Value Added Tax (VAT) is a tax on the sale of goods and services. The tax is administered in the UK by Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

VAT on purchases is known as input tax, with VAT on sales known as output tax. Schools, via the County Council, can reclaim from Revenue and Customs virtually all of the VAT added by suppliers on to their invoices, when these are paid for from delegated budgets. VAT cannot be reclaimed on expenditure from the school’s unofficial funds.

The County Council (including schools), is responsible for adding VAT onto invoices for many of the goods and non-statutory services that it provides, or where no invoice is issued, for deducting VAT from its income. Shropshire County Council’s VAT registration number is GB **[VAT number]**. This registration covers all official activities of the County Council

VAT is has three main rates of tax,

0% - zero rate,

5%- reduce rate.

20% - standard rate.

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| **Standard Rate** |
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| **Car Parking & Road Safety** |
| Car parking fees - off street |
| Excess charges - off street and other circs |
| Removal of parked cars - off street (overstay/dangerous parking) |
| Cycle training |
| **Education - Catering** |
| Meals supplied to non students – hot food, food eaten in catering area and any food classed as standard rated |
| Meals provided to non local authority establishments |
| Vending machine sales - non school |
| **Education – Uniforms & Clothing** |
| Adults' clothing & sportswear |
| School uniform – secondary school |
| **Education – Sales** |
| VAT on School Photographs |
| Sale of goods & services where not at or below cost or where not “closely related” to education eg clothing, book bags, water bottles |
| Sale of sports equipment |
| **Leisure – Fees & Charges:** |
| Admission to swimming baths Business |
| Admission to sports centres |
| Hire of sports facilities/pitches - sporting (not series of lets) |
| Hire of sports equipment |
| Locker charges |
| **Leisure – Sales:** |
| Confectionery & drinks |
| Sports equipment |
| Sale of framed pictures |
| Sale of framed pictures |
| **Libraries – Misc** |
| Photocopies |
| Faxing |
| Hire of space on notice board |
| Photocopying charges |
| Private telephone calls |
| Sale of badges |
| Sale of books/leaflets |
| Sale of beverages |
| **Sale of equipment:** |
| Sale of postcards |
| Sale of posters |
| Sale of vehicles, equipment etc. |
| **Purchases of services:** |
| Admissions Service incl Appeals |
| Cleaning & Caretaking |
| Copyright Service  |
| Communications & Media Service  |
| HR/Payroll Service  |
| Finance Service  |
| ICT Services |
| Safety/ Premises services  |
| Education Advisory Services Standard Provision of non-teaching staff  |
| Consultancy  |
| Legal Services  |
| Advertising |
| Petrol/Fuel |
| Telephone Charges |
| Gift & Awards to Staff and Students |