



Abrohill Primary School and Nursery Class

Reducing the Cost of the School Day Action Plan



Cost	Action	Expected Impact
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A 'Cost of the School Day' calendar is provided to inform families of when there could be costs throughout the year.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Advanced notice of any costs so families can plan or pay in small instalments.
Uniform	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All children P1-7 receive a gym bag containing shorts, tee shirt and a water bottle. (P1-3 are also provided with gym shoes).2. A rail and boxes of 'pre-loved' school uniforms are available and parents can help themselves. If parents do not want to 'be seen' to take the items they may complete a form in a sealed envelope, call or email and uniforms will be sent home in school bags or will be available to collect at the office.3. We encourage parents to buy generic school uniform items that are cheaper than items with the school badge on them. We will no longer be promoting the badged items for session 2021-22.4. We put families in touch with charities who can support with costs or clothing items, including the school uniform bank.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Children all have an appropriate kit to take part in gym and there is no stigma attached to labels as everyone has the same items.2. Parents can have laundered school uniforms that are as good as new with no cost attached.3. Parents can save money by purchasing cheaper school uniforms from high street stores or supermarkets.4. Parents can access appropriate items at little or no cost.
Every Day Clothes and Footwear	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We ask parents to donate pre-loved 'every day' clothing and footwear that are in excellent condition. Items include, wellies, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, boots, and casual clothing.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Children have suitable clothing and footwear at any time of the year without any cost to families.
School Supplies	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All children P1-7 receive the same pencil cases with appropriate stationery for use in school.2. We will request that families donate pre-loved school bags that are in excellent condition at the end of the school day and these will be made available to families.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All children have the stationery they need for the school day and there is no stigma attached to fancy brands.2. Children can have a school bag with no cost attached.
Snacks and Drinks	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Snack items are available in school for any child who does not have one.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All children will have a snack for break time.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Every child is presented with the same school water bottle. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> All children have the same water bottle so there is no stigma linked to branding. Every child can access water throughout the school day.
Health and Wellbeing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 'Care Kits' for all primary 5, 6 and 7 children are sent home (shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, sanitary products). These are replenished throughout the session. Sanitary products are available for use in school and may also be taken home, if required. 'Our Community Cares' focus events- specific focus on financial issues involving all stakeholders, the local community and visiting specialists 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> All children have access to appropriate self-care items as part of their health and wellbeing programme and there is no stigma attached to who receives these. Health and wellbeing needs of individuals are met and there should be no attendance issues due to accessing sanitary products. Our community can work together on providing appropriate support and advice for those who require it.
Curriculum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> There is a curriculum focus in all classes on issues linked to finances and the Cost of the School Day, including money management, cooking healthy meals on a budget, value of buying premium brands, Rights Respecting Schools links, exploring stigma, focus on reduce, reuse, recycle, and play based learning. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Children can demonstrate further understanding of their rights and of how the school day can be difficult for some due to financial restraints.
Home Learning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A new Home Learning policy and activity grids were produced in January 2020 with a range of tasks that have no costs. Home Learning kits and materials are provided for all children to use at home. We regularly check if families have appropriate ICT devices and connectivity, and arrange for devices to be provided when possible. After school Home Learning clubs will be operational when possible. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> & 2. Families can engage in activities with the appropriate resources to support them at no cost. Children can share their home learning in class without concerns about the stigma of not having items that are costly. Families can have access to devices and connectivity to enable them to engage in digital learning at home. Children can work on completing tasks in school that they may not be able to engage in at home.

After School/ Lunch Clubs	1. We prioritise places in after school and lunch clubs for children who do not attend any when out of school.	1. Children all benefit from having the opportunity to attend a club.
Gifts	1. We have a 'No Gift' policy. We make it clear that we will not accept gifts and we provide blank cards for children to write for staff if they would like to.	1. There is no financial burden on families, especially at Christmas time. There is no stress or stigma for children who would not have a gift to give.
Birthday Celebrations	1. We ask that parents do not send birthday cakes into school but will have a monthly celebration in each class for children who have had a birthday (children with holiday birthdays will be included in the monthly celebration nearest to their special day).	1. There will be no stress or stigma for children who may not have a cake. Children will all be celebrated in school.
Other Special Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We do not have non-uniform days where children come to school in 'every day' clothes. Instead, we have a pyjama day or a focus day, e.g. World Book Day, odd socks day etc. We ask parents to contact us before the event if they require any support and we will provide items. 2. Parents are asked to donate pre-loved Hallowe'en costumes, Christmas jumpers, Christmas party clothes and dressing up clothes. 3. Parent Council continue to charge £1 for entry to the discos, including a goodie bag with sweets and a drink. 4. PEF and Parent Council contributions enable the whole school to attend the cinema wearing Christmas jumpers and enjoying snacks. 5. Parent Council minimised costs of items at Christmas Fayre. 5. Parents are asked for approximately £20 a year- £10 maximum for summer trip, £3 show ticket, £3 class cooking block, 2x£1 for 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no stigma regarding clothing and the school will provide children with a suitable item, if required, for the day. Attendance should not be affected by children trying to avoid these days. 2. Items are available for children so that everyone has the same opportunity to dress up for events with no stigma attached to the type of clothing. Attendance at school on these days will not be affected due to children avoiding coming because of clothing. 3. All children are able to attend the discos. 4. All children enjoy a fun experience with their friends with no cost for families. 5. Children are all able to buy an item.

	<p>two discos, 2x£1 for two events, e.g. Pyjama Day. If families are unable to afford any of these costs, we provide support.</p>	<p>6. Events are affordable due to minimising the contributions and no family misses out due to costs.</p>
<p>Trips</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. iPay is open for parents from the beginning of each session to enable them to pay small amounts throughout the year. 2. PEF is used to pay for a wide range of trips throughout the year and we only ask parents/carers to pay for the summer trip. 3. We limit the cost of the summer school trip to £10 max. per child. 4. We will support any families who require it, including those who have more than one child. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parents can budget and avoid large payments in one go. 2. All children attend trips and have the same experiences as their friends. This also has a positive impact on their attainment as these experiences provide them with contexts to support their learning. 3. Relieves financial pressures and families can budget their payments throughout the year. 4. All children can attend the summer trip without families struggling financially.