

School Costs

A flyer for parents on:

What can a school ask you to pay for?

Who will help you pay the bills?

School:

Address:

Contact person:

Telephone number:

E-mail address:

What can a school ask you to pay (charge expenses)?

Preschool and primary school

Free of charge

Everything your child needs in class is free: for example: pencils, books, calculator,

Expenses

Your child sometimes goes on trips or has a special activity at school. For this, you will have to pay the school.

Per school year, this may not amount to more than:

- for a toddler
- for a child in primary school

Some schools go on holiday trips (forest or sea classes). You will be charged extra for this. Throughout the entire primary school period, the total cost of these forest and sea classes may not exceed.... .

Other costs

Schools may also charge for childcare (if your child has to stay at school before or after school hours) and for meals and drinks at school.

Secondary school

Registration at a school is free of charge. However, the school may charge you for books, copies, excursions, visits, lunchtime surveillance, childcare, etc.

How much and when do I have to pay?

At the start of each school year, the school will provide you with a list of expected costs. This list can be found in the school's house rules or on a separate sheet. The school's house rules explain how and when a school sends invoices to the parents.

Where can I ask for help to pay or stagger the school costs, or get a discount?

1. The school can help you find solutions.

Talk to the school manager. A solution can certainly be found, for example paying over a longer period of time, in smaller amounts. Some schools have a solidarity fund. Do inquire.

2. Health insurance fund (for school expenses and leisure)

Health insurance funds partly reimburse the costs of:

- Day trips, forest, sea and snow classes, youth movement, playground activities, sports club.
- Speech therapy, glasses, a dietician, home education in case of illness, Some health insurance funds also partly reimburse psychologist fees.

Please inquire with your health insurance fund.

3. The City of Turnhout

The Social Affairs Department will check whether you are entitled to an allowance for school costs and/or other expenses. If you are, they will partly reimburse the costs. This is only for low-income families. It is also possible if you have a job, but do not earn much or have debts.

Please inquire with the Social Affairs Department whether you are entitled. Pupils in preschool or in primary school may also be entitled to an education voucher worth 60 euros. You can use it to pay the school bill. Are you, as a parent, entitled to the preferential tariff for health care or do you receive a social integration income (*leefloon*)? If you are, you will receive a voucher by post for each child.

4. Childcare costs (outside school hours and during holidays) via tax return

Enter the costs of before and after school hours childcare, playground activities and holiday camps on your tax return. Beware: This is only valid for children under the age of 12.

5. UiTPAS Kempen (on opportunities tariff (*kansentarief*))

With an UiTPAS (on opportunities tariff) you pay less in many places, for example at sports clubs, in childcare, at the swimming pool, You will receive a free UiTPAS if you benefit from the preferential tariff with the health insurance fund or if you have a low income.

More information about the UiTPAS: www.uitpaskempen.be.

6. Additional allowances

Since 1 September 2019, you automatically receive an education allowance via the *Groeipakket* (growth package, this is the former child benefit). You no longer need to apply for an education allowance. There are also additional allowances, such as the nursery allowance and the education supplement. You will receive these allowances on top of the *Groeipakket*. If you are entitled, you will receive it automatically.

Do you want to know more about this?

- You can inquire at your child's school.
- Go to www.Groeipakket.be/nl or call the toll-free number 1700.

Do you have any other questions?

- Do you want to know what you are entitled to (based on family composition and income)?
- Do you want to know which services or organizations you can turn to in Turnhout?

Please contact the Welfare Reception desk:

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