

Other useful information

Help with school meals

If you receive Income Support, Income Based Jobseekers Allowance, the guarantee element of pension credits or Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax) where your income is less than £16,190 you can claim free school meals. You can get more individual advice by calling the Education Helpline on **0845 155 1019**.

Insurance

Devon County Council is insured against its legal liability for any injury, loss or damage caused to pupils as a result of negligence on its part or that of its employees. Pupils attending County Council schools are not insured for personal accident benefits while on education premises or on work experience schemes. However, insurance cover is provided for pupils taking part in organised school trips and visits. The head teacher will be able to provide fuller details.

We expect pupils to accept responsibility for their personal possessions, including money. Parents may consider taking out insurance themselves to cover any risks.

Home-School Agreements

Home-school agreements can promote greater involvement by parents in their children's education. They can set out what is expected of and for children and families at a school. After a place has been offered, the school may ask parents to sign an agreement, not before. Admission is not conditional on an agreement being signed.

School Uniform

Many schools feel that a uniform plays a valuable role in setting the tone of a school. Governing bodies may help limit the expense of uniforms. Uniforms for a school should be widely available rather than from a sole supplier. Schools should not use uniforms to raise additional funds.

Schools with a uniform should make discrete arrangements so that no family feels unable to apply for admission on account of high uniform costs. This applies equally to sports kits and any other specialist equipment which is required.

Devon does not provide a uniform grant. In cases of exceptional hardship, parents may seek assistance from the Education Welfare Service.