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Cost of the School Day

Dear Families,

I know you are all aware of the current rise in the cost of living. I know within our rural communities these costs are often greater. Some of you have shared your concerns about this over the course of last year. I would like to directly offer the assistance of the school in helping our families to mitigate these costs as much as possible. Please take a few minutes to complete this [survey](#) to allow us to gather information on how we can plan to support going forward. Furthermore, I would like to share a few of key links which may offer some support:

School Meals

- ✚ All pupils from Primary 1 to Primary 5 can access a school meal at no cost each day without the need for parents/carer to apply. This will be expanded to include Primary 6s and Primary 7s by 2024. Menus are available via [Primary school meals - Perth & Kinross Council \(pkc.gov.uk\)](#). Pupils wishing to have a meal can choose their choice each morning.
- ✚ Families with pupils in P1-P5 can also apply for a clothing grant of £126 per year if you are in receipt of certain benefits. If your child is currently in P6 and P7 you can apply online for free school meals and a clothing grant if you are in receipt of certain benefits.
- ✚ All the information for clothing grants and free school meals along with an online application form can be accessed here - [Free school meals and school clothing grants - primary and secondary - Perth & Kinross Council \(pkc.gov.uk\)](#)

Available Benefits

- ✚ This page lists all the current benefits that are available to families. Some of them are available to all and some are based on levels of benefits received - [Benefits for parents, children and young people - Perth & Kinross Council \(pkc.gov.uk\)](#)

Local Food Larders

- ✚ This page lists details of local food share larders that aim to reduce food waste and support families - [Local larders - Food support for people in Perth and Kinross - Perth & Kinross Council \(pkc.gov.uk\)](#)

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Executive Director

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- ✚ We are continuing to focus on how we can reduce the cost of the school day. This includes things like cost of trips and uniform costs.
- ✚ We would also like to offer a free daily 'tuck'. Initially, this will be an offer of a piece of fruit at morning interval but if there is interest, we would be happy to offer toast each morning after the October holidays for all pupils in P1-P7.

If any families need support in accessing these services and support or help in completing the applications, then please email jenniferclark@pkc.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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