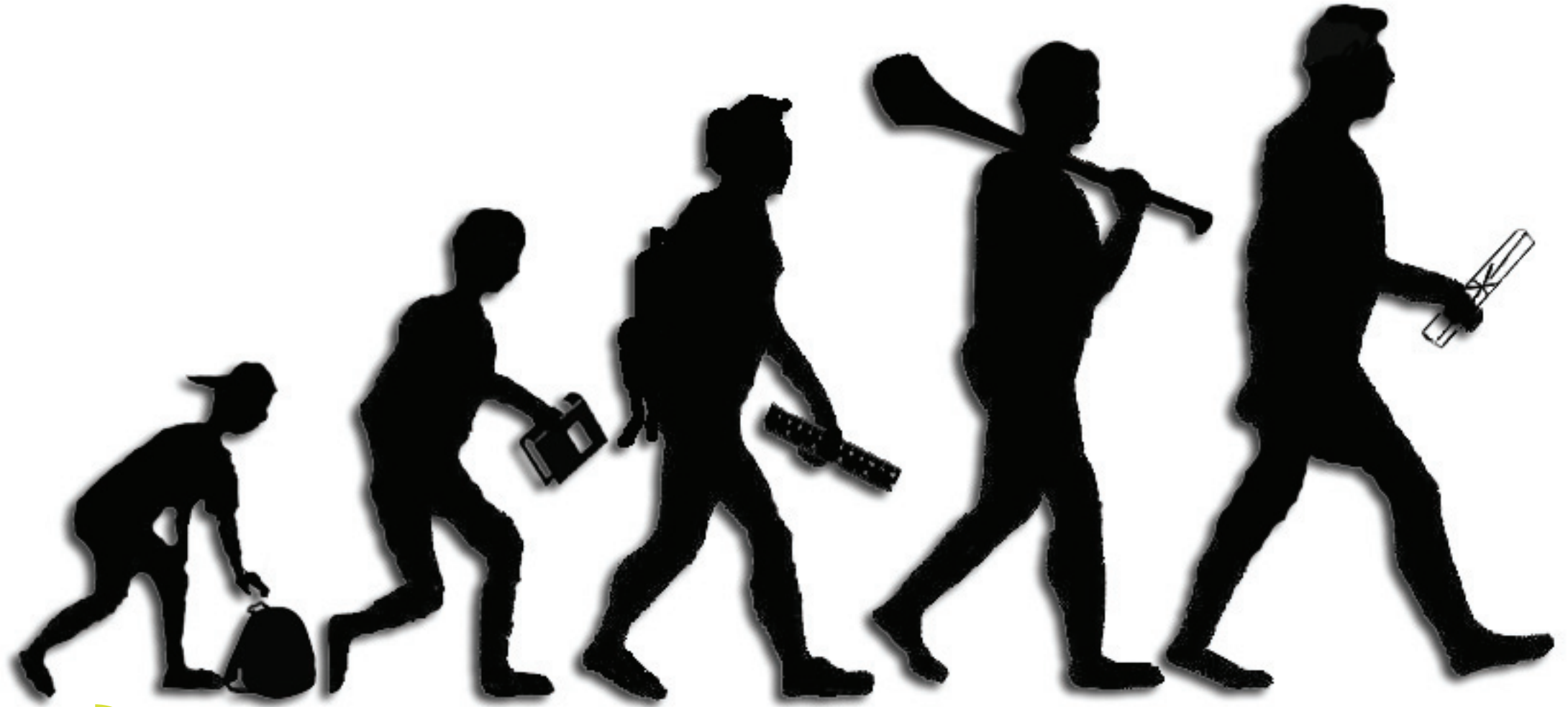


EDUCATION COSTS SURVEY

August 2009 - September 2010



Introduction

Following a survey that was carried out by North Cork MABS for the school year September 2002 to June 2003, we decided to update our survey by requesting families in the Munster region to participate in logging all their school expenses on a monthly basis for the school year September 2009 to June 2010.

Due to time and staff constraints our survey had to be restricted. From the response of the region we selected an overview and concentrated on detailing all expenses for 8 families. However we looked at all families surveyed and included some of the underlying common observations.

As can be seen from the data we collected the cost of maintaining a child in our educational system is extremely high. Over the past number of years, we in North Cork MABS have noted the increased financial pressure on parents once the month of July commences. Some parents may have made a start before July, in purchasing second hand books etc which does help to spread the cost, but as we all know, the ongoing costs after the initial outlay in August continues to mount during the school year.

We all have an idea of what the initial costs are, but very few of us keep a detailed record of the ongoing expenses. As well as asking families in North Cork to participate we also sent Educational Cost Survey diaries to our neighbouring offices to enable us to get a wider catchment area and therefore a better overview of the yearly cost to parents.

In the families who took part the focus was on Primary and Secondary school costs. We also asked a number of parents for their views on the cost of education and in our conclusion we have voiced some of their responses.

General Observations from the families we surveyed

- Parents think that school uniforms are too expensive, with most advocating the idea to introduce a school crest badge, which could be affixed to a standard uniform that could be bought in a chain store.
- Parents believe that the schoolbook curriculum should only be changed every 5 or 6 years to facilitate parents pass books down to younger siblings. Many parents felt that the publishers are dictating to the schools by frequently updating the content of the textbooks. Parents feel that it should be the Department of Education that dictate to the publishers.
- Most parents think that their children should wear their school uniform on their Confirmation day.
- Some schools make transition year compulsory for all students; parents feel that this should not be the case and that students should have the choice. This transition year has proven to be very expensive according to the parents interviewed.
- All parents felt strongly that book lending schemes should be in all schools. A number of those interviewed had schemes in place and they worked well. One in particular stood out though, the school organised to spread the primary school student's book cost over the 8 school years. Each child whether in junior infants or sixth class pays €65 each and in return receives all books, copies, pencils etc required for the year.
- The Back to School grant provides much needed relief to families who are under financial pressure. However it is unfortunate that due to the recruitment embargo and the high number of new applicants due to the recession that the claims are slow in being processed. Ideally families should have the grant well before school starts to enable them to avail of any offers on uniforms and to get second hand books.
- School tours raised a number of issues: How educational are they? Is there a need to go abroad for secondary school students? Issues around spending money on school tours were also raised. It was suggested that a saving scheme possibly by involving the credit unions could be introduced in September and run for the school year till tour time and cover its cost, e.g. a national school child saving a euro a week would be able to cover the cost of their school tour in May. It would teach children early the value of saving.

Adams Family : 2 Students							
5th Year Expenses			2nd Year Expenses				
Month	Description		Total	Description		Total	
Jun-09	Book Scheme	€100.00					
	Shoes	€10.00					
	Copies, Highlighters	€10.00					
	Jumper and 2 ties	€52.00					
	Shirt	€5.00					
	Refil pads	€5.99					
	Leggings	€1.00					
	Socks	€8.00	€191.99				
Aug-09	Shoes	€25.00		Shoes	€20.00		
	School Bag	€13.00		Jumper	€20.00		
	Copies	€10.00		Socks	€3.00		
	Lunch Box	€2.00	€50.00	Copies	€3.50	€46.50	
Sep-09	Copies	€2.99		Labels, biros, A4 refill pads			
	Bag	€7.00		and Folder	€15.98		
	Folders, Exam papers, crayons	€45.49		Calculator	€6.49		
	Lunch	€17.00		Shirts	€15.00		
	French workbook	€16.40		Lunch	€21.00		
	After School Study	€60.00		School Book Scheme	€100.00		
	A4 refill pad & plastic pockets	€4.00		History books	€6.00		
	Accounting Book and Hardback			Jumpers-Tracksuit tops	€20.00		
	pad and plastic pockets	€11.30		After School Study	€30.00		
	Expenses for tour to Germany	€100.00		Folder & plastic pockets	€5.00	€219.47	
	Music workbook	€22.95					
	Career guidance trip	€11.00					
	English poetry book	€17.50					
	Geography trip	€39.00					
	English trip to play	€21.00					
	Accounting	€150.00					
	LCVP exam papers	€5.60	€531.23				
Oct-09	Tour to Germany	€550.00		Lunch	€5.00		
	LCVP book	€17.80		Folders & a4 refill pads	€6.90		
	Lunch	€5.00		Lunch	€5.00		
	A4 refill pads	€10.00		Woodwork materials	€70.50	€87.40	
	Lunch	€5.00	€587.80				

Nov-09	Maths exam papers	€5.00			Lunch	€25.00	
	Lunch	€20.00			After School Study	€30.00	
	After School Study	€60.00			Compass	€6.88	
	Accounting classes	€150.00			Maths set	€1.99	€63.87
	Career guidance	€140.00	€375.00				
Dec-09	Lunch	€20.00			Metal work exam papers	€10.00	
	Non Uniform day	€2.00	€22.00		Lunch	€20.00	
					Non uniform day	€2.00	€32.00
Jan-10	Lunch	€20.00			Lunch	€20.00	
	After School Study	€60.00			After School Study	€30.00	
			€80.00		Maths log tables	€4.00	€54.00
Feb-10	Lunch	€15.00			Non Uniform day	€2.00	
	Non uniform day	€2.00			Lunch	€15.00	
	Accounting	€100.00					€17.00
	Highlighters	€2.00					
	Music Manuscripts	€2.60					
	English study guide	€7.00					
	Religion retreat	€4.00	€132.60				
Mar-10	Lunch	€35.00			Lunch	€27.00	
	Bus fare to English play	€10.00			45 drive tickets	€10.00	
	Accounting	€125.00			School Concert tickets	€5.00	€42.00
	A4 refill pads	€5.00					
	Concert Tickets	€15.00					
	45 Drive Tickets	€10.00	€200.00				
Apr-10	Lunch	€15.00			Lunch	€15.00	
	DVD Concert	€20.00			Basketball marathon	€10.00	
	Basketball Marathon	€5.00	€40.00				€25.00
May-10	Lunch	€30.00			Lunch	€30.00	
	Accounting classes	€175.00	€205.00		Basket ball match	€10.00	
					Trip Kerry Challenge	€10.00	
					TG Set	€15.00	€65.00
	Total		€2,415.62				€652.24
	Grand Total : Adams Family	€3,067.86					

Barry Family : 2 Students					
Senior Infants Expenses			3rd Class Expenses		
Month	Description	Total	Description	Total	
Jun-09	Pencils	€0.55	Pencils	€0.55	
	School Blouses	€7.75	Biros	€1.50	
	School Socks	€7.75	School Socks	€7.75	
	Polo Shirts	€-	Polo Shirts	€5.25	
			School Shoes - on sale	€20.00	
		€16.05			€35.05
Jul-09	School Books	€58.15	School Books	€115.84	
	School Bag	€12.00	Pritt Stick/Biros/Ruler etc	€13.78	
	Lunch Bag	€10.00	School Bag	€12.00	
		€80.15			€141.62
Aug-09	Pencil Case	€3.50			
	School Shoes	€31.00	School Book	€15.00	
	Pritt Stick (tesco brand)	€2.12			
	Sharpner & Crayons	€3.00			
		€39.62			€15.00
Sep-09	Photocopying & Insurance	€20.00	Photocopying & Insurance	€20.00	
	Drama for school year	€25.00	Recorder for school band	€10.00	
	Milk Money	€12.50	Basket for school books	€2.00	
			Jacket	€30.00	
			GAA	€3.00	
			Tin Whistle till christmas	€15.00	
			Homework Journal	€1.00	
			School Tracksuit	€32.00	
			Pinafore	€0.50	
			Cardigan	€5.00	
			Crest for cardigan	€10.00	
			Milk Money	€12.50	
		€57.50			€141.00
Oct-09	Cake Sale	€5.00	Cake Sale	€5.00	
			Bus Money - GAA	€1.50	
			Lunch Box	€14.00	
		€5.00			€20.50

Nov-09							
							€-
			€-				€-
Dec-09	Christmas Cards	€3.00			School Band - Hair band	€2.00	
	Christmas Draw	€2.50			Christmas Cards	€3.00	
	S book	€4.00			Christmas Draw	€2.50	
			€9.50		Siamsa Book	€4.00	€11.50
Jan-10	Milk Money	€8.70			GAA	€3.00	
					Tin Whistle till June	€15.00	
					Milk Money	€8.70	
			€8.70				€26.70
Feb-10	Friendship Bracelets	€2.00			GAA	€5.00	
	National Schools Draw	€2.00			Friendship Bracelets	€2.00	
			€4.00		School Bag	€20.00	€27.00
Mar-10					Variety Show	€2.00	
			€-				€2.00
Apr-10	Milk Money	€9.00			Milk Money	€9.00	
	Easter Raffle	€1.00			Pritt Stick	€3.89	
					School Socks	€3.00	
					Easter Raffle	€1.00	
					Collection for sick student	€0.50	
			€10.00				€17.39
May-10	Shades for the blind	€2.00			Shades for the blind	€2.00	
					Swimming 3 weeks @ €4	€12.00	
					School Polo Shirt	€10.00	
			€2.00				€24.00
Jun-10	Stamped addressed envelope	€0.55			School Tour	€13.50	
	Sports day ice cream	€2.00			Swimming 2 weeks @ €4	€8.00	
	Collection for vice principal	€1.00			SAE	€0.55	
					Collection for v principal retir	€1.00	
			€3.55		Sports Day ice cream	€2.00	€25.05
	Total		€236.07				€486.81
	Grand Total : Barry Family	€722.88					

Collins Family : 2 Students					
6th Class Primary			Leaving Cert		
Month	Description	Total	Description	Total	
Jun-09	School Books	€135.67			
	Art & Craft	€12.50			
	Photocopying	€12.50			
		€160.67			€-
Jul-09					
		€-			€-
Aug-09	Shirts	€5.00	Shirts	€5.00	
	Trousers	€10.00	School Pants	€12.00	
	Socks	€8.00	Tights	€10.00	
	Pens, Tippex, Pencils	€5.20	Pens,Hilighters,Tippex	€7.99	
	Colouring Pencils	€5.95	Hard back copies/folders	€22.00	
		€34.15	Revise wise book	€5.99	€62.98
Sep-09	Copies	€2.80	Course for extra subject	€150.00	
			Exam Papers	€20.00	
			College info day	€10.00	
			Grind (chemistry)	€30.00	
			Lunch Money	€16.00	
		€2.80			€226.00
Oct-09	Sports Equipment	€5.00	Field trip - Geography	€15.00	
			Dreimire Magazine	€16.00	
			Lunch Money	€16.00	
			Tights	€10.00	
		€5.00			€57.00
Nov-09	Socks	€3.00	Trip to college Limerick	€10.00	
			Lunch Money	€16.00	
			Careers Day	€10.00	
		€3.00			€36.00

Dec-09				Revise wise - Geography	€10.00	
				Revise wise - Business	€6.00	
				Revise wise - Chemistry	€8.00	
				Revise wise - Economics	€8.00	
				Revise wise - Irish	€6.00	
			€-	Lunch Money	€16.00	€54.00
Jan-10	Calligraphy Set	€2.99		Pens & highlighters	€6.75	
	Pen Grips	€0.50		Tights	€10.00	
	Pens	€1.49	€4.98	Lunch Money	€16.00	
						€32.75
Feb-10				Correction of Pre's English	€20.00	
				Correction of Pre's Irish	€20.00	
				Correction of Pre's Business	€15.00	
				Correction of Pre's Economics	€15.00	
			€-	Lunch Money	€16.00	€86.00
Mar-10	Swimming Lessons	€40.00		Leaving Cert Exam Fees	€110.00	
				Lunch Money	€16.00	
			€40.00			€126.00
Apr-10	School Trip	€220.00		Deposit for Debs	€20.00	
				Grinds	€30.00	
				Lunch Money	€16.00	
			€220.00			€66.00
May-10	Hire of confirmation robes	€15.00		Grinds	€90.00	
	Confirmation Picture	€40.00		Lunch Money	€8.00	
	Confirmation clothes & shoes	€105.00				
			€160.00			€98.00
Jun-10	Spending money for school trip	€50.00		Balance for Debs	€130.00	
			€50.00			€130.00
	Total		€680.60			€974.73
	Grand Total: Collins Family	€1,655.33				

Duggan Family : 3 Students								
Junior Infants Expenses			2nd Class Expenses			4th Class Expenses		
Month	Description	Total	Description	Total	Description	Total		
Jun-09	School books new	€58.00	School books new	€84.25	School Books New	€68.05		
	Second hand books	€13.00	Second hand books	€8.00	Second Hand Books	€8.00		
					Calculator	€10.00		
					Dictionary english	€6.20		
					Dictionary english/Irish	€8.00		
					Atlas	€8.00		
		€71.00		€92.25	Homework Journal	€2.95		
						€111.20		
Jul-09	School Bag	€16.00	School Bag	€12.00	School Bag	€12.00		
	Lunch Bag	€10.00	Lunch Bag	€10.00	Lunch Bag	€10.00		
			Pencil Case	€5.00	Pencil Case	€6.00		
		€26.00		€27.00		€28.00		
Aug-09	Copies	€1.63	Copies	€5.00	Copies	€8.00		
	Folders	€5.48	Homework journal	€2.75	Folder	€6.00		
	Pencils/Eraser/Sharpener	€4.00	Folder	€6.00	Scrapbook	€1.50		
	Twistables	€4.99	Ruler	€1.50	Colouring Pencils	€6.00		
	Pencil Case	€5.99	Crayons etc	€6.50	A4 Refil Pad	€1.50		
	Book Covers	€5.00	Eraser/pencils/biro/sharpener	€5.50	Biro	€2.50		
	Jumper	€12.95	Book covers	€5.00	Pencils/Sharpener/Eraser/ruler	€4.00		
	Coat	€20.00	Jumper	€15.95	Tippex	€2.95		
	Pants	€9.95	Tie	€3.99	Socks	€2.50		
	Socks	€2.50	Pants	€14.00	Pants	€9.95		
	Shirt	€5.49	Shirt	€5.25	Jumper	€15.95		
	Tie	€3.99	Shoes	€40.00	Shirt	€5.25		
	Shoes	€25.00	Socks	€2.50	Tie	€3.99		
		€106.97		€113.94	Shoes	€40.00		
						€110.09		
Sep-09	Photocopying	€25.00	Photocopying	€25.00	Photocopying	€25.00		
			Swimming	€50.00	Swimming	€50.00		
					Book rental	€10.00		
		€25.00		€75.00		€85.00		
Oct-09	Non uniform day	€2.00	Non Uniform day	€2.00	Non Uniform Day	€2.00		
	Pencil	€1.00			Tippex	€2.95		
	Sharpener	€1.00						
		€4.00		€2.00		€4.95		

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Nov-09	Panto	€25.00		Panto	€25.00		Panto	€25.00	
			€25.00			€25.00	Tippex	€2.95	
							Biro	€2.50	€30.45
Dec-09	Tickets for school draw	€5.00		Tickets for school draw	€5.00		Tickets for school draw	€5.00	
			€5.00			€5.00			€5.00
Jan-10	Twistables	€4.99		Crayons	€4.50		Colouring Pencils	€4.00	
	Pencil/eraser/sharpener	€3.00		Biro	€2.50		Biro	€2.50	
			€7.99	Ruler	€1.50		Tippex	€2.95	
				Pencils/Sharpener/eraser	€3.00	€11.50	Ruler/pencils/Sharpener/eraser	€4.00	€13.45
Feb-10	Non uniform day for Haiti	€5.00		Non uniform day for Haiti	€5.00		Non uniform day for Haiti	€5.00	
	Copy	€0.39							
	School tie	€3.99	€9.38			€5.00			€5.00
Mar-10				Biro	€2.50		Tippex	€2.95	
			€-			€2.50	Biro	€2.50	€5.45
Apr-10	Dancing	€22.50		Dancing	€22.50		Dancing	€22.50	
							Tippex	€2.95	
			€22.50			€22.50			€25.45
May-10									
			€-			€-			€-
Jun-10									
			€-			€-			€-
	Total		€302.84			€381.69			€424.04
	Grand Total : Duggan Family	€1,108.57							

Edwards Family : 3 Students								
2nd Class Expenses			1st Year Expenses			2nd Year Expenses		
Month	Description	Total	Description	Total	Description	Total		
Jun-09	Workbooks, Copies etc	€89.49	Deposit to school on registration	€30.00				
		€89.49		€30.00		€-		
Jul-09								
		€-		€-		€-		
Aug-09	Uniform: T-Shirts	€5.00	Uniform: Shirts	€16.00	Uniform: Shirt	€7.99		
	Jumper	€12.95	Pants	€37.95	Pants	€32.95		
	Pants	€17.95	Jumper	€35.99	Jumper	€35.99		
	2 Blouses	€5.00	Shoes	€75.00	Pencils,protractor,hard backs	€7.00		
	Pencils,Colours etc	€8.00	School Bag	€25.00				
	School Bag	€15.00	Calculator	€6.00				
			10 Copies	€3.40				
		€63.90	Hardbacks	€5.00		€83.93		
Sep-09	5 Copies	€1.70	Book Scheme	€110.00	Tech Graph Materials	€10.00		
	Homework Book	€2.50	Hardbacks	€5.00	Book Scheme	€140.00		
	School Photocopying	€20.00	Protractor,set square,compass	€13.50	4 Hardbacks	€10.00		
	School Insurance	€8.00	Ingredients for scones	€4.00	Gym Shoes	€65.00		
	Lunch	€33.00	Deposit for locker	€10.00	Lunch	€92.00		
			Panio Lessons 10 x €15	€150.00				
			Ingredients for Home Economics	€4.00				
		€65.20	Lunch	€80.50		€317.00		
Oct-09	Dancing	€15.00	Folders	€5.70	School Insurance	€8.00		
	Shoes	€33.00	School Insurance	€8.00	Lunch	€88.00		
	Lunch	€31.50	Ingredients Home Ec	€5.00				
		€79.50	Lunch	€77.00		€96.00		
Nov-09	Lunch	€25.50	Ingredients Home Ec	€5.50	Lunch	€64.00		
			Christmas Fund Draw	€50.00				
			Ingredients Home Ec	€4.00				
		€25.50	Lunch	€56.00		€64.00		
Dec-09	Christmas Panto	€15.00	Swimming	€40.00	Lunch	€68.00		
	Christmas Draw	€10.00	Lunch	€59.50				
	Lunch	€25.50				€68.00		

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Jan-10	Dancing	€10.00		Retreat	€20.00		Retreat	€20.00	
	Lunch	€22.50		Music - Piano	€150.00		Maths Grinds	€50.00	
				Lunch	€52.50		Lunch	€60.00	
			€32.50			€222.50			€130.00
Feb-10	School Shoes	€40.00		Lunch	€52.50		Calculator	€15.00	
	Lunch	€27.00					Copies/Notebooks	€5.00	
							Maths Grinds	€80.00	
							Bus for Basketball	€5.00	
			€67.00			€52.50	Lunch	€60.00	€165.00
Mar-10	Lunch	€33.00		School Tour	€30.00		School Tour	€45.00	
				Transition Year Play	€3.00		Transition Year Play	€3.00	
							Maths Grinds	€80.00	
			€33.00	Lunch	€66.50	€99.50	Lunch	€76.00	€204.00
Apr-10	Dancing	€10.00		Fashion Show	€10.00		Maths Grinds	€80.00	
	Lunch	€22.50		Lunch	€52.50		Lunch	€60.00	
			€32.50			€62.50			€140.00
May-10	School Tour	€17.00		Lunch	€66.50		Maths Grinds	€60.00	
	Sponsored Walk	€20.00					Lunch	€76.00	
	Lunch	€30.00							
	Flowers - class teacher	€2.50	€69.50			€66.50			€136.00
Jun-10	Drama	€5.00							
	Lunch	€31.50							
			€36.50			€-			€-
	Total		€645.09			€1,425.54			€1,403.93
	Grand Total :Edwards Family	€3,474.56							

Foley Family : 3 Students								
Fifth Class Expenses			2nd Year Expenses			Leaving Cert Expenses		
Month	Description	Total	Description	Total	Description	Total		
Jun-09		€-		€-		€-		
Jul-09		€-		€-		€-		
Aug-09	Uniform: Trousers	€18.00	Uniform: Trousers	€28.00	Uniform: Trousers	€28.00		
	Jumper	€20.00	Jumper	€28.00	Jumper	€28.00		
	Shirts x 2	€8.00	Shirts x 2	€10.00	Shirts x 2	€10.00		
	Socks	€5.00	Socks	€5.00	Socks	€5.00		
	Shoes	€20.00			School Bag	€20.00		
	School Books	€45.00						
	Copies	€6.00						
	Folders	€4.00						
	Stationery	€4.00						
		€130.00		€71.00		€91.00		
Sep-09	School Photocopying	€25.00	Book Rental Scheme	€100.00	Book Rental Scheme	€100.00		
	Book Rental Scheme	€9.00	Copies Folders	€20.00	Copies & Folders	€20.00		
	Lunches	€20.00	Stationery & TG Equip	€25.00	Stationery	€5.00		
			Exam Papers	€4.76	English Exam Papers	€7.99		
					Agricultural Science Fees	€500.00		
					Agr Science Trip - Fota Island	€21.00		
					Geography Trip - Burren	€39.00		
					LCVP Trip	€6.00		
					Careers Exhibition	€11.00		
					Irish Exam Papers	€6.40		
					Geography Exam Papers	€8.95		
					Maths Exam Papers	€5.00		
					Maths Grind x 2	€60.00		
		€54.00		€149.76	Lunches	€20.00		
						€810.34		
Oct-09	Non Uniform Day	€2.00	Woodwork Materials	€14.50	Maths Grind x 3	€90.00		
	Lunches	€15.00	Metalwork Materials	€20.00	Lunches	€15.00		
			Exam Papers Maths	€7.50				
		€17.00	Exam Papers English	€6.80		€105.00		

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Nov-09	School Photo	€20.00		Lunches	€20.00		Maths Grind x 4	€120.00	
	Lunches	€20.00					Lunches	€20.00	
			€40.00			€20.00			€140.00
Dec-09	Christmas Play	€10.00		Lunches	€15.00		Maths Grind x 2	€60.00	
	Lunches	€15.00					Lunches	€15.00	
	Christmas Draw	€10.00							
	Teacher leaving	€4.00	€39.00			€15.00			€75.00
Jan-10	Lunches	€15.00		Lunches	€20.00		Maths Grind x 3	€90.00	
				Metalwork Project	€15.00		Mock Exam	€80.00	
			€15.00			€35.00	Lunches	€20.00	
									€190.00
Feb-10	Lunches	€20.00		Lunches	€20.00		Maths Grind x 4	€120.00	
				Woodwork Project	€20.00		Lunches	€20.00	
			€20.00	Exam Papers	€7.50	€47.50	Bus x 3 trips for football/hurling	€15.00	€155.00
Mar-10	Visiting Theatre Company	€9.00		Lunches	€20.00		Maths Grind x 3	€90.00	
	Lunches	€15.00		Bus to football match	€5.00		Lunches	€20.00	
				Bus to football	€5.00		Bus - Football	€5.00	
			€24.00	Bus to Basketball	€5.00	€35.00	Bus - Football	€5.00	€120.00
Apr-10	Lunches	€15.00		Lunches	€15.00		Maths Grind x 3	€90.00	
				Basketball Marathon	€10.00		Lunches	€20.00	
				Bus to hurling match	€5.00		Leaving Cert Exam fees	€109.00	
				Bus to basketball	€5.00		45 Card Game Ticket	€5.00	
			€15.00	45 Card Game tickets	€5.00				
						€40.00			€224.00
May-10	School Tour	€30.00		Lunches	€20.00		Maths Grind x 4	€120.00	
	School Walk	€10.00		Bus to basketball	€10.00		Lunches	€20.00	
	Lunches	€20.00					Stationery	€5.00	
	School Class Photo	€13.00	€73.00			€30.00			€145.00
Jun-10	Lunches	€15.00					Maths Grind	€30.00	
	Teacher Leaving	€2.00	€17.00			€-	Lunches	€10.00	€40.00
			€444.00			€492.06			€2,095.34
	Total								
	Grand Total: Foley Family	€3,031.40							

Griffin Family

Griffin Family : 3 Students								
Senior Infants Expenses			4th Class Expenses			Sixth Class Expenses		
Month	Description	Total	Description	Total	Description	Total		
Aug-09	Track Suit Jumper	€7.49	Track Suit Pants	€5.00	School Cardigan	€9.00		
	Track Suit Pants	€5.00	Track Suit Jumper	€5.00	School Shirts	€10.00		
	School Jumper	€3.00	School Jumper	€8.00	School skirt	€14.00		
	School Trousers	€9.00	School Trousers	€10.00	School Trousers	€9.00		
	School Shirts	€7.00	Shirts	€4.00	Track Suit Pants	€4.00		
	Polo Shirts	€6.00	Shoes	€35.00	Track Suit top	€6.00		
	School Books	€76.27	School Books	€69.65	Shoes	€45.00		
	Book Covers	€6.46	Book Covers	€3.00	Maths Set	€4.65		
	Pencil Case	€3.00	Pencil Case	€6.00	Books	€40.00		
	Pencil	€0.19	Ruler/pencils/biros/sharpner etc	€3.00	Copies	€3.25		
	Shoes	€65.00			Folder	€3.29		
					Dividers	€1.20		
					Book Covers	€5.00		
					Ruler/pencils/biros/etc	€4.00		
		€188.41		€148.65	School Bag	€15.00		
						€173.39		
Sep-09	School Insurance	€6.40	School Insurance	€6.40	School Insurance	€6.40		
	Gymnastics - 5 weeks	€7.50	Gymnastics - 5 weeks	€7.50	Gymnastics - 5 weeks	€7.50		
	School Bus	€83.40	School Bus	€83.30	School Bus	€83.30		
	After School	€66.00	Non Uniform Day	€1.00	Non Uniform Day	€1.00		
	Copies	€0.80						
	Non Uniform Day	€1.00		€98.20		€98.20		
Oct-09	Operation xmas child	€3.00	Basketball - 3 Weeks @ €3	€9.00	Basketball - 3 Weeks @ €3	€9.00		
	National Spex Day	€1.67	Operation xmas child	€3.00	Operation xmas child	€3.00		
	Temple Street trick or treat	€3.33	National Spex Day	€1.66	National Spex Day	€1.66		
	Book Rental	€10.00	Film Festival	€3.00	Film Festival	€3.00		
	Photocopying/Arts & Crafts	€20.00	Temple Street trick or treat	€3.34	Temple Street trick or treat	€3.33		
	School bus	€49.98	Book Rental	€24.00	Book Rental	€40.00		
	After School	€36.00	Assesment	€3.60	Assesment	€3.60		
			Photocopying/Arts & Crafts	€20.00	Photocopying/Arts & Crafts	€20.00		
			4 Copies & CD's	€2.40	School Bus	€50.04		
		€123.98	School bus	€49.98		€133.63		

Griffin Family

Nov-09	Theatre performance	€1.00		Basketball 4 weeks @ €3	€12.00		Basketball 4 weeks @ €3	€12.00	
	School Bus	€66.64		Theatre performance	€1.00		Theatre performance	€4.00	
	After School	€48.00		Swimming Lessons x 7 weeks	€42.50		Swimming Lessons x 7 weeks	€42.50	
			€115.64	School Bus	€66.64	€122.14	School Bus	€66.72	€125.22
Dec-09	School Bus	€66.64		Basketball 2 weeks @ €3	€6.00		Basketball 2 weeks @ €3	€6.00	
	After School	€36.00		School Bus	€66.64		School Bus	€66.72	
			€102.64			€72.64			€72.72
Jan-10	School Bus	€33.32		School Bus	€33.32		School Bus	€33.36	
	After School	€24.00		Track suit pants	€5.00		2 Copies	€0.80	
	Copy	€0.40	€57.72			€38.32			€34.16
Feb-10	Haiti Appeal	€3.33		Haiti Appeal	€3.33		Haiti Appeal	€3.34	
	School Bus	€66.64		School Bus	€66.72		School Bus	€66.64	
	After School	€42.00	€111.97	2 Copies	€0.80	€70.85			€69.98
Mar-10	St Patrick's Day Cup Cakes	€1.00		St Patrick's Day Cup Cakes	€1.00		St Patrick's Day Cup Cakes	€1.00	
	School Bus	€66.64		School Bus	€66.64		School Bus	€66.72	
	After School	€54.00	€121.64			€67.64			€67.72
Apr-10	School Bus	€49.98		School Bus	€50.04		Confirmation Pledge Pin	€5.00	
	After School	€45.00		Sports Day cost €2, bus €1.50	€3.50		Shoes for Confirmation	€30.00	
	Copy	€0.40					School Bus	€49.98	
			€95.38			€53.54	Sports Day Cost €2, bus €1.50	€3.50	€88.48
May-10	School Tour	€15.00		School Tour	€20.00		School Tour	€20.00	
	School Bus	€66.64		School Bus	€66.64		School Bus	€66.72	
	After School	€54.00	€135.64			€86.64			€86.72
Jun-10	School Bus	€66.72		School Bus	€66.64		School Bus	€66.64	
	After School	€42.00	€108.72			€66.64			€66.64
	Total		€1,326.84			€945.24			€1,016.86
	Grand Total : Griffin Family	€3,288.94							

Healy Family

Healy Family : 2 Students - Twins					
5th Class Expenses			5th Class Expenses		
Month	Description	Total	Description	Total	
Jun-09	Cardigan	€40.00	Cardigan	€40.00	
	Books	€49.00	Books	€49.00	
	Uniform	€31.25	Uniform	€31.25	
	Books on loan from family €75	€-	Books on loan from family €75	€-	
		€120.25		€120.25	
Jul-09	Lunchbox etc	€12.00	Lunchbox etc	€12.00	
	Tights	€10.00	Tights	€10.00	
		€22.00		€22.00	
Aug-09	Shoes	€60.00	Shoes	€60.00	
	Runners	€38.00	Runners	€51.00	
	Stationery	€35.00	Stationery	€35.00	
		€133.00		€146.00	
Sep-09	Rental Books	€10.00	Rental Books	€10.00	
	School Insurance	€8.00	School Insurance	€8.00	
	Homework Notebook	€3.00	Homework Notebook	€3.00	
		€21.00		€21.00	
Oct-09	Photocopying	€15.00	Photocopying	€15.00	
		€15.00		€15.00	
Nov-09	School	€5.00	School	€5.00	
		€5.00		€5.00	
Dec-09	Music	€45.00	Music	€45.00	
		€45.00		€45.00	

Healy Family

Jan-10						
			€-			€-
Feb-10	School Tour	€30.00		School Tour	€30.00	
			€30.00			€30.00
Mar-10	Swimming	€36.00		Swimming	€36.00	
			€36.00			€36.00
Apr-10						
			€-			€-
May-10						
			€-			€-
Jun-10						
			€-			€-
	Total		€427.25			€440.25
	Grand Total : Healy Family	€867.50				

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Our aim with this survey is to circulate it to all relevant bodies by highlighting the expense and hardship families experience in the hope that it might influence future social policy decisions.

This Survey will be circulated to the following:

1. Department of Education
2. Department of Social Protection
3. Citizens Information Board
4. St Vincent de Paul
5. School Principals
6. MABS Offices / NDL
7. Superintendent Community Welfare Officers
8. The Participants
9. Politicians
10. Local Radio