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# CRAIGBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Cost of the School Day Policy



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### Craigbank Primary School, South Lanarkshire Council

At Craigbank Primary School, we recognise the need to reduce the Cost of the School Day for all our pupils and particularly for our pupils who are already experiencing poverty. We examine the School Day through the following headings: Uniform, Travel, Learning, Friendship, School trips, Eating, Fun, Clubs and Home learning.

We have produced a month-by-month overview of how much we are expecting from families across the school year to ensure this is spread evenly.

#### Uniform

Our current uniform is plain navy trousers or skirt, white polo shirt, navy jumper or cardigan. Families can purchase uniforms from Scotcrest in Hamilton or online at [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com) (if they require the school badge) and any supermarket. **We do not insist on badged sweatshirts/polo shirts to reduce costs for families.** We have a recycled uniform bank for all pupils to access throughout the school year and a bank of uniform that can be given to families if/when required. Families are supported to apply for clothing grants when required.

#### Clothing

We have a 'New' and 'Nearly New' clothing bank of clothes donated by companies and parents/carers. This is on display at many school events with parents and carers encouraged to help themselves to whatever items they would like for their child/children. It is also available for parents/carers on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to pick up what they need. This includes jackets, shoes, gym shoes and bags.



## **Travel**

The majority of our children travel to school by walking, some children are driven to school. We have after school activities and some lunchtime activities. As this help all children attend the different activities.

## **Learning**

Children at Craigbank Primary School do not need to pay for any core learning activity. Pens and pencils are provided and young people do not need to bring their own equipment. Many of our families also benefited from Chromebooks and wifi provided by the Scottish Government during COVID19 school closures, families continue to benefit from these devices. The school has Numicon Sacks for Primary 1-4 pupils to support Home Learning. Each bag contains all of the resources required.

## **Friendships**

We ensure that any pupil experiencing poverty-related bullying has a way of reporting this in confidence in line with our updated 'Respect Me' policy. Each class participates in their learning about about poverty related issues as part of the school Health and Wellbeing programme and through the UNCRC Committee work. We gather the views of our young people and families on the Cost of the School Day and involve them in decision making around this and Participatory Budget spend.

## **School Trips**

Currently our class trips are planned each year in response to the learning within the classroom. The average cost of a class trip for pupils is a maximum of £5. We try to reduce the cost by applying for grants, fundraising through our Parent Council and Participatory Budgeting. External funding is used where possible, Community Planning Funding, OPOP. We have a policy for families with more than one child and support them by reducing the overall cost for the family. Our children have the opportunity to attend various events throughout the school year which are fully funded by the school e.g. Football Tournaments, Netball Festivals, Track and Field, Cross Country, , Tennis Sessions, Forest Schools and Transition Activities where these activities are provided free of charge. The school changed the P5 swimming from October to April to take away the cost of the bus. The children now walk to the pool.

## **Period Poverty**

Within the school, there are sanitary products for pupils to access if required to tackle period poverty. SMT had a learning conversation with senior girls, they asked for a sanitary box to be located in the disabled toilet so that they could access this if/when required. Free products are given out annually to all senior girls during the RSHP lessons and if/when

required. Through our school newsletter, we have communicated with families that there are free products in school for any adults to access.

### **Eating at school**

This school year we have 43% of pupils who are in receipt of Free School Meals. Due to the introduction of ParentPay we feel there is no stigma associated with a free lunch. We estimate that some families who are eligible for Free School Meals do not take up their entitlement due to P1-5 pupils already receiving free school meals.

We have a Breakfast Club that 21% of our pupils attend .

### **Fun Events**

Craigbank Primary School recognise that events planned for enjoyment can actually put added pressure on to families. We currently look carefully at attendance and participation in these events in order to see if there are any poverty-related patterns that require action. As with school trips, our Fun Events are planned throughout the school year, in consultation with our Parent Council and pupil committees. Over the school year we offer three discos, a sports day, Christmas Parties, end of year treat. Over the course of the year, all children take part in food technology lessons and forest school sessions, which are completely funded by the school fund and parent council. We currently fund raise by having our Parent Council Christmas Fair and understand that not all families are able to contribute so we allow those children to take home their creations free of charge.

Our non-uniform days are spaced throughout the year, the suggested £1 donation is paid through Parent Pay so there is no stigma if there is no donation.

### **School Clubs**

At Craigbank Primary School we have the following clubs: netball, football, reading for enjoyment. All clubs are completely free of charge Some clubs may require specific equipment e.g. trainers, football boots, and we do what we can to help families who may not be able to afford these by having a full school team football and netball kit, as well as a team tracksuit and staff often donate 'nearly new' trainers to pupils. Participatory Budget can also be used to ensure pupils have the correct kit/equipment to take part in these kind of activities.

### **Home Learning**

We try to reduce the cost of learning at home as much as possible by providing all materials when required and offering our ICT lending library. This ensures that all pupils no matter their family circumstances can complete any homework activity.

**Additional:**

Loose change found in the school throughout the year is collected in each class and used during events for children who have not brought money.

The school office has a bank of snacks for pupils to access if they do not have something to eat for interval.

The school work closely with Larkhall Food Bank and this service is advertised in our school newsletter, families can access this service through our school office.

The school applies for all funding opportunities which is used to provide food hampers and vouchers for food in local stores at various times throughout the year. The team leader organises this.

We are very clear that the Cost of the School Day is an area that requires constant vigilance and will not be 'fixed' by any one action. Annually we ensure that;

- As a staff we update our Cost of the School day policy.
- We Share this information with all stakeholders.
- We gather the views of our young people and families on the Cost of the School Day and involve them in decision making around this and Participatory Budgeting decisions.
- We consult with pupils and provide as many opportunities for lunchtime or playtime clubs.
- We work towards reducing the cost of trips to those families with more than one child in the family.

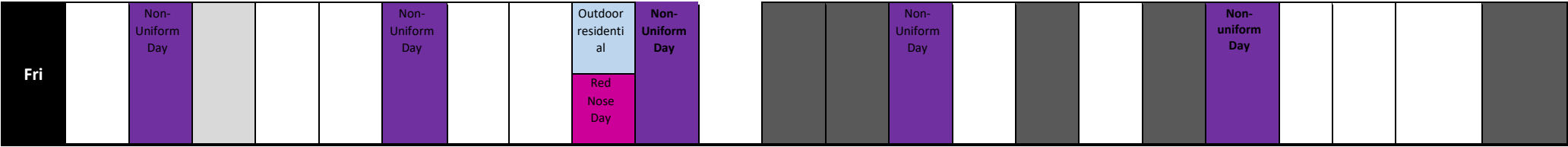


**Across Larkhall Learning Community, there is consistency of approach in the following areas:**

-All schools offer a uniform recycling clothes bank and parents and carers are signposted to any local groups who support parents/carers with the costs associated with pupils starting back school in August e.g. Chalmers Church in Larkhall.

- All schools do not insist on school uniform items having the school badge.
- All schools have Foodbank vouchers in the school to offer to families when required.
- All schools ensure that all children are able to access educational trips throughout the school year if parents/carers have not paid for the trip. (This excludes residential trips)
- All learning materials are provided by schools.
- All schools within the Learning Community offer a Breakfast Club facility with almost all of these breakfast clubs being free of charge.
- All schools offer extra-curricular lunch and after-school clubs with almost all clubs being free of charge and a few that are subsidised.

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School Trips will be throughout the year for classes.



# Craigbank Primary CoSD PLANNER 2021 - 2022 (due to COVID19)



| Week<br>Beginning | Aug<br>16                             | Aug<br>23 | Aug<br>30 | SEP<br>6  | Sept<br>13 | Sept<br>20           | Sept<br>27 | Oct<br>4  | Oct<br>11 | Oct<br>18 | Nov<br>8 | Nov<br>15 | Nov<br>22 | Nov<br>29       | Dec<br>6 | Dec<br>13                | Dec<br>20 | Dec<br>27 | Jan<br>3  | Jan<br>10                      | Jan<br>17 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Mon               | Pupils<br>return<br>School<br>Uniform |           |           |           |            |                      |            |           |           |           |          |           |           |                 |          | P1/2<br>Xmas<br>Party    |           |           |           |                                |           |
| Tue               |                                       |           |           |           |            |                      |            |           |           |           |          |           |           |                 |          | P3/4<br>Xmas<br>Party    |           |           |           |                                |           |
| Wed               |                                       |           |           |           |            |                      |            |           |           |           |          |           |           |                 |          | P6/7<br>Xmas<br>Party    |           |           |           |                                |           |
| Thur              |                                       |           |           |           |            |                      |            |           |           |           |          |           |           |                 |          | P4/5/6<br>Xmas<br>Party  |           |           |           |                                |           |
| Fri               |                                       |           |           |           |            |                      |            |           |           |           |          |           |           |                 |          | Nursery<br>Xmas<br>Party |           |           |           |                                |           |
| Week<br>Beginning | Jan<br>24                             | Jan<br>31 | Feb<br>7  | Feb<br>14 | Feb<br>21  | Feb<br>28            | Mar<br>7   | Mar<br>14 | Mar<br>21 | Mar<br>28 | Apr<br>4 | Apr<br>11 | Apr<br>18 | Apr<br>25       | May<br>2 | May<br>9                 | May<br>16 | May<br>23 | May<br>30 | Jun<br>6                       | Jun<br>13 |
| Mon               |                                       |           |           |           |            |                      |            |           |           |           |          |           |           |                 |          |                          |           |           |           | Class<br>Trips<br>this<br>week |           |
| Tue               |                                       |           |           |           |            |                      |            |           |           |           |          |           |           |                 |          |                          |           |           |           |                                |           |
| Wed               |                                       |           |           |           |            |                      |            |           |           |           |          |           |           |                 |          |                          |           |           |           |                                |           |
| Thur              |                                       |           |           |           |            | World<br>Book<br>Day |            |           |           |           |          |           |           |                 |          |                          |           |           |           |                                |           |
| Fri               |                                       |           |           |           |            |                      |            |           |           |           |          |           |           | Summer<br>Fayre |          |                          |           |           |           |                                |           |
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Holiday
 In Service
 Swimming Bus
 School Fund Event
 Other costs for families
 Charity
 Parent Council Event

