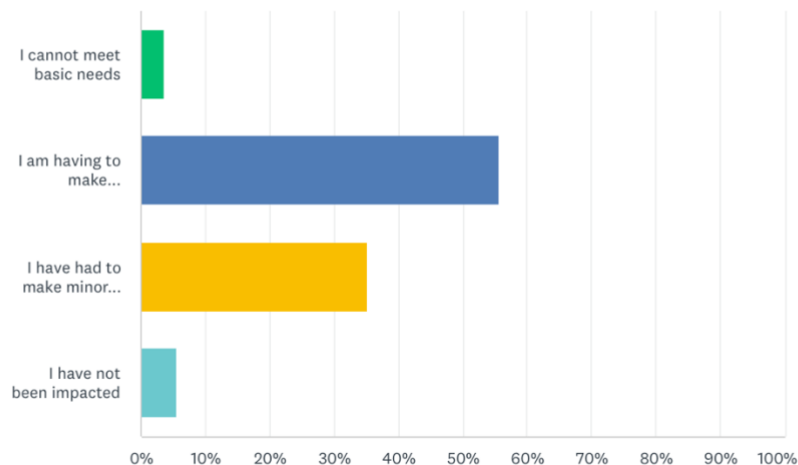


Cost of Living Support Survey: Findings.

I outline the responses to the survey and summarise actions open to the school where appropriate. Where written responses follow a common thread, these are included as a generalised comment.

To what extent have you been impacted on as a result of changes in cost of living?

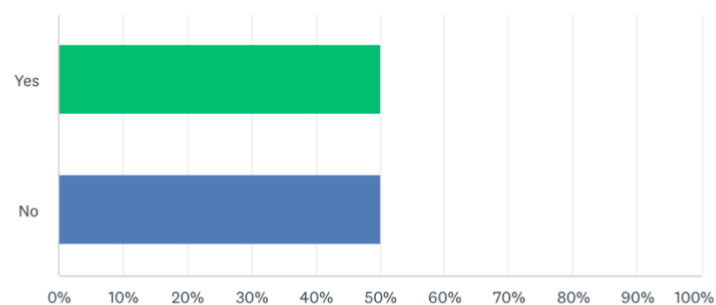
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It is clear that a large proportion of the school community are impacted by the cost of living crisis, therefore as a community provision it is appropriate to act and make adjustments where appropriate.

Would you support a move to limit the offer of trips off site to visitors in school if it reduced costs to families?

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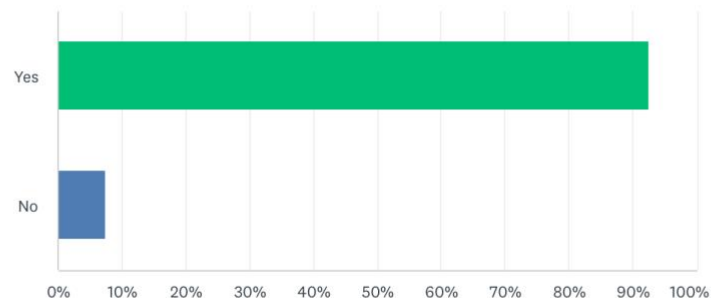


The responses provide a clear split. The school will respond by ensuring a balance is maintained and providing financial reductions to off site activities where appropriate. Most (usually all) off site activities come at a cost. Should the event be offered if there are not

enough contributions towards the cost, a trip will be cancelled and attempts made to provide an alternative option with limited or no costs.

Would you support an offer of a second hand school uniform rail (donations / un named lost property) that would be available to all?

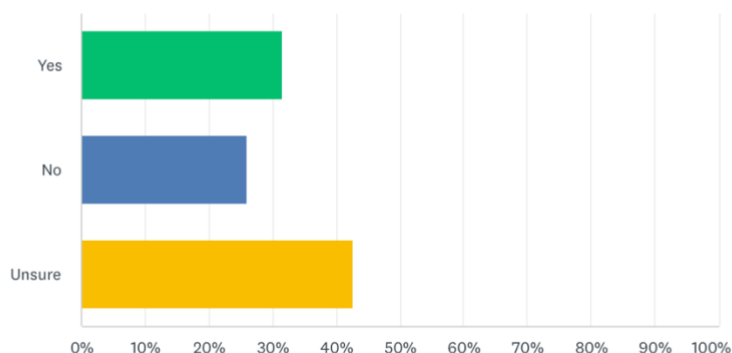
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This seems a very popular option and one that was strongly supported in the personal comments option.

My child receives the Pupil Premium

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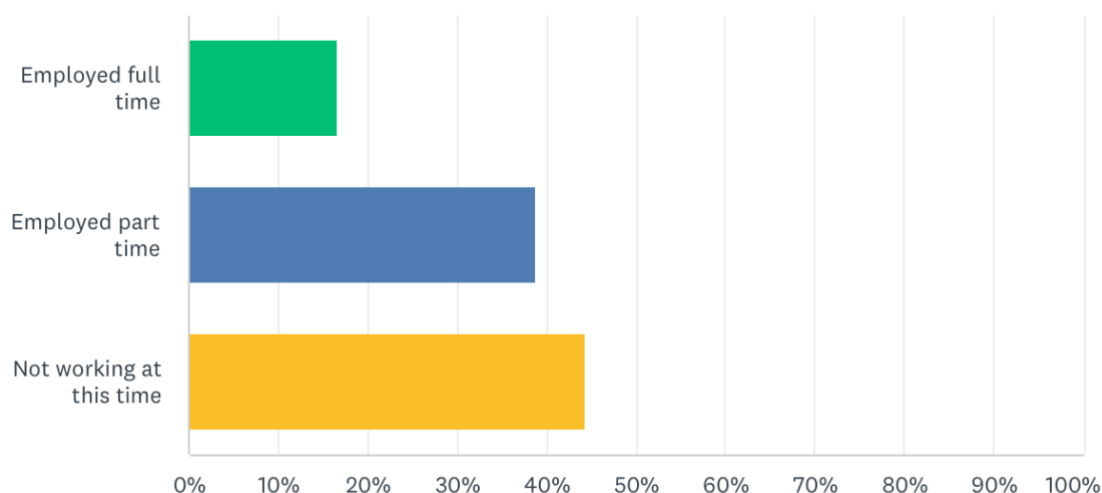


This is a worrying outcome, with close to 50% unsure of they are in receipt of the Pupil Premium. This is likely a result of the fact that all infant children receive a free school meal and therefore families no longer request the Pupil Premium when they are entitled. They therefore miss out of the benefits it offers; these include reduced trip costs, additional support in lessons and increased access to resources.

In the coming weeks I will seek to address this and ensure all those who have entitlement are provided with the information needed to request it.

My working status is:

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Although this is only a sample, the figures indicate that a high proportion of our families are either not receiving an income through employment or one that is reduced. This would suggest that there are more families entitled to the Pupil Premium funding than we are aware of.

Comments:

"I support the uniform swap shop but would ask that it includes other clothing, books and toys".

This was the most popular and commented on theme for support. We will enact this after the half term with the option to extend it to wider items as we progress. There will need to be thought as to how and where this occurs but it will begin soon.

'A breakfast club would help so that I can access more job opportunities'

We have long provided a breakfast club, but it has been limited as there are restrictions to funding. Parent responses in the past have been that they would not commit to long term use or pay for the service, making it difficult to set up on a larger scale.

The good news though is that we are, subject to take up, currently communicating with Schools Out after school and holiday provision in order to set up a paid service on site. This is a big change to wrap around provision and look forward to sharing more details in the coming weeks. Set up of this will be subject to parents committing to the service and recognising that it does come at a cost.

'Provide more meal vouchers /. Give every child a free school meal'

Sadly, meal vouchers are limited to those only in receipt of the Pupil Premium and are not provided by the school. This is a government scheme that we facilitate but do not control. Free School Meals are provided for all Early Years and Infant (Years 1 and 2 children) as part

of a government scheme. The only other option to provide more free meals is for parents who have not applied for the Pupil Premium but are entitled to do so apply. This is something we can work with parents on, so watch this space.

‘Reduce the number of performances at school that require the purchase of costumes’

Parents are never asked to provide costumes for any events, performances etc, but many choose to do so. We will however make clearer that the school does not expect parents to purchase costumes or clothes prior to having events such as the Monster Mash, Christmas Jumper Day etc.

‘Take the opportunity to teach children about money’

We do this already within our curriculum and fiscal responsibility, calculating and managing money are all represented in our work. The school publishes its curriculum on line for parents to see what and when we teach specific elements.

‘Stop pestering parents about paying school dinner debt’

In order for us to provide a school dinner service, we must pay the provider. The school has regularly had to pay unpaid parent debts in the region of £1800 when parents do not pay. Recouping the costs is time consuming and comes at a cost to the school budget; if a debt isn’t paid on time, this comes out of the school budget.

The school runs the risk of not meeting contractual obligations and having the service impacted on if parents do not pay promptly, hence chasing families up promptly. The ScoPay system was set up to provide families the opportunity to better manage their dinner costs and as a consequences, dinner debt has reduced.