

Children and Young People Select Committee

The cost of school uniform

Vanessa Housley

Chief Adviser

Education Improvement Service

School Uniform Guidance



School uniform

Guidance for governing bodies, school
leaders, school staff and local authorities

September 2013

DfE policy on school uniform

*It is for the governing body of a school to decide whether there should be a school uniform policy and if so what that should be. This flows from the duties placed upon all governing bodies by statute to ensure that school policies **promote good behaviour** and **discipline** amongst the pupil body. It is also for the governing body to decide how the uniform should be sourced.*

DfE policy on school uniform

*The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can play a valuable role in contributing to the **ethos** of a school and setting an **appropriate tone**.*

The issues

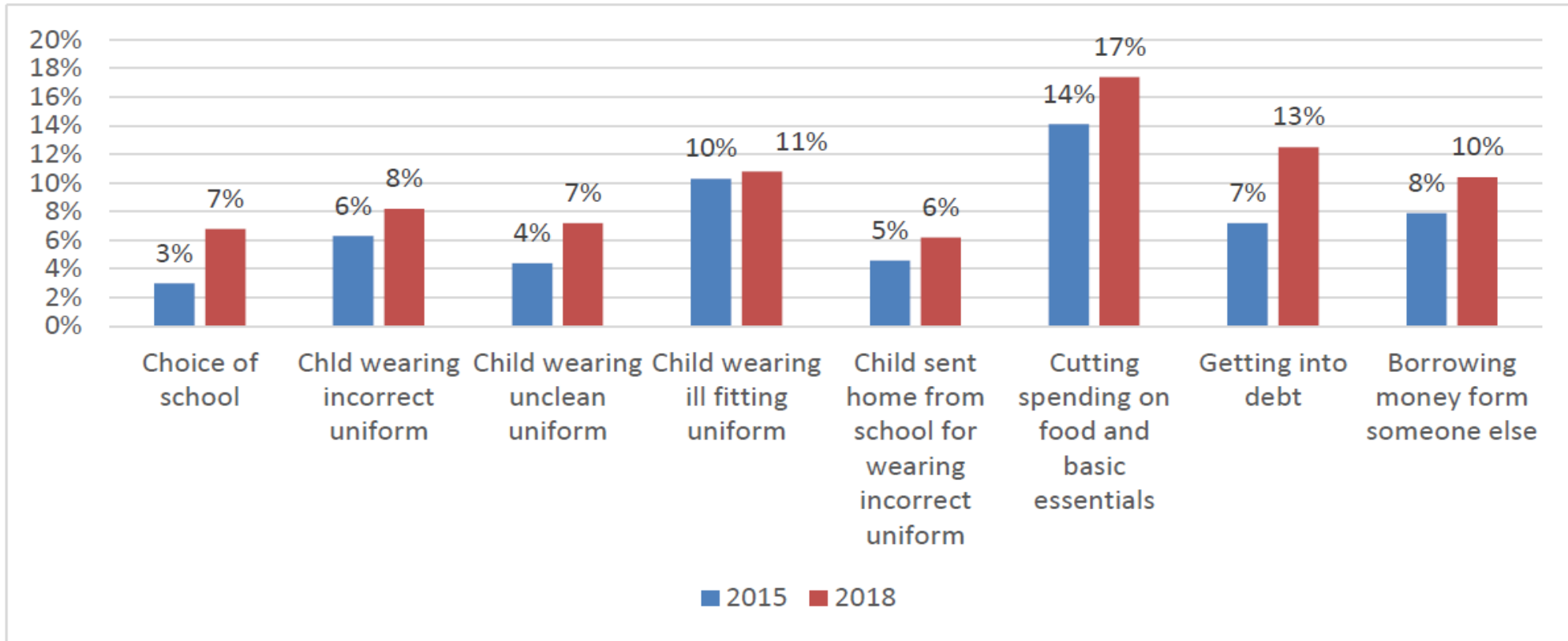


Variations

- Across key phases
- Across schools
- Policies
- Uniform requirements
- Costs
- Student voice
- Parent/ carer voice

Impact: nationally

Cost of school uniforms: the impact on children – proportion of children affected (2015 and 2018)



N=948 in 2015, 946 in 2018

The cost of school uniform review

Aim:

- What are the barriers to accessing school uniforms?
- What is the impact of those barriers on pupils and their families?
- How well are we removing those barriers?
- Can we be doing more?