

Information Sheet for impact of cost of living on schools study

Information sheet for schools

What is the research and why is it taking place?

The National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) is undertaking research to investigate the impact of the increase cost of living on schools, teachers and pupils. The research will take place between April and September 2023.

Surveys of teachers and senior leaders will help us explore the impact of the cost of living on pupils and staff, the support being provided within schools and how this has changed and the impact of the cost of living on schools' day-to-day provision (including funding and staffing pressures). As part of this, a key aim is to understand how increases in the cost of living have impacted pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.

We would very much like you to take part in the research; your views will be invaluable to help stakeholders understand the actions needed to support the welfare and education of pupils across England.

What activities will the research involve for my organisation?

The research will involve completing a short survey. The senior leader survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete and the teacher survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes.

The surveys will explore the:

- impact of the cost of living on pupils and their households
- support your school is providing to pupils and how this may have changed
- impact of the cost of living on teachers
- impact of the cost of living on day-to-day provision in school, including funding and staffing.

Data protection

NFER is the data controller for the research. Participation in all research activities is entirely voluntary. Research participants will be fully briefed on the purposes of the study and how the information they provide will be used before consenting to take part. We operate fully in-line with data protection legislation (including GDPR) and we

will not use the information we receive for anything other than this research. If participants consent to be contacted again for follow up research, contact details will be retained and would only be used for this purpose.

At the end of the study, NFER will produce a publishable report. No individual or organisation will be identifiable from the report, unless permission has explicitly been given by the data subject.

Who is NFER?

NFER is an independent research organisation with many years' experience of undertaking research and evaluation with schools, colleges, businesses and the public sector. For more information please visit: www.nfer.ac.uk

Where can I go for more information?

More details about the research including a link to this information sheet and an associated privacy notice can be found [here](#):

In addition, Megan Lucas, the project leader, and Jenna Julius, the project director are very happy to answer any questions. Please contact Megan on m.lucas@nfer.ac.uk or Jenna on j.julius@nfer.ac.uk

Thank you very much for your support with this research.