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Dear Parents and Carers / Annwyl Rieni a gofalgwyr,

The school is taking part in the Cost of the School Day: Every Voice Heard project. The project is delivered by the UK wide charity Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG). You can find out more about CPAG here: [Cost of the School Day | CPAG](#). The project covers all our Key Stages and year groups.

If you do **NOT** want your child to take part, please email [kinghenryviii319@schoolsedu.org.uk](mailto:kinghenryviii319@schoolsedu.org.uk) by 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, giving your child's name and their year group.

### About the Cost of the School Day: Every Voice Heard project

Figures show that more than one in four children in Wales are affected by poverty. Our school works hard to ensure learners do not face barriers when taking part in school life. This project helps us to hear, and be informed by, our school community so that **costs** do not prevent anyone from participating fully.

### How the research will reach our school community

The project team will speak to learners, parents/carers and teachers. A school-wide approach will be taken, so whole year groups will be asked to complete digital surveys, and some learners will take part in further discussions. CPAG will work with the school to hear from a range of voices, making sure everyone feels included and no one is singled out. CPAG will train peer researchers and staff at the school to support learners taking part and CPAG staff may also be present.

### CPAG's project approach

CPAG experience shows all learners have useful insight, which is why they'll work across whole year groups. Learners will be given information about the project and can decide to take part or otherwise. Learners complete digital surveys asking them about school life and what costs money at school. Learners will be asked for their thoughts and ideas on what could be done to ensure everyone feels included and can fully participate in the school day. Learners will be given the opportunity to take part in small, in person, focus group sessions if they would like to.

### Anonymous information gathering

Personal data will not be collected, all responses will be anonymised. An example of an anonymised response would be "I think this really needs to change." (Boy, aged 10). During focus group sessions handwritten notes will be taken and an audio recording device may be used. Data captured will not be shared, it will be used only by the CPAG team, and deleted when the project ends. Captured data will be used to highlight what the school is doing well or how things could be done differently. Other Welsh schools are taking part so captured data and anonymised quotes will form part of a larger sample from which CPAG will create reports and case studies to inform wider decision makers and stakeholders.

### Capturing parent/carers views

As mentioned, we want to capture your thoughts and ideas too so invite you to complete a short anonymous survey. There are two surveys to pick from depending on your child's age. If you have a child in the **secondary** please complete this survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/LtXd0B8yLY>. If you have a child in the **primary** please complete this survey <https://forms.office.com/e/w7PGKiMxPn>

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,

Mr J. Watson  
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