

THE COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY



USEFUL RESOURCES

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Other Cost of the School Day resources

[Cost of the School Day eLearning course](#)

[Cost of the School Day Ideas Bank](#)

[Talking about Costs and Money at School](#), a resource and animation based on what parents and carers say they want when it comes to communication about costs, money and financial entitlements/support

[Cost of the School Day film clips](#) featuring schools across Scotland reducing costs for families and supporting children and young people

[Cost of the School Day Calendar 2024/25](#), highlighting costs throughout the school year and good practice in tackling them

[Cost of the School Day Dundee](#) and [Glasgow](#) reports highlight cost barriers at school from children and young people's perspectives and sets out how these barriers can be removed.

[Cost of the School Day evaluation](#) with learning points for local authorities and schools.

Cost of Learning in Lockdown research with families, children and young people ([June 2020](#) and [March 2021](#)) sets out challenges faced by children and parents on low incomes during school closures and the lessons we can learn about the support from schools and local authorities most valued by families.

Child poverty

Latest [Poverty and Income Inequality statistics 2021-24](#) from Scottish Government

[Child Poverty in the UK](#) from CPAG

[Local child poverty estimates](#) and map from the

End Child Poverty Coalition

[Best Start, Bright Futures: tackling child poverty delivery plan 2022 to 2026](#) from Scottish Government

Visit the Improvement Service for information and support on [local action to tackle child poverty](#)

Financial support for families

Information from mygov.scot on [Free School Meals](#), [School Clothing Grants](#) and [Education Maintenance Allowance](#) with links to all local authority websites and information on [Best Start Grants](#) and [Scottish Child Payment](#)

[Citizens Advice Scotland](#) provides details of local advice services. Many local authorities and housing associations have their own welfare rights services with contact details on their websites.

CPAG in Scotland's [Advice Line](#) offers advice on benefits and tax credits for practitioners working with families: 0141 552 0552 or advice@cpagscotland.org.uk

Children and young people's voices

Film from Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament in North Ayrshire: [What does Cost of the School Day mean to young people?](#) (2021)

The Children's Parliament [Weight on our Shoulders](#) report (2018): children's views on how poverty impacts on their lives and what would make life better for children affected by poverty.

Film from UNICEF Seen but Not Heard resource: [Scottish Students Speak Out About UK Child Poverty \(2012\)](#)

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Film resources

Watch our series of [Cost of the School Day films](#) featuring children, young people and staff from schools across Scotland talking about why challenging cost barriers matters and the actions they've taken

[School Costs](#) film from EIS and CPAG in Scotland (2016)

[Cost of School film](#) from Public Health Scotland on addressing child poverty in schools (2018)

Scottish Government/ Education Scotland

- [Scotland's Equity Toolkit](#)
- [Scottish Attainment Challenge self-evaluation resource](#)
- [Learner Participation in Educational Settings \(3-18\)](#)
- [Equity Audit](#) setting out the impact of COVID-19 and school building closures on children from low income households, and areas of focus for accelerating recovery.

Useful projects and networks

Young Scot #YSAffain – using smart technology to tackle inequalities

Smart-tech on the Young Scot National Entitlement Card (NEC) is being used to improve the health and wellbeing of young people facing inequalities and barriers to attainment across Scotland. Since 2018, Young Scot has been working in partnership with Scottish Government and Local Authorities to use the Young Scot NEC and Young Scot digital platforms to provide targeted, practical and local entitlements to young people. Entitlements delivered include travel tickets, access to leisure and extra-curricular activities, meals in the community and rewards to help reduce the cost of the school day. Delivering these in a smart way helps to ensure young people can access entitlements free from stigma.

[Find out how #YSAffain can support your work to reduce barriers and the cost of the school day for young people.](#)

All Cost of the School Day information is available on our website:

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