

# VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT HIGHLIGHTS



**1,447**

Parents completed our  
online parents' survey

**6**

Case studies  
with schools

**86%**

reported that the post primary school which their child  
attends requests a voluntary contribution

**80%**

stated that voluntary contributions were not clearly  
communicated as being optional

**€140**

average voluntary  
contribution per child  
across all school types

**€30-  
€550**

voluntary contribution  
range from low to high  
per child

**81%**

stated that they incur additional costs for  
school activities / clubs

**61%**

stated that they incur additional costs for classroom/  
resources, such as photocopy/printing fees and materials

**87%**

stated that they have had to cut back or delay spending  
in order to pay for the voluntary contribution charge