

# THE COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY



## SURVEY FOR SCHOOL STAFF

Questions contained in this survey can help you hear from school staff about:

- awareness of poverty in your school and ways in which it affects pupils
- barriers to participation which might exist at school for pupils from low income households

- existing approaches to reducing or removing these barriers
- additional ideas to support participation and positive school experiences

Results can be collated to support Cost of the School Day improvement planning.

**If you would like participants to complete the survey online, you can create a copy by going to <https://bit.ly/2KQqPmm> and clicking on 'duplicate this form and start using it as your own.' You will need your Glow login details.**

### SAMPLE INTRODUCTION

*"Addressing the Cost of the School Day involves hearing from pupils, parents/ carers and staff to understand where school costs impact on participation and how cost barriers for children and young people can be dealt with.*

*This survey is a chance for you as staff members to contribute your thoughts on costs, highlight any good practice in the school that we can build on and tell us what more should be done to support pupils and their families."*

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Name (optional)	
Role (optional)	
Department (optional)	

**1** In your school, which of the following items, events or activities cost children and their families money?  
Please tick all appropriate options.

Uniform	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spending time with friends	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travelling to school	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trips	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breakfast club	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning (e.g. materials, subject costs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fun events (e.g. discos, fundraising)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Break time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Homework	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clubs and activities	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**2** Which - if any - items, events and activities do you think present the greatest cost challenges for families on low incomes?  
Please tick your TOP THREE options below.

Uniform	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spending time with friends	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travelling to school	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trips	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breakfast club	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning (e.g. materials, subject costs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fun events (e.g. discos, fundraising)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**3** To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?  
Please tick the appropriate box on each row.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I am aware that there is poverty in my school					
We have families who struggle to pay for what is needed at school					
We do everything we can to tackle poverty in my school					
All children, regardless of how much money they have, are able to access exactly the same opportunities here					

**4** How would you be able to tell that children in your school are experiencing poverty?  
Please write in the box below.

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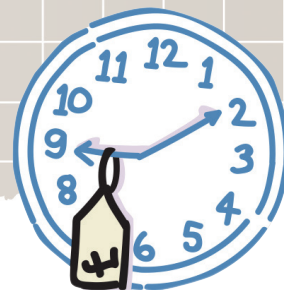


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**5** In your experience, to what extent does lower family income affect the following areas of a child's school life?  
Please tick the appropriate box on each row.

	Yes, significantly	Yes, somewhat	No, not really	No, definitely not
Learning				
Attainment				
Friendships/relationships with other pupils				
Behaviour				
Relationships with school staff				
Participation in extracurricular activities				
Health and wellbeing				
Other (please specify)				

**6** Please tell us about any difficulties you are aware of related to school costs (e.g. accessing trips, affording uniform) and the impact this has on children and their families.  
Write in the box below.

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**7** What measures are you aware of in the school to help families with school costs and make sure that children can participate and learn?  
*Please write examples in the appropriate boxes.*

Uniform	
Travelling to school	
Breakfast club	
Learning (e.g. materials, resources, subject costs)	
Break time	
Clubs and activities	
Spending time with friends	
Trips	
Lunch	
Fun events (e.g. discos, fundraising)	
Homework	

**8** Is there anything which you currently do in your class / your department to reduce costs and make sure that children can participate and learn?  
*Please write in the box below.*

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**9** Is there anything else you think could be done to help families with school costs and make sure children are able to participate and learn?  
*Please write in the box below.*

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