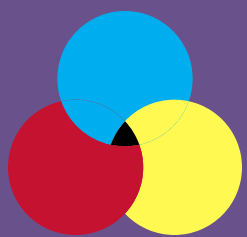




The state of school uniform

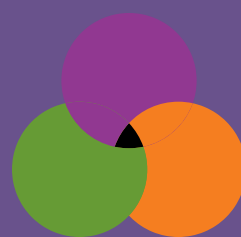
The cost of school uniform is leading many parents to borrow money and cut back on food or other essentials, and it's stopping children making the most of their education.

The average cost of a school-approved uniform in the UK*



£255 pa

Primary School



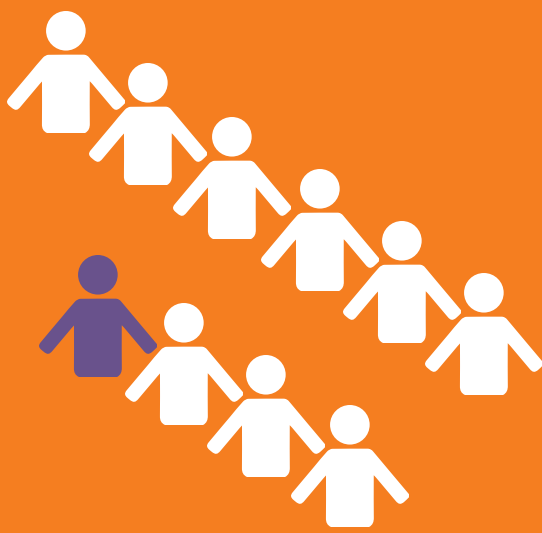
£340 pa

Secondary School

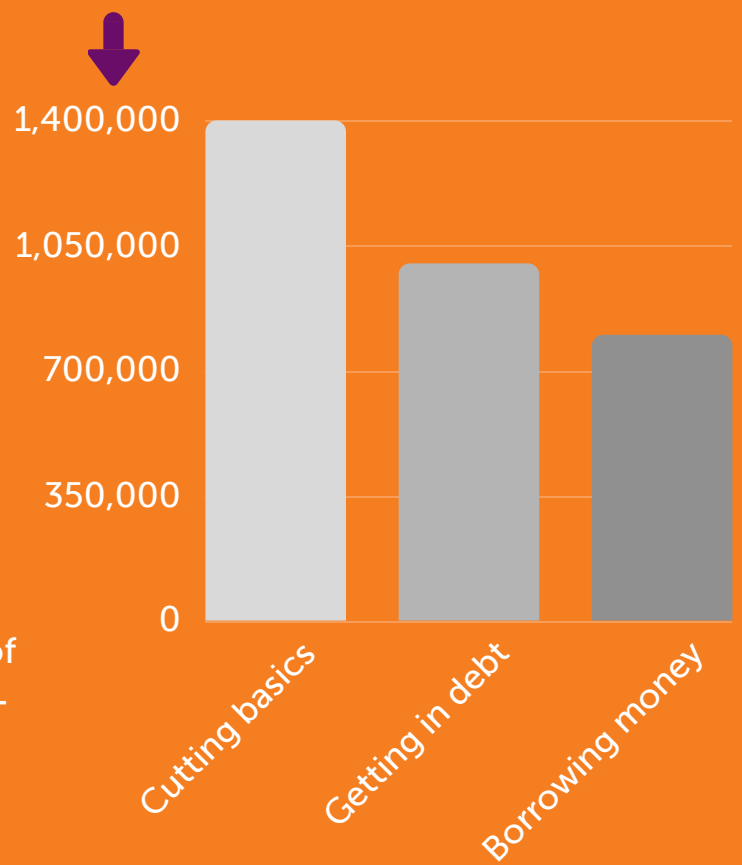
This is, on average, around three times what parents perceive as a reasonable cost (£81 and £115 respectively).

*<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-we-do/resources-and-publications/the-wrong-blazer-2018-time-for-action-on-school-uniform-costs>

More families are struggling to make ends meet as a result of school uniform costs now than in 2015*



Around one in ten parents say the cost of uniform has led to their child wearing ill-fitting uniform. More than one in twenty said that their child has been sent home for wearing incorrect uniform.



Following our criticism of plans to scrap the £125 School Uniform Grant, the Welsh Government made two significant announcements this September**:

1. They will be providing new statutory guidance to schools on school uniforms which we hope will include a requirement to adopt a low-cost, easily available uniform in place of bespoke items



2. They will retain School Uniform Grants for the poorest children, which we argue should also be available to those entering years 3, 10 and 12 as well as reception and year 7



**<https://www.bevanfoundation.org/news/2018/09/welcome-school-uniform/>

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