



Cost of the School Day ebulletin

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NEW COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY TOOLKIT

We are delighted to share with you the brand new [Cost of the School Day Toolkit](#) from CPAG in Scotland. The toolkit contains a range of tried and tested discussion prompts, images, audit tools, surveys, session plans and case studies to support school communities to explore financial barriers and plan action to overcome them.

The Toolkit is available on our website. Please do get in touch with the [Cost of the School Day team](#) if you have any questions or would like to discuss using the toolkit in your school or local authority.

NEW SCHOOL COSTS FILM FROM NHS HEALTH SCOTLAND

We are launching the Cost of the School Day toolkit alongside a short film on the cost of school from NHS Health Scotland. The film shows a range of people, including teachers, parent councils and community planners, sharing their current experiences and insights on some of the impacts of poverty on school life and barriers to participation for children and young people.

[Click here to watch the School Costs film](#)

NEW COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY DUNDEE REPORT

Also recently released is the [Cost of the School Day Dundee report](#), highlighting the cost barriers children from low income families face in Dundee schools and setting out the ways those barriers can be removed. Cost of the School Day Dundee was a key recommendation of the Dundee Fairness Commission in 2016.

"Children who are unable to participate in the same activities as their peers will very often not feel included and this can have a negative impact on health and wellbeing. The key is finding possible solutions to ensure all children have the same opportunities." (Primary Teacher)

Click [here](#) to read the [Cost of the School Day Dundee report](#) and [summary report](#). Get in touch with our [Dundee Cost of the School Day team](#) for more information about our work this year in Dundee schools.

CONTRIBUTE TO UPCOMING COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY RESOURCES

What do you do after you've identified the costs which are affecting children and young people? What are other schools doing?

Coming soon are **Cost of the School Day Practice Insights**, a series of monthly papers focusing on how schools across Scotland are addressing the cost of the school day and the different responses and approaches being taken to reducing or removing school costs across the country. Papers will be themed according to different parts of the school day with 'uniform' coming first.

Practice resources are only as good as the information we have. We had a fantastic response from schools to our Cost of the School Day Practice Survey earlier this year and look forward to sharing those responses with you. But we know this is just the tip of the iceberg. If you've tried something that has really made a difference to children and families on low incomes and you think other schools should hear about or try it then let us know about it either by [completing the Practice Survey](#) or [sending us an email](#).

USEFUL NEWS AND ARTICLES

- [CPAG in Scotland welcomed the new Scotland-wide minimum level of school clothing grant of £100 announced earlier this year.](#)
- [The Scottish Parliament Education and Skills Committee has made a number of recommendations relevant to Cost of the School Day](#) following its inquiry into the impact of poverty on attainment, including 'poverty proofing' school uniform policies, undertaking a national review of charges to access the curriculum and ensuring that school leaders are mindful of the impact of policies and practices on low income families
- [Young Scot has launched an Attainment Challenge Partnership designed to tackle inequalities, improve attainment in education and challenge rural poverty.](#) In pilot projects, the Young Scot National Entitlement Card will deliver entitlements including preloaded travel tickets in Renfrewshire, access to breakfast in schools in North Ayrshire, and sportswear and equipment in Highlands.

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Get in touch with the team to discuss Cost of the School Day in your school or area at costoftheschoolday@cpagscotland.org.uk.

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