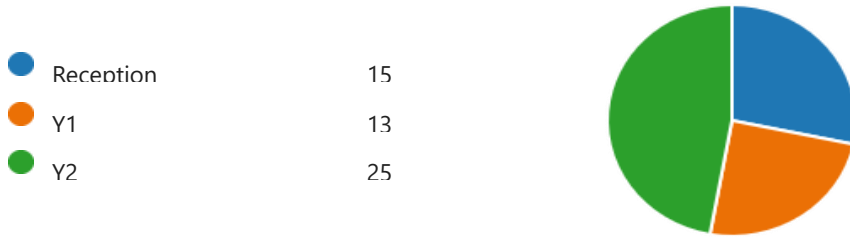


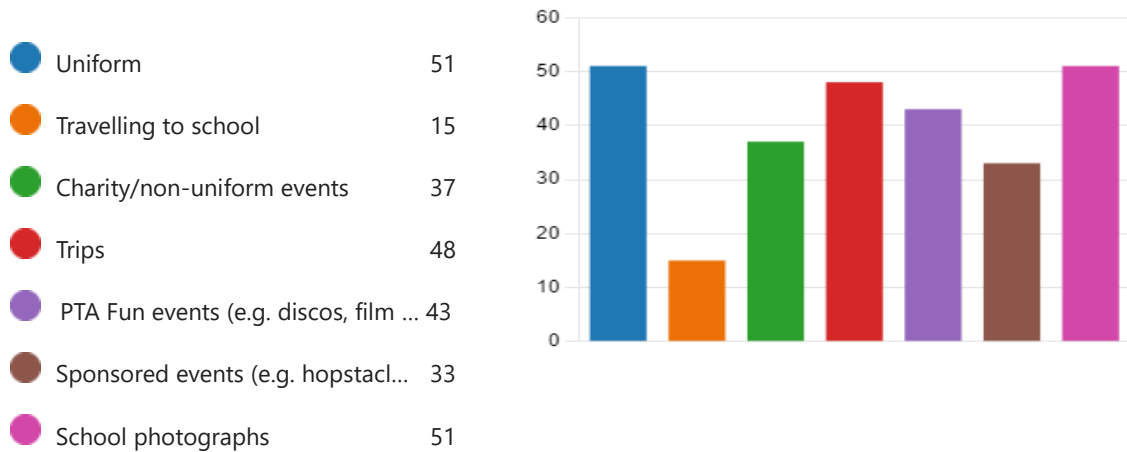


Cost of the School Day - survey for parents and carers – December 2023

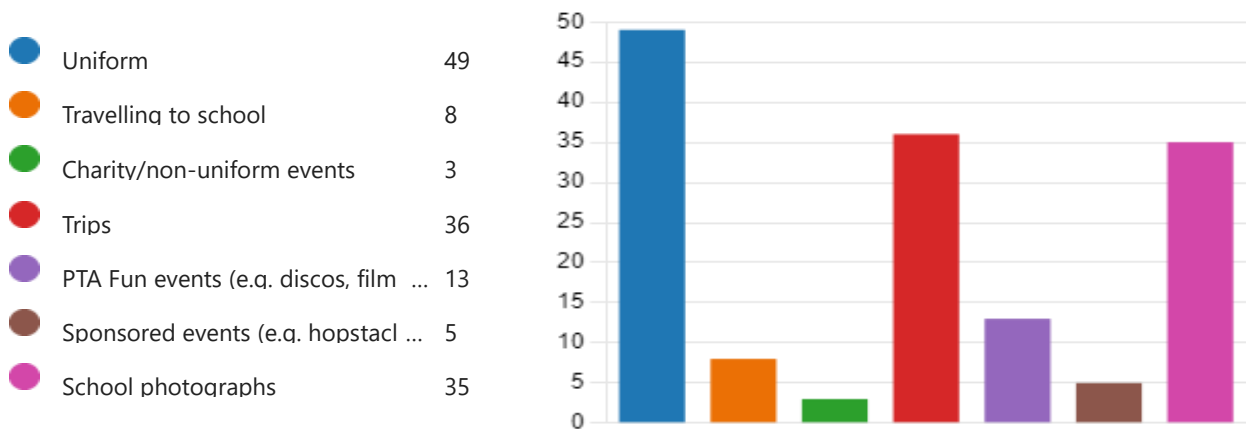
1. What year/s are your child(ren) in? (optional) Please tick all boxes that apply.



2. In your school, which of the following items, events or activities cost you money? Please tick all boxes that apply.

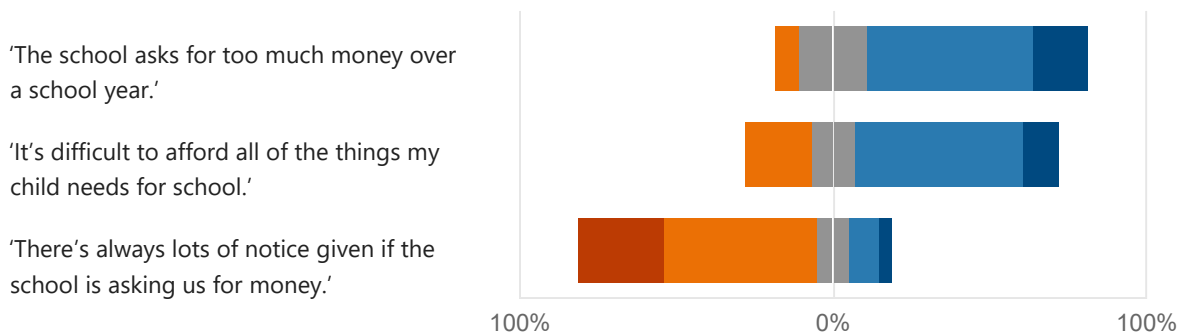


3. Which are the TOP THREE costs for you across the school year?



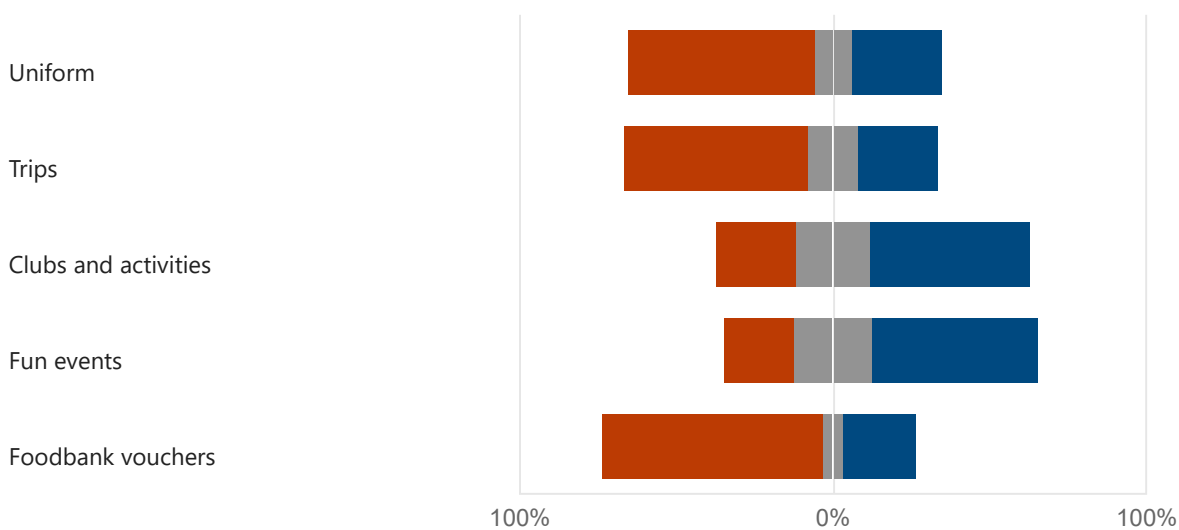
4. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Tick one box for each statement.

■ Strongly agree
 ■ Agree
 ■ Not sure
 ■ Disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree



5. Do you know whether there is help available at school to help pay for any of the items, events or activities below? Please tick one box for each row.

■ Yes
 ■ No
 ■ Don't know



6. What help does the school provide that you know about? Please write in the box below.

As far as I'm aware, there is help but for only those on benefits? The normal family, who aren't entitled to any support from the state, but both work, do not get any support with school costs? The school is fab, costs are fair for things like trips and events and we're always given notice. BUT for those of us who are really struggling right now with costs in everything, and barely keeping our heads above water...a £20 school trip or another day where he comes home with ruined shoes and needs new ones...it's a lot!

Free school meals, free milk for certain years, help with costs of trips etc for low-income families, PTA partially covers some costs of trips/parties

Access to food bank vouchers over school holidays. Can contact the school if require help paying for trips and lunches for trips.
Second hand school uniform rail available.

The website displays a 'low income families' poster which explains if you need support to come and speak with a member of staff.
When my daughter started school it was explained and a leaflet was provided about some second hand uniform that could be sold.
Universal free school meals for all children at the school.

7. What else could the school do to help families with school costs? Please write in the box below.

Making sure school events are spread out evenly throughout the school year.

I think this school is already very mindful about what money they ask for, which is much appreciated, and am aware that school trips have already been changed to new destinations to keep costs down.

Have online banking available as it can be difficult to find the exact cash needed. Maybe offer see if families that can afford school trips are willing to round their amounts up to the nearest £1 to help out other families if needed.

Give more notice on up coming payments and make these more explicit on the newsletter. Try not to have too many other costs at the same time eg Christmas orders and school photos and trips within a few weeks of each other.

8. Is there anything else you would like to say about costs at your school? Please write in the box below.

We are so very lucky to have a caring PTA and staff that will always do their best to make sure no one misses out and the right information is given out, easy to contact someone if I am unsure about how to pay/how much etc

As a new parent I am just beginning my journey with the school, but I think there are many options to support financially struggling parents already- which is great. The school has a reputation for being nurturing and I think anything to help parents financially will be welcomed. Thank you

I think costs associated with trips and PTA events at this school are very reasonable compared to cost of living in general. We are struggling with food bills etc at home. We have used Free uniform scheme a lot. It's appreciated that kids don't need expensive logo uniform here. We manage to get school shoes from local freecycle, although it's reassuring that the school isn't strict on footwear if we couldn't immediately afford new ones.

Stopped supporting sponsored events ages ago as we have had to draw a line under what's affordable. We can manage and are happy to give the odd pound here and there for non uniform days/colouring competition etc. and I think the school trips are reasonably priced.

Maybe less trip/costs in December due to it being a pricey month x

I feel like sometimes things get given that you need to buy at the wrong time for example school photos always get given a quarter/halfway through the month and normally need to be back in the following week a lot of people do not get paid until the end of the month and have not budgeted it into the last month's pay. So things that need paying for like school photos, tea towel orders, Christmas card/placemats ect orders would be more helpful to be given at the end of the month when most people get paid as it makes me feel awful when I can't order them for my child because the cut off is just before payday