

Rigside Primary School

Cost of the School Day



At Rigside Primary School we recognise the need to reduce the cost of the school day for all our pupils and particularly for our pupils who are already experiencing poverty.



Learning

Children at Rigside Primary School do not need to pay for any core learning activity. All resources are provided. We currently have a procedure for young people to borrow equipment if they need to for homework. We also provide a free homework club in most terms to support any homework needs.

All pupils in Rigside take part in a block of swimming lessons. All cost, including transport, are paid by the school.



Eating at School

We currently have 51% of our children who are in receipt of free school meals. We are aware there may be a stigma associated with a free lunch and we try to reduce this by never discussing who has a free school meal.

We estimate that 100% of pupils who are eligible for free school meals take up their entitlement.

We currently provide a free Breakfast Club, available every day for all pupils.



Travel

The majority of our children travel to school on foot or by car. Transport is provided for a few by the Local Authority.

When required, we support families by providing accommodation for outreach meetings by partners such as the high school, social work and health. This saves our families from any financial barriers.



Uniform

We do not insist on badged sweatshirts/poloshirts as part of the school uniform. We have been updating our practice by developing a "previously owned" stall for parents to select items of uniform which have been previously owned for reuse. This will allow families to pick up some items free of charge which may help with uniform.

School Trips

Our school trips are planned each year in relation to learning opportunities and relevant points of interest. All costs are subsidised by the school, using equity funding, ensuring all trips are free of charge. Provision of wider experiences forms a key part of our strategic planning for improved outcomes for pupils.



School Clubs

We have an extensive range of clubs on offer at Rigside. We do not charge for pupils to take part. All equipment required is provided.



Fun Events

All activities provided during the school day through Rigside Primary are at no cost to our families.



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build sessions with families. Our partnership working with Healthy Valleys enabled senior pupils to attend a residential trip, fully funded and resourced by their team.

"To ensure equity of opportunity for all children and families in Rigside, we will continue to focus closely on Cost of the School Day. We aim at all times to have a "zero cost" policy for all activities we provide in school and beyond."

(SAC Plan 2020-21)



Cost of the School Day is a high priority in Rigside Primary and features in all of our plans; School Improvement Plan, Scottish Attainment Challenge Plan and Pupil Equity Fund Plan. We have gathered the views of all staff to audit our practice and continue to improve where we can. Discussions have been held with our Parent Council and the views will continue to be gathered from our wider parent forum to inform our future practice.

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