

Participatory Budgeting



Carstairs Junction Primary School
2024/2025



What is Participatory Budgeting?



PB is a way for people in the school community to decide how local money is spent.

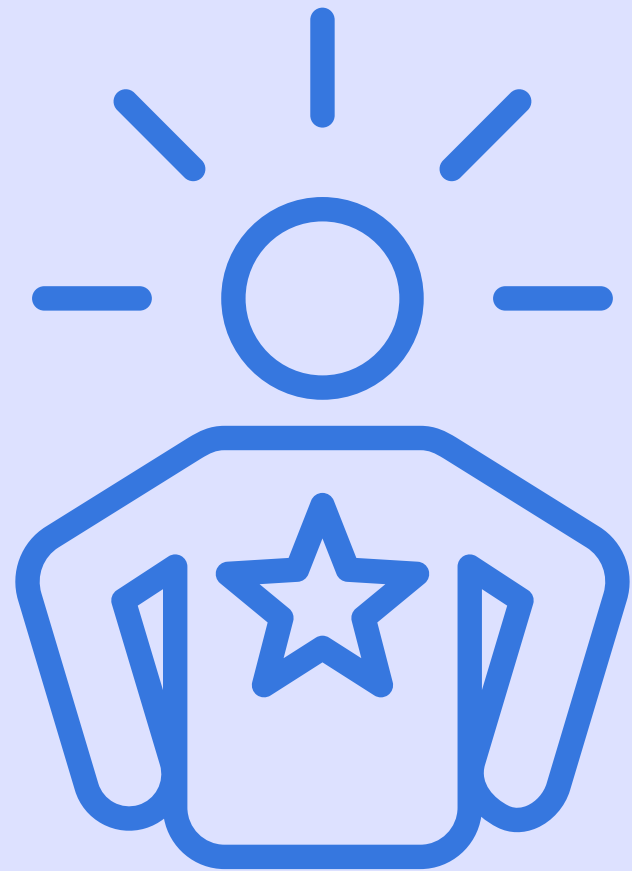
PB group (Pupil Council) generate ideas on how the **£1,531.25** PB money should be spent.

The ideas are put to a vote. Everyone in the school community gets one vote.

The idea which receives the most votes gets funded.



Why PB in our school?



Builds more
confident and active
young citizens

Can lower the cost of
the school day



Strengthens school
culture

Can help to raise
attainment across
the school



Previous Winners

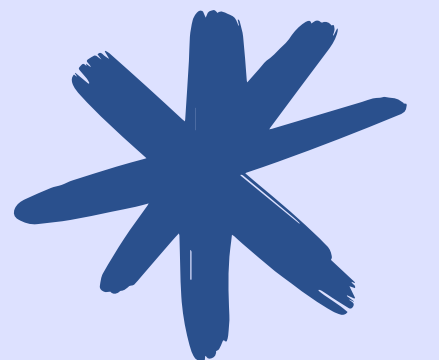
2021/2022

Tracksuits in house
colours for sporting
events.



**2022/2023 &
2023/2024**

Trips for every class
in the school.



PB Ideas 2024/25

Our PB group is made up of the Pupil Council.

They have been working with Mrs Armour to create ideas for this year's PB budget.

They have decided on 5 options and considered the pros and cons of each option.

Option 1

Class trips

Option 2

More lunch and after school clubs

Option 3

Buses to attend more sporting events

Option 4

Sensory resources (outside)

Option 5

Football strips/football boots

Class trips

Fund each class to go on an educational field trip
or
for an educational experience to visit the class in the
school grounds.

Pros

- Helps families by reducing the cost of the school day
- Gives pupils an opportunity to experience something new and take their learning out of class

Cons

- Each class would only get one trip
- Not everyone likes going out of school on the bus etc

Lunch and after school clubs

Be able to have more clubs and keep them free of charge.

Pros

- More clubs can be on offer
- Lunch clubs mean everyone can attend no matter where they live
- We can have more and at zero cost!

Cons

- Lunch clubs can be difficult to arrange if they are active as the hall is being used

Buses to attend sporting events

Attend more events and improve our participation.

Pros

- We will be able to go to more sporting events (currently mainly Inclusion Sports, Football and Cross Country)
- We will meet more people in the Lanark area
- We can have more of a say in what we would like to be part of

Cons

- This is likely to be just for this year unless we get other funding from elsewhere next year
- Some people might not want the funding to be spend on sport

Sensory Resources



Sensory resources for outside – outdoor classroom/ Trim trail

Pros

- This could help with more things to do outside
- It might help some pupils feel more engaged and settled outside

Cons

- The resources might not last very long
 - We already have funding from Wester Overton – maybe see how far this funding goes first?
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Football strips/boots

Purchase full strips as other school have them at tournaments.

Pros

- We would feel proud representing our school at tournaments
- Football boots are very expensive so would be good to have a stock of these which we could use for years, putting less pressure on families to supply

Cons

- It is only good if you are interested in football (maybe the funding could be partly spent on this and then another theme?)
- We don't go to many football events in a year to justify it?