

## **The Cost of the School Day Position Statement**

Recent guidance from NHS Health Scotland and 'Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland' highlight the hidden cost of the school day. (<http://www.cpag.org.uk/content/cost-school-day-toolkit>)

At Woodhead Primary School and Nursery Class, we recognise that we 'must enable all of our children to take full and equal advantage of opportunities in school and consider how to reduce the extra costs for parents and carers.

As a school, we will ensure that all procedures we implement and any activities/events that we plan are fully accessible to all children.

We will attempt to minimise the hidden cost of the school day through:

### **Uniform**

- Making pre-loved items of school uniform available for an optional donation.
- Including unbranded items of school uniform in our dress-code.
- Sharing the procedures for applying for clothing grants via our newsletter and website.

### **Trips**

- Setting a maximum limit to the cost of school trips organised.
- Organising no more than one educational excursion per class per year that we ask parents to contribute towards the cost.
- Applying for transport subsidies when available to reduce the cost of school trips.
- Using PTA donations/school funds to reduce the cost of school trips.
- Where transport for sporting outings requires a cost, ensuring that this is a 'donation'.
- Reducing suggested spending money for trips.

### **After-School Clubs**

- Not charging pupils for participation in after-school clubs and extra-curricular activities.

### **Non-Uniform Days**

- Making contributions to non-uniform days a suggested donation only.

### **Craft Days/Competitions**

- Providing resources to participate in annual competitions if required.

### **Lunch/Snack**

- Ensuring parents/carers are aware of the eligibility of free-school meal provision.
- Providing packed lunches for trips/outings for those children eligible for FSM.
- Providing snacks for any children who come to school without one.

## **Raising awareness of the Hidden Cost of the School Day**

We will use the Cost of a School Day Toolkit at:

- Pupil Council Meetings
- Staff 'SLC Checklist' Training in August inset days.
- Parent Council Meetings