## THE COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY



## Resources and information

The Cost of the School Day project helps schools and local authorities to remove the financial barriers to education for children and young people. Cost of the School Day resources support professional learning about child poverty and equity in education, and offer practical tools to involve school communities and make sustainable changes.

All the resources listed below can be found on our website: cpag.org.uk



<u>Cost of the School Day eLearning course</u> is designed to broaden practitioner knowledge about child poverty, financial barriers at school and practical ways to support learners on low incomes.



<u>Ideas Bank</u> features case studies from schools across Scotland working to reduce the cost of their school day. Case studies are listed by theme, including: uniforms; learners in the lead; events, celebrations and fundrasing and communicating with families.



<u>The Toolkit</u> supports the involvement of whole school communities in developing poverty aware policies and practices.



<u>Talking about Costs and Money at School</u> is a resource and animation based on what parents and carers say helps when it comes to communication about costs, money and financial entitlements and support.





<u>The Calendar</u> highlights cost hotspots throughout the school year and good practice alternatives.



<u>Cost of the School Day films</u> feature children, staff and parents in schools across Scotland which are reducing costs, maximising incomes and supporting children and young people.



The Cost of Having Fun at School report captures the experiences of children and parents around fun events, and offers suggestions for making events more inclusive. Other Cost of the School Day research and reports are also available on our website.



The Cost of the School Day Voice network activities offer lots of ideas about what groups can do to get going, learn more and develop initiatives in their setting to reduce costs and promote equity.

## Financial help for families

<u>Financial help in the school years factsheet</u>, from Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland, outlines what help is available for families with school age children during the school year.

Search on <u>mygov.scot</u> for information about help that low income families might be entitled to, including Best Start Grants, Scottish Child Payment, Free School Meals, School Clothing Grants and Education Maintenence Allowance, alongside links to all local authority websites.

Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland Advice Line offers advice on benefits and tax credits for practitioners working with families: 0141 552 0552 or <a href="mailto:advice@cpagscotland.org.uk">advice@cpagscotland.org.uk</a>