



Cults Primary School 23-24 Cost of the School Day Statement



“Living in poverty impacts negatively on children’s social, physical, emotional and cognitive outcomes and subjects families to increased levels of stress and worry. If we are to reduce child poverty and the impact that it has on children’s lives in Scotland, action is needed across all sectors to reduce cost pressures on families.”

Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland¹, 2023

EQUITY

In July 2023, it is estimated that around 20.5% of children in Aberdeen City live in poverty, after housing costs¹. At Cults Primary School, we promote equity through our school values and we recognise that there has been an increase to general living costs for all families. This statement aims to be clear and transparent about the Cost of the School Day at Cults Primary and supports available, in order to reduce financial barriers to participation at school and in extra activities.

Food

- The costs of snacks and lunch in nursery are covered by the school, grants or ELC funding.
- Pupils in P1 to P5 receive a free school meal.
- Eligible pupils from P1 – P7 can apply for free school meals and payments over school holidays, if parents/carers meet the [requirements](#).
- The school’s Parent Council provide funding for snacks for children who forget their snack or need support. Parents/Carers who are not able to provide a snack, are encouraged to email the school who will be happy to help.

School Uniform/Clothing/Products

- A logo embossed school jumper is encouraged, however a plain green jumper can be worn. Uniform is optional in ELC.
- Parent/Carers who are eligible can apply for a [School Clothing Grant](#) or [Kits for All](#) for a PE kit.
- Parent Volunteers organise lost property and offer any unnamed and unclaimed school uniform to parents to take for free.
- Parents/Carers who have difficulty providing a school uniform are encouraged to email the school who will be happy to help.
- Annual Big Christmas Jumper Recycle and Halloween Costume Swap shop.
- No costume purchases will be asked for.
- Free sanitary products are available in school.

School Trips

- Class Teachers and SLT carefully consider how many trips/visitors are planned across the school year, and the cost of these. Advance notice for trips will be given.
- Families will not be asked for a donation greater than half of the trip cost per child. Free/subsidised trips are available for those who need.
- P7 Residential trip – there is a payment plan available or parents/carers can apply for a [grant](#). Parents/Carers of twins are eligible for a discount from most providers.
- At times, the school PTA will allocate money to each class/stage for trips/visitors/resources/experiences.

References

1: <https://cpag.org.uk/sites/default/files/files/Cost%20of%20School%20Day%20Toolkit%20v.2%202023.pdf>