

THE COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SURVEY

A short survey, worded appropriately for children's age and stage, can offer an anonymous way of offering opinions on Cost of the School Day and may be suitable for some. Ideally it will be used as one of a range of ways to consult with children and young people.

For children and young people who would not be comfortable completing the survey on their own, questions and instructions can be read out to the group with responses completed individually. Alternatively, the questions in the survey can be used instead to prompt group discussion and activities.

If you would like participants to complete the survey online you can create your own copy by going to <https://bit.ly/2fYGf0A> and clicking on 'duplicate this form and start using it as your own'. You will need your Glow login details.

SAMPLE INTRODUCTION

"Lots of families in Scotland are living on low incomes – almost a quarter of children in Scotland come from families which sometimes struggle to make ends meet. We want to make sure that lack of money doesn't stand in the way of anyone taking part at school. We also want to make sure that nobody feels left out or bad at school because of lack of money.

This survey asks you questions about costs at school and what would happen if a pupil wasn't able to afford some costs. You don't need to be in that position yourself to take part in this survey – everybody's views are important in making sure that your school is welcoming for all pupils.

We will look at what everyone says and use the information to try to improve things. We promise to keep you updated about what's happening."

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1 In your school, what costs you and your family money?
Please tick boxes 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"/>
Break time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Homework	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clubs and activities	<input type="checkbox"/>		

2 What do you think are the biggest costs at school?
Please write in the box below.

3 If somebody in your school didn't have a lot of money at home, what are the TOP THREE costs that might be difficult for them to afford?
Please tick *THREE* of the boxes 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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- 4** Thinking about all the things you pay for in school, how much do you agree or disagree with the statements?
Tick one box for each statement.

‘Even if you can’t pay, you wouldn’t miss out on doing anything in our school.’

Definitely agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Definitely disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>		

‘It doesn’t matter how much people money have at this school, they wouldn’t be left out or made to feel bad about it.’

Definitely agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Definitely disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>		

- 5** How easy would it be to talk to teachers or other school staff if you were worried about money or couldn’t afford to pay for something?
Please tick one of the boxes below.

Really easy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Really difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>		

- 6** Do you ever worry about costs at school?
Please tick one of the boxes below.

A lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not much	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never	<input type="checkbox"/>
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7 If somebody in your school didn't have a lot of money at home, would they get help at school to pay for any of the things below?
Please tick one box on each row.

	Yes	No	Don't know
Uniform	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lunches and eating at school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Materials for learning in class and at home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subject costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School trips	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fun events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clubs and activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travelling to school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8 What else could the school do to help families with school costs?
Please write in the box.

9 Is there anything else you would like to say about costs at your school?
Please write in the box.
