

FOI Request - Uniform Policy Changes - 101003919274

School uniform

School uniform can be a considerable cost for families and a source of worry for children and young people.

How affordable is your school uniform policy? Across a school year, how much do parents pay and could this be reduced?

Is every eligible family receiving the School Clothing Grant and other support that would help with uniform costs?

How well do you currently support children and young people to access uniform when required?

How income aware are your responses to children and young people presenting without correct uniform?

Have you considered?

Consulting with pupils and families around uniform affordability and provision.

Reviewing current uniform policies to ensure affordability, bearing in mind local school clothing grant allowances.

Ensuring a range of suppliers, including supermarkets, to ensure choice and lower cost options for families.

Reviewing and removing badged items and promoting plain school colours.

Allocating PEF to purchase a stock of uniform.

Ensuring that affordable school uniform policies are widely known and promoted with families and pupils.

Clothing grant allowances:www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55486.html

What to avoid:

Expensive items of uniform and unnecessary branding.

Multiple items – for example, requiring different shoes for indoor, outdoor and gym.

Promoting pre-loved uniform provision as an alternative for only low-income families. Engaging the whole school community in reducing waste and making uniform more sustainable can help reduce stigma.

Good practice in Moray schools:

Free ties to welcome P1 or S1 pupils.

Pre-loved uniform provision available to all pupils.

Regular promotion of School Clothing Grant and support for families to complete forms and maximise incomes.

Removing requirement for pupils in senior years to purchase different items of uniform.

Offering support with expensive items such as blazers for prefects.

Using funds raised by Parent Councils to purchase supplies of school clothing.