

Cost of The School Day – Parent/Carer Survey
Carstairs Junction Primary School & ELC (March 2023)
Collated Responses (Primary – 39 responses)

Uniform

Question	YES	NO	Comments
Do you receive the Clothing Grant?	13	26	
If 'yes' does it cover the full cost of your child(ren)'s uniform?	5	8	
How much do you think you spend on uniforms through the year?			<£100 3 £100 3 £100-£150 6 Approx £200 4 £200+ 4 £300+ 3 Unsure 3
What do you think is the most expensive part of the uniform?			Shoes 15 School jumpers 11 Polo shirt + logo (optional) 1 Bag 3 Jacket 4 Tartan pinafore 1 Trousers 1 Trainers 1 Other: Replacing cardigans 1
Do you need a separate P.E kit or can you use any shorts/t-shirt?	10	14	
Is there a choice of places where you can buy the school uniform?	16	8	Can buy unbranded items anywhere. Only able to buy school branded form one place. We shop online mainly. Jumpers from one shop, the rest can be bought anywhere. I buy plain burgundy sweaters form the supermarket.
Do you need to buy a uniform with an embroidered school badge? (sweatshirt, cardigan, polo shirt)	18	21	Polo shirt not compulsory with badge but cardigans/sweaters are. We have a mix of plain and branded items. You don't need to but looks better. No, got second hand from school. No but [my] kids won't wear without.
Does the school have a 'recycled' uniform area?	39	0	
What happens in your school if children don't wear a uniform?			Not sure 4 Don't know, they always wear it 3 Nothing 2 Try to encourage school uniform 2
Additional comments:			

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More choice of places to purchase logo uniform. Would rather buy direct from the school.
 Some days my child loses his school jumper. School uniform shop becomes expensive to buy 5 days' worth of jumpers.
 The school have a uniform exchange which I use frequently, sending in uniform that no longer fits and request larger size jumpers usually. Uniform is my biggest expense.

Fun Events

Question	YES	NO	Comments
Which school events do you think are important? E.g World Book Day, Comic Relief etc.			Comic Relief 3
			World Book Day 5
			World Downs Syndrome Day 1
			Robert Burns 2
			World of Work Day/Week 1
			Sports Days 3
			Any fundraising and awareness raising days 1
			All 8
			Any events where the children get together with the whole school to work together to achieve things 1
Are there any events that you think cost too much money or are a waste of money?	0	39	
Are you happy to pay for discos etc. if the money goes to school funds?	39	0	Never had to pay I would happily contribute more Yes, would pay more even. The kids will remember these for years.
Do you think the amount you are asked to pay towards discos is appropriate?	38	1	

School Trips & Residentials

Please read the questions below and **tick** ✓ your answer and/or write in the box.

Question	YES	NO	Comments
Does your child get the chance to go on a school trip each year?	39	0	Not so far but Covid has been a factor
Do you think school trips are important?	39	0	

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Do you need to pay a contribution towards each trip?	38	1	Sometimes 3
If 'yes' how much do you normally pay?			£1-£5 11 £6-£10 2 Don't remember(Covid impacted) 1 Other comments included; 'small contribution', 'not a lot', 'few pounds'
If you can't pay, does your child still get to go?	6	1	Unknown 11
Do you know how to get help to pay for trips?	5	22	
Would you feel comfortable approaching the school for help?	29	10	School is very good at offering help and advice
How could the school make this easier for parents?			Sign posting Make them aware of help Let you know earlier [about trips] Discretely call parents [to offer help] I don't have a problem with this Advice/help is already there
Questions below are for current P7s only			
If your child has been on the school residential (P6/7s), what do you think of the cost?			Reasonable/okay 6 The school had fundraisers/donations to help with the cost. What we paid was very fair.
Do you feel you have enough time to pay? ie instalments	6	0	
Is there flexibility in terms of time to pay the instalments?	6	0	
If you can't pay, does your child still get to go?	4	0	Unknown 2
Does the school support in any way with providing resources? e.g. clothing, sleeping bags, toiletries	4	0	
Do you have any other comments about Fun Events and/or school trips? Please use the space below.			
There used to be many more days before Covid that the school requested money for, this has significantly reduced.			

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Is there **anything else** you would like to say about the **Cost of the School Day**? What is going well? Think about other areas where you have to spend money at school e.g School Clubs, Lunch etc. Please tell us if there are any other areas that worry/annoy you or any ideas you may have for schools to reduce costs for families.

I would ask why only P6/7 have to pay for their school meals.
All fine for us.
Brilliant school.
Find the app for paying difficult to access.
Lunch time clubs and after school clubs are free of charge.

Thank you so much for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.