



COST OF LIVING INFORMATION AND SUPPORT



From our recent parent and carer survey it is clear to see that many of our families are feeling the effects of the current economic climate. Through no fault of their own, many families are finding it challenging to afford some of the costs associated with the school day, on top of the ever growing list of household expenses and bills. We thank you for your honesty and openness in your responses to the survey. It has been most helpful in identifying some areas in which we can aim to improve in order to better support our families. At Brynteg, we are committed to providing guidance and support that will help our pupils enjoy an equitable experience in school. We value community and want to ensure that our families feel supported and understood. This information leaflet aims to share some of the support that is currently available in school and in the community, which can assist in a variety of ways. We hope this is helpful in signposting to useful information and demonstrates how we are working towards reducing the cost of the school day.

What have we already implemented?

Vinteg Preloved Uniform Shop: Discreet ordering system	Free squash available in the canteens at break and lunch	Prom Shop - free to hire dresses and suits for year 11 and 13 pupils	Curriculum Trip are donations only (years 7-9)
Donations for food ingredients (instead of buying own)	No cost for weekly extra-curricular clubs	Optional 'pay what you can' donations for fundraising events	Free ipads for years 7-9
Free Grab and Go breakfast bars available in pupil hub	Equity Champions appointed in Clusters to promote and support pupil success and access to learning	Requirement for badged uniform removed	Additional offsite parents evenings to support work commitments
Pupil Support Team are in partnership with local support agencies BARC, BAVO etc	Reducing the Impact of the Cost of Living is a key theme on school development plan	All staff have a focus on mitigating the impact of the cost of living as a performance management target	Free enrichment programme for all students

Brynteg School Website

**Cost of Living /
Costau Byw**

**School Support / Cymorth
Ysgol**

**Community Support /
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**Grants & Assistance /
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Explore the School Website here

Our school website has recently been updated to include a **Cost of Living** section that contains information about the support that is available in school, the support that is available in the community and guidance on how to find and apply for grants and financial assistance. By visiting this section of the school website, you can access a range of information and will be signposted to relevant sources of help.

What's Next?

The survey results highlighted that the following areas need review :

1. Grey tights in the uniform policy adds an additional cost.
2. International trip costs are large and the current process of gaining a place is unfair on families that cannot find the deposit straight away.
3. Many parents & carers would like to be able to see how their child is spending their money in the canteen.
4. Many parents & carers would like more information on the support available for families who are not eligible for Free School Meals or uniform grants.
5. Many parents & carers report that the costs linked to school travel is a main concern.
6. Many parents & carers express that there is often not enough notice given if the school is asking for money.

We will look to further understand the points raised in the survey by holding a parent/carer focus group with volunteers who wish to support this work.

**If you would like to be a part of this please email
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We hope to work with this group develop strategies and systems that address the concerns raised.

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line**

Or

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support.**