

THE COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Voice network activities – raising awareness

Where are we now?

This is an active exercise to support discussion on the current cost of your school day.

Find a space where everybody has room to stand in a line. Mark one end “Strongly Agree” and the opposite as “Strongly Disagree”. Read out one of the statements below:

- “It costs a lot to go to school and take part in everything.
- “If someone needed help with costs in our school they would definitely know where to go.”
- “Everyone in our school can afford what’s needed to take part, learn and fit in.”
- “Everyone is equal and included at our school, no matter how much money they have at home.”



1. Ask everyone to take a minute to think about the statement and then pick a place to stand on the line depending how much they agree or disagree.
2. Reflect on where people are standing - what do most people think? Why? Are there any strong differences of opinion and why? What led people to choose their spots?
3. After discussion, start a 10 second countdown where there’s a chance to change position
4. Take a picture of the final positions - you can do this again at the end of the year to see how things have changed.

Follow steps 1-4 for each statement, then discuss together:

- What did all of this tell you?
- Are there things your school is doing really well?
- Did it highlight anything that you want to work on?