



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School  
Hawthorn Lane  
Coventry  
CV4 9LB

26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **What is the Cost of the School Day project?**

Poverty affects more than one in four children in the UK today. When children grow up poor they miss out – and so do the rest of us. We have been working across the UK to make sure that schools are set up so that children don't miss out and don't feel different or excluded because of how much money their family has.

We'll be supporting your child's school to reduce and remove financial barriers to learning and poverty-related stigma, ensuring every child can make the most of the school day regardless of their household income.

### **Poverty Proofing the School Day**

We are currently working with Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School to support the school to 'poverty proof' the school day. This means helping the whole-school community to work together to identify best practice as well cost barriers to learning and take actions to remove them. We are speaking to a number of pupils, teachers and governors and would like to get your views as parents too. We will be discussing things such as access to trips, after school clubs and music tuition, the costs of uniform, how free school meals are administered and how students access food during the school day.

### **The Cost of the School Day for Parents and Carers Survey:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CoSDParentsRB>

Your answers to this survey will help us to understand whether school costs are causing problems for families and children and whether there is anything that we can do to help out. Your voice is really important and we want to hear from as many parents and carers as possible. We promise to listen to what's been said and take action where it's needed.

All responses are anonymous and it is optional for you to provide your name and contact details. We will only use these to follow-up with you at a later date to understand what's changed in your school. We will be looking at the data collectively, rather than at individual responses. However, we may use quotes anonymously to help the school and others understand where difficulties lie. If you would prefer to speak to someone over the phone about school costs, then please do give us a call on the number below. Alternatively, you can text 'Cost of the School Day' to the number below and we will be more than happy to give you a ring. Also, if you complete the survey online and would like to talk with us on the phone as well, you can of course give us a ring or text us as mentioned above.

We will be working with the school to address the issues raised and we will keep you informed about the work we plan to do. We really look forward to hearing your thoughts and opinions!

Yours sincerely,

Richard Barrie

Schools Practitioner, Cost of the School Day

(rbarrie@cpag.org.uk)(07305684479)