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Mail survey shows how schools are forcing parents to pay between €20 and €55 for a basic pullover (when Tesco sells similar tops for €3.75)

# SCANDAL OF THE SCHOOL JUMPERS

By Eamon Donoghue

**THE** Irish Daily Mail today exposes the scandal of school jumper prices, with some parents having to pay more than €50 for a child's pullover.

A survey by this newspaper found schools are charging parents between €20 and €55 for an official school top – even though similar jumpers can be bought for as little as €3.75.

The pricing scandal comes despite repeated Government pledges to tackle crippling back-to-school costs.

Parents say they cannot understand why schools are allowed to force them to buy official crested jumpers from only one outlet – often the school itself. And they want to know why such practices are not outlawed as being anti-competitive.

The survey of 50 schools showed that the cost of a uniform jumper can vary by as much as €40 from school to school.

But the average was around €37 – up to

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## Ooh, get her! Mrs Brown's girl puts the sequins on for Strictly

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## Hospitals 'working doctors to exhaustion'

**PATIENTS** are being put at risk as hundreds of junior doctors are working more than 48 hours a week, the Irish Daily Mail can reveal.

Hospitals across the country are continuing to work doctors to exhaustion levels, in breach regulations on working hours.

Only two hospitals have achieved a less than 10 per cent compliance rate.

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