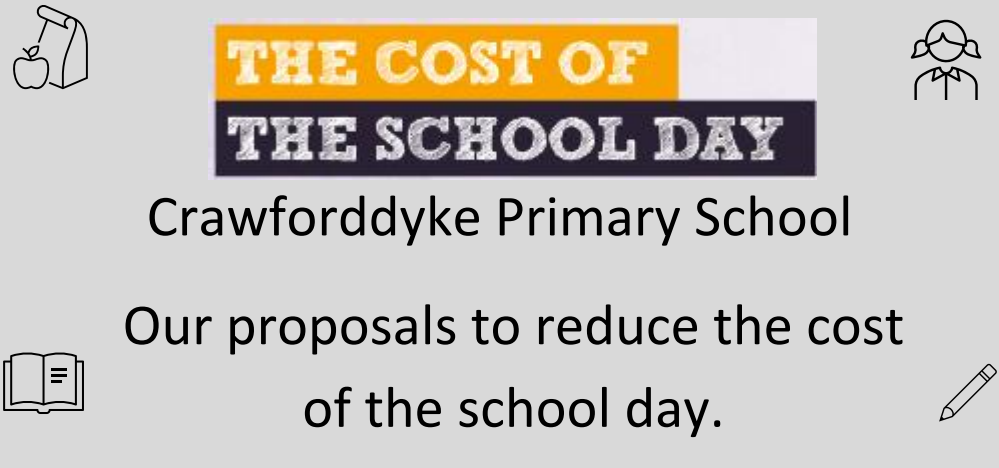
Outings and residential trips- our Parent Councils/School Funds and /or PEF money subsidise the cost of outings. If a parent/carer is concerned about the cost of any extracurricular activity, we ask for the parent to discuss their individual concern with their Head Teacher/Nominated School Representative.

Sanitary provision - Throughout our schools we have free sanitary products available to be used in school or taken home.

Events- across the school year we look at ways to support our local and wider community. We ensure that we have a balance of opportunities to allow learners to donate their time/ qualities rather than asking for money.

To ensure we continue to meet the needs of all families within Carluke Learning Community, this policy will be reviewed regularly as part of our ongoing commitment to reduce the cost of the school day.

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School Uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a pop-up shop available in our side foyer area. This is open daily. All items are free. • Our uniform can be purchase from local suppliers in Lanark and Wishaw. • While badged items are available, these are not compulsory. 	Travelling and Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will access local facilities where possible, to avoid the need for transport. • All transport costs are subsidised by the school using PEF/School Fund. • We encourage all families to apply for their Under 22 free bus pass. 	Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will never charge for any core curricular activities, including swimming and cooking. • All stationery items will be provided by the school. • If extra resources are required for home learning, parents are encouraged to contact the school to request these. 	Friendships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty Awareness will be taught as part of our HWB program. • We will reduce non-uniform days to avoid stigma and the pressure for families to purchase new items. • Poverty-related bullying will be treated seriously and logged appropriately.
School Excursions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will cap the cost of school trips, subsidising these using PEF/School funds. • We will seek in-school activities to reduce the need for outings. • School trips will only take place every 2 years. • We will seek grants and subsidies to reduce the cost of trips further. 	<div data-bbox="622 539 1617 1008">  </div>		Eating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a free breakfast club every morning, open to all pupils. • We will ensure no child starts the day without breakfast. • We will offer surplus fruit and snacks to pupils daily. • In the event of surplus menu items, we will offer 'seconds' at the end of each lunch setting.
Fun Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will plan our annual calendar to spread the cost of any fun events. • There will be at least 2 free events each session for every pupil. • Our pop-up shop will include items such as Christmas Jumpers and Halloween costumes. 	School Clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be no cost to any extra-curricular club. • Every pupil will have the opportunity to take part in one free extra-curricular club. • For any trips linked to school clubs (sports events, JRSOs etc) there will be no charge for transport. 	Learning at Home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will provide pupils with the resources they need to learn at home. • Google Classroom will be optional to reduce the pressure of access to wi-fi or digital devices. • We will host a free homework club for pupils in P5-7 weekly. 	Attitudes to Poverty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will review our Cost of the School Day procedures and policy on an annual basis. • Our COSD policy will be reviewed with all stakeholders. • Our COSD practices will be include in the Equity section of our Improvement Plan.

