

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 12, Councillor Pearson will move the following motion:

“South Derbyshire District Council notes that the Education Act 1996 prohibits schools from charging for education and the supply of materials, books, instruments or other equipment, during school hours. Furthermore, the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021 requires schools to keep the use of branded items to a minimum.

The Council also notes that several schools in South Derbyshire are charging parents and guardians fees for laptops and ipads, for branded clothing and for other activities during school hours.

At a time of an unprecedented cost of living crisis in which the cost of everyday essentials like groceries and bills are rising faster than average household incomes, any unnecessary costs on parents and guardians should be avoided.

In light of this, this Council resolves to write to all schools in South Derbyshire, and associated Multi-Academy Trusts, to remind them of their obligations under the relevant Education Acts and to encourage them to take active steps to prevent unnecessary costs on parents and guardians.”