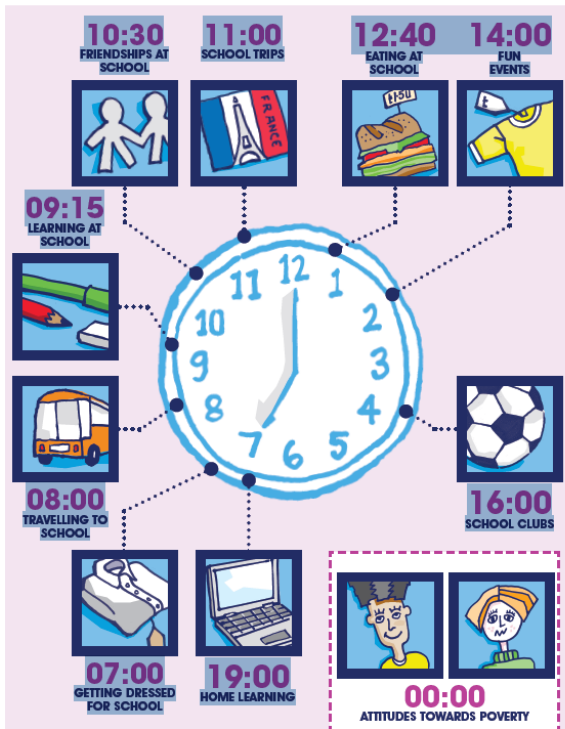


THE COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY



How are we supporting this @ St Columba's Primary?

FUN
 NURTURE
 HONESTY
 RESPECT
 FRIENDSHIP
 LOVE



*Leading in Learning
 through Love and Faith*



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Getting Ready For School:

We encourage children to wear school uniform to school. Logo items are available from our supplier but a white shirt and green jumper can also be purchased from local supermarkets to keep costs down.

We *always* have spare uniform in school if you are struggling to purchase this for your child.

We also work in partnership with the School Bank, West Lothian. This organisation provides school uniform and other clothing and equipment needed for the school day. Jenni, our Family Link Worker can refer you, as any other member of school staff. Self-referrals are also accepted. More details can be found at: <https://schoolbank-westlothian.org/>

School clothing grants are also available for some families- check to see if you are eligible here: <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/43282/School-Clothing-Grant-Free-School-Meals-and-Milk-Application-Form->

PE Kit - there is an expectation that children wear appropriate clothing for PE. We sell logo t-shirts through our school uniform suppliers however indoor shoes/trainers, shorts/leggings and t-shirts of any description are suitable.

We also keep a basic stock of these items in school, which is restocked termly.

Outdoor Learning: We do ask children to bring a change of clothes for this so they are comfortable when on outdoor learning experiences. We have waterproof trousers, jackets and wellies for all children to borrow as we recognise that this could be an extra expense

How else can we help?

- We offer uniform throughout the school year. These items are always available discreetly – text Jenni, or catch a staff member at the gate or office. Items are usually available at parental engagement events and always available at daily drop-off and pick up times.
- We run a uniform and general swap stop and will continue to accept items from home.
- We have a variety of clothing items available for occasions too, such as Christmas jumpers, party wear and Halloween costume - send in jumpers/costumes that no longer fit so we can give them to a new home.
- Our staff are very discreet, please contact the school if you need items of clothing we are always willing to help out!
- Remember Boghall Community Wing run the penny shop where items of clothing are always available for school and nursery.



Learning At School

All stationery, books, jotters and technology are provided for your children at our school. There are no expectations for your child to have the latest pencil case or stationery items.

Devices used in school are provided by school in order to keep our costings down for families. Children regularly use tablets and Netbooks in school - we provide these for your children.

When children are provided with reading books or library books we really do expect them returned to school to help our costs too: please try to look after these when they are sent home. This year, reading books can be accessed online – we hope this will save any worry about returning books!



School Trips/Residential

Children thoroughly enjoy attending a school trip with their friends

We recognise that this can add stress to our parents. To try and support these trips we:

- Subsidise trips where possible so parents are paying as little as possible.
- Provide as much notice of trip events as we can to allow parents to budget
- Subsidise larger families
- Pay for 1 camp experience per child in P7
- Work with SVDP to fund experiences for our children.
- Those who cannot pay will still be included in all trips and will be dealt with on individual basis.



School Clubs

- We run after school clubs that are linked to outside providers and through our Active Schools Co-Ordinator. We subsidise where possible.
- We also run before-school, lunchtime and after-school clubs delivered by our Staff – these will always be completely free charge to pupils.



Eating At School/Food for Home

- Our daily breakfast club from 8.15am until 8.40am. This is open to *all children* in the school and is completely free.
- Primary 1 to Primary 5 children are entitled to free school meals. If you think you are entitled to free school meals please click on the link <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/43282/School-Clothing-Grant-Free-School-Meals-and-Milk-Application-Form->
- We always have snacks at school for any child who may not have snack or who share with us they have not had food at home.
- Boghall Community wing also have weekly food deliveries which are free to all members of the community.
- Our community links with Tesco and Morrisons support us in offering a weekly food pantry for families; it's regularly restocked and full of useful, tasty foods and other household necessities. This is available on Fridays and as needed—see or text Jenni.
- We also have good links with St Vincent De Paul who operate, with partners, an accessible food bank every Tuesday.

We continue to review our costings of the school day. We work hard to subsidise many events and trips. We continue to work hard to reduce costs for our families. We ask if any our families are struggling to please speak to a member of staff, this will be dealt with in a discreet manner.