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£30,000 grass-cutting cost even in winter means head skimps on staff

by **SIAN ELVIN**

A SCHOOL head has not hired much-needed classroom staff – because a PFI contract forces him to spend £30,000 a year cutting grass on the playing field.

David Potter says almost 20 per cent of his whole budget is spent on the deal – which helped build the school but ties it to the same maintenance firm for decades as prices rise.

One clause at Middlefield Primary, in Liverpool, stipulates grass must not grow above 2.5cm – even in winter when it is hardly used. 'Come rain or shine, every week, the grounds

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