

THE COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY



SURVEY FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Questions contained in this survey can help you to find out parents' and carers' opinions on:

- What costs money at school and what the biggest costs are for them
- Which costs could cause problems for families on low incomes
- Awareness of support available from the school and confidence in accessing it

A survey is unlikely to reach every parent and carer in the school. Various barriers can exist related to time, literacy, language and interest in the subject. However, it may be suitable for some and will ideally be used as one of a range of ways to consult with parents/carers.

If you would like participants to complete the survey online, you can a copy by going to <https://bit.ly/2Nv8BJd> and clicking on 'duplicate this form and start using it as your own'. You will need your Glow login details.

However, consider access to computers, internet access and IT literacy if asking parents and carers to complete online.

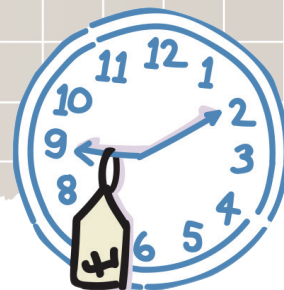
SAMPLE INTRODUCTION

"[Name of school] wants to make sure that all children are able to make the most of the school day and that no child misses out on anything. Your answers to this survey will help us check whether school costs are causing any concerns for our families and children and whether there is anything that we can do to help out.

Your voice is really important and we want to hear from as many parents and carers as possible. We promise to listen to what's been said and take action where it's needed.

For more information, please contact [name and details]"

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1 What year/s are your child(ren) in? (optional)
Please tick all boxes that apply.

P1	<input type="checkbox"/>	P2	<input type="checkbox"/>	P3	<input type="checkbox"/>	P4	<input type="checkbox"/>
P5	<input type="checkbox"/>	P6	<input type="checkbox"/>	P7	<input type="checkbox"/>		

OR

S1	<input type="checkbox"/>	S2	<input type="checkbox"/>	S3	<input type="checkbox"/>	S4	<input type="checkbox"/>
S5	<input type="checkbox"/>	S6	<input type="checkbox"/>				

2 In your school, which of the following items, events or activities cost you money?
Please tick all boxes that apply.

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"/>		

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3 What are the TOP THREE costs for you across a school year?
Please tick up to 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"/>
Break time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Homework	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clubs and activities	<input type="checkbox"/>		

4 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
Tick one box for each statement.

'The school asks for too much money over a school year.'

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

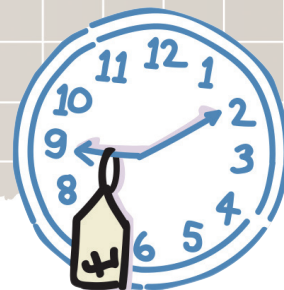
'It's difficult to afford all of the things my child needs for school.'

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

'There's always lots of notice given if the school is asking us for money.'

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

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Any other comments?

5 Do you know whether there is help available at school to help pay for any of the items, events or activities below?
Please tick one box for each option.

	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"/>
Travel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clubs and activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6 What help does the school provide that you know about?
Please write in the box below.

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7 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
Tick one box for each statement.

'If I was struggling to pay for something at school I would feel comfortable telling staff about that.'

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

'I think there is enough support for families finding it difficult to afford school costs.'

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

'I know from the school how I would go about applying for free school meals and clothing grants [and Education Maintenance Allowance for parents of young people 16+]'

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

Any other comments?

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

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