

October Spotlight

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Cost of the School Day

What are we doing to reduce the cost of the school day ?

This section of Spotlight will be focused on some of the approaches we are taking which will hopefully result in the cost associated with coming to school being minimised.

School Trips: Providing opportunities for children to experience learning in a setting other than school is immensely valuable. It enriches the experience and supports children to make the link to real life environments. Teachers will plan carefully to ensure that these opportunities are free or have a minimum cost e.g. using public transport rather than private coach and are spaced across the course of the session. All opportunities will be linked to supporting learning or launching a new topic.



Christmas at Campie

In previous years we have arranged for a theatre company to come to the school for the younger classes and the older children have visited the Brunton to see a pantomime performance. This year, to reduce the spending for families, P1-7 will not see a pantomime during school time.

In addition, previously we have asked families to contribute £2.50 towards the Christmas parties. This year we have reduced the cost to £1.50.

Polite request. In the past many families have given a gift to staff in school. Can we request that this year, families do not send gifts to school staff. If your child is still keen to share something with a teacher or someone in the staff—a note or card is always very much appreciated!

Class Christmas cards: In order to save the expense of buying cards for everyone in the class—can children please bring a card that is for everyone in class? This is cheaper and more environmentally friendly.

If at anytime you have a question linked to costs at school. Please do contact us.

We will do all that we can to support.



To keep fundraising within the school to a minimum we will carefully select when, how and what we raise money for.

Some fundraising events to look out for:

*Children In Need (November)

*Our Playground

Our Parent Council have a very enthusiastic group of volunteers that invest lots of time and creativity into providing a host of opportunities that children and families can get involved in. Their primary aim is to raise funds to improve our outdoor space. In the recent Playground Newsletter you will have seen the many different initiatives that have been involved in.

*Sometimes our children identify a cause that they would like to support. We encourage social responsibility and leadership. However we may ask that they consider other financial pressures that exist at that time and support children to choose another time or method of fundraising.

*Stage specific events. Some classes have traditionally have been involved in fundraising for an event for their year group e.g. Transport for Camp

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HEALTH & Well Being

Medications including Inhalers

If your child needs to take medication at school, please contact the school office and complete the appropriate form. If you have previously completed a MED2 - there is no need to update. As new medications are prescribed we will replace the MED2 with the new documentation.

Children who have inhalers: it is advisable that your child has an additional inhaler in school as an emergency back up. This will be stored securely in our First Aid Room.

Form	Request to:
1	Issue non prescribed medication
2	Issue short term prescribed medication
3	Issue long term prescribed medication
4	Issue long term 'as required' prescribed medication
5	School for medication to be carried and self administered by pupil in school




We are delighted to see so many children being active and choosing to walk, cycle and scoot to school. There are key times in the year when we survey how we travel to school and hopefully we will see positive results.

To ensure everyone is safe—please remember to dismount when approaching the school gate. The playground is a busy place!



Warm, Dry, Learning and Having Fun

During break and lunch, whenever possible children will be outside to ensure they have time to be in the fresh air and can play active games in the playground. Only when the weather is really bad will we remain inside for break or lunch.

A number of learning activities may take place outdoors.

Please ensure that during the colder and wetter months your children have sufficient clothing to keep them warm and dry whilst outside.

Head lice and nits are very common in young children. They don't have anything to do with dirty hair, and are usually picked up by head-to-head contact. Please check your child's head regularly and treat promptly—there is no need to see a GP. Advice can be found here: www.nhs.uk