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Money saving tips for back to school

Some more than others may see it as a relief but the school holidays are nearly over with the new school year about to start. Getting the kids ready can seem like a chore every year, having to buy all the supplies and uniforms again but to help families save some money shopping this year, [hotukdeals](#), the UK's biggest deal-sharing community with over 1.8 million members, has put together some tips on the best ways to save for the school year.

Do an inventory

It always seems to be the same supplies every year, buying pens, pencils, bags and uniforms. Before you set out it's best to check what you already have and make sure you make a list so you don't forget. Just have a quick look around cupboards and drawers to see what can be re-used and jot down only what you need and you will make savings on unnecessary purchases.

Know when it's worth spending more

Although it's best to re-use old supplies when you can, sometimes it is worth spending a bit more on something that could be used for a few years like a school bag. Investing a bit more now for something you will get a lot of use out of will be worth it when it doesn't have to be replaced again in 6 months' time. Expensive uniform is probably unwise to spend a lot on as we all know how fast kids grow out of everything.

Shop out of season

It will take some planning ahead but if you can shop for seasons later in the year you can find some great bargains. Winter uniform in summer for example can usually be found discounted making it a great time to get all the jumpers and coats. Likewise, in winter looking ahead to the summer months you will also find deals. You could even wait until after the August rush to buy supplies for the new school year until September when discounts will already start to appear if you can get away with re-using supplies at the start of term.

Always look for the best deals/sales

Shopping around is always a great way to make savings on all supplies. Always check for the best deals before making purchases. Sales and discounts will always pop up on uniforms and school equipment and make sure to look further than the first deal you see. Already deals are starting to appear such as [buy one get one half price at Debenhams](#) and [school jumpers for £1 and whole uniforms for £4.50 at Lidl](#).

You can find more deals and tips on saving money for the school holidays by visiting [hotukdeals](#) dedicated thread on free days out and things to do in the school holidays or download the [hotukdeals](#) app to set up keyword alerts on any products you need.

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About hotukdeals:

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