



Cost of the School Day Position Statement

Long Calderwood Primary School

South Lanarkshire Council



At Long Calderwood Primary School we recognise the need to keep the cost of the school day low for all of our pupils and particularly for those pupils who are experiencing poverty. We aim to do this by examining the potential costs for our families and help to reduce or eliminate it.

Uniform

To ease costs, we do not insist on badged sweatshirts/polo shirts. Our uniform colours can be purchased in most supermarket clothes sections.

- Black skirt/trousers
- White polo shirt or white shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt/jumper or royal blue/black cardigan
- Comfortable shoes that your child can put on and take off by themselves
- Black/school tartan pinafore
- Jacket or school blazer
- A school tie can be purchased from the school office if required

P.E days

- Black joggers
- White polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt/jumper or jersey cardigan
- Trainers - no laces until children can tie by themselves please.

Pupils must not wear shirts or ties on P.E days as the changing time is too time consuming and impacts learning time.

If you would like to purchase a uniform with a logo it can be purchased through <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/>

Outdoor learning/playtime

To make the most of our school playground we try to let our children play on the grass as much as possible in all weathers. To help to keep our school flooring clean we ask that your child has a pair of wellies/old shoes that they can change into afterwards. If your child doesn't have a change of footwear then we can let them borrow our school wellies. Please just let us know if this is ok.

Nearly New Uniform

To be more eco-friendly we have nearly new uniform items that you can purchase for a donation to our school fund. Alternatively there is an option to 'Swap and Save' old uniform for new uniform.

Benefits

- There are no distribution costs as you can collect the items from our school office.
- Reduces carbon emissions that would be emitted from delivery transport
- Promotes sustainability
- Encourages recycling
- Affordable
- Raises funds for the school

Our nearly new uniform will also be available for purchase at whole school events which families attend. If you need something urgently please contact the school office team who will be able to help you.

We also provide uniforms to families in need at our own discretion.

Learning

Pupils in Long Calderwood do not need to pay for any core learning in school. Our school will provide all necessary stationary and equipment required for learning so there is no need for pupils to come to school with pencils, rubbers, rulers, pens etc.

Home Learning

All home learning is shared on your child's Google Classroom. If your child does not have stationary or equipment for their homework for example pencils/pens/glue etc. then the school will provide a homework resource pack.

If your child does not have access to a computer, please contact the school office team and we can arrange access.

School Trips/Educational Activities

When booking any educational trips and activities the cost will be carefully considered. We aim to reduce the cost where possible and classes can offset costs using funds raised as part of school enterprise work. When appropriate we use external funding or visit local attractions that are free of charge. To reduce the expenditure on costly bus charges for educational trips we will also try to plan for external companies to provide educational experiences in school.

We aim to use payment plans on parent pay to help spread the costs of trips and other events across the year.

Inclusive whole school events

We want our pupils to enjoy participating in fun events at school without worrying about peer judgement or feeling excluded. We have identified alternative ways to celebrate our annual school events such as Halloween, Christmas, World Book Day and Easter so that it does not have a financial impact on our families.

Eating at school

There is no stigma associated with free school lunches as we use the Parent Pay system for P6-7. We are aware that many of our families may be eligible for free school meals and you can check your eligibility by completing the application at the following website address.

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200259/education_benefits/159/school_clothing_grants_and_free_school_meals/2

School Clubs

At Long Calderwood Primary we have Musical theatre Club, football and netball after school sports clubs. We may need to charge a small amount of money to pay for the team bus to festivals however **for our pupils who receive free school meals we will**

negate the charge. We will also try to subsidise or eliminate this cost if we raise funds through other ways. Some clubs may require specific equipment e.g. football boots and we do what we can to help families who may not be able to afford these by providing equipment through regular donation drives held in school.

School Calendar

At the beginning of the school year we will issue families with a cost of the school day calendar that provides a list of dates and events with a potential expense.

Access to hygiene products

Our pupils have access to free sanitary products and pupils are directed where to find them.

We also have a 'Comfort Room' in the school that our pupils can use to access hygiene products.

Did you know that residents of SLC are able to order Period Products online which can be delivered to homes? Products are also available free of charge in every South Lanarkshire building

<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/period-positive>

Travel

Almost all of our pupils walk, cycle/scoot, or travel by car to school. However if your child is not attending school due to the distance and the cost of travelling this distance to school, please contact a member of our SMT who will be able to advise you.