SUPPLEMENT 1:

Databases searched (last searched 17 October 2022):

EBSCO platform:

- British Education Index
- Child Development & Adolescent Studies
- ERIC (Education Resources Information Center)
- Teacher Reference Center
- EconLit
- Education Source

Ovid platform:

- Embase
- MEDLINE
- AMED (Allied and Complementary Medicine Database)
- PsycINFO

ProQuest platform:

- Australian Education Index
- Education Database
- Education Collection
- Web of Science
- Scopus
- BASE (Bielefeld Academic Search Engine)
- Applied Social Science Index and Abstracts (ASSIA)

Keywords for MEDLINE (PubMed)

Economic evaluation	**Primary school**	**School stakeholders**
economic evaluat* OR economic analys* OR economic assessment OR economic model* OR cost effectiveness OR cost utility OR cost benefit OR benefit cost* OR willingness to pay OR contingent valuation OR cost minimisation OR cost minimization OR cost consequence OR cost OR costs OR costing OR budget* OR value for money OR monetary value* OR economic model* OR markov OR monte carlo OR decision tree* OR decision analy* OR decision model* OR cost saving* OR cost outcome* OR return on investment OR social return on investment OR cost value analys* OR cost effectiveness analys* OR benefit cost analys* OR cost benefit analys* OR cost utility analys* OR cost minimisation analys* OR cost minimization analys* OR cost consequence analys* OR Feasibility OR scale up OR scaling up OR discount*	primary school* OR primary education OR elementary school* OR elementary education OR foundation stage* OR foundation year*OR early years OR early education	pupil* OR student* OR education OR parent* OR mother OR father OR carer OR family OR household OR teacher* OR educator* OR caregiv* OR care giver* OR learner* OR child* OR schoolchild* OR school staff OR school personnel OR schoolteacher*

PRISMA 2020 Main Checklist

Topic	No.	Item	Location where item is reported
TITLE			
Title	1	Identify the report as a systematic review.	Title
ABSTRACT			
Abstract	2	See the PRISMA 2020 for Abstracts checklist	
INTRODUCTION			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of existing knowledge.	Introduction
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of the objective(s) or question(s) the review addresses.	Objective and research questions in Methods
METHODS			
Eligibility criteria	5	Specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the review and how studies were grouped for the syntheses.	Screening and study selection, Data extraction and quality assessment
Information sources	6	Specify all databases, registers, websites, organisations, reference lists and other sources searched or consulted to identify studies. Specify the date when each source was last searched or consulted.	Search strategy, Supplement 1
Search strategy	7	Present the full search strategies for all databases, registers and websites, including any filters and limits used.	Supplement 1
Selection process	8	Specify the methods used to decide whether a study met the inclusion criteria of the review, including how many reviewers screened each record and each report retrieved, whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	Screening and study selection
Data collection process	9	Specify the methods used to collect data from reports, including how many reviewers collected data from each report, whether they worked independently, any processes for obtaining or confirming data from study investigators, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	Data extraction and quality assessment

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Data items	10a	List and define all outcomes for which data were sought. Specify whether all results that were compatible with each outcome domain in each study were sought (e.g. for all measures, time points, analyses), and if not, the methods used to decide which results to collect.	Data extraction and quality assessment
	10b	List and define all other variables for which data were sought (e.g. participant and intervention characteristics, funding sources). Describe any assumptions made about any missing or unclear information.	Data extraction and quality assessment
Study risk of bias assessment	11	Specify the methods used to assess risk of bias in the included studies, including details of the tool(s) used, how many reviewers assessed each study and whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	Data extraction and quality assessment
Effect measures	12	Specify for each outcome the effect measure(s) (e.g. risk ratio, mean difference) used in the synthesis or presentation of results.	Data extraction and quality assessment
Synthesis methods	13a	Describe the processes used to decide which studies were eligible for each synthesis (e.g. tabulating the study intervention characteristics and comparing against the planned groups for each synthesis (item 5)).	Data extraction and quality assessment
	13b	Describe any methods required to prepare the data for presentation or synthesis, such as handling of missing summary statistics, or data conversions.	Data extraction and quality assessment
	13c	Describe any methods used to tabulate or visually display results of individual studies and syntheses.	Data extraction and quality assessment
	13d	Describe any methods used to synthesize results and provide a rationale for the choice(s). If meta-analysis was performed, describe the model(s), method(s) to identify the presence and extent of statistical heterogeneity, and software package(s) used.	Data extraction and quality assessment
	13e	Describe any methods used to explore possible causes of heterogeneity among study results (e.g. subgroup analysis, meta-regression).	Data extraction and quality assessment
	13f	Describe any sensitivity analyses conducted to assess robustness of the synthesized results.	Data extraction and quality assessment

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Reporting bias assessment	14	Describe any methods used to assess risk of bias due to missing results in a synthesis (arising from reporting biases).	Data extraction and quality assessment
Certainty assessment	15	Describe any methods used to assess certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for an outcome.	n/a
RESULTS			
Study selection	16a	Describe the results of the search and selection process, from the number of records identified in the search to the number of studies included in the review, ideally using a flow diagram.	Results, paragraph 1, and Figure 1
	16b	Cite studies that might appear to meet the inclusion criteria, but which were excluded, and explain why they were excluded.	n/a
Study characteristics	17	Cite each included study and present its characteristics.	Results, Table 2
Risk of bias in studies	18	Present assessments of risk of bias for each included study.	Results, paragraph 7, Figure 4
Results of individual studies	19	For all outcomes, present, for each study: (a) summary statistics for each group (where appropriate) and (b) an effect estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval), ideally using structured tables or plots.	Results, Table 2, Figures 2-4
Results of syntheses	20a	For each synthesis, briefly summarise the characteristics and risk of bias among contributing studies.	Results, Table 2, Supplement 2
	20b	Present results of all statistical syntheses conducted. If meta-analysis was done, present for each the summary estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval) and measures of statistical heterogeneity. If comparing groups, describe the direction of the effect.	Results, Figures 2-3, Figures S1-S2
	20c	Present results of all investigations of possible causes of heterogeneity among study results.	Results (discussed in text)
	20d	Present results of all sensitivity analyses conducted to assess the robustness of the synthesized results.	n/a
Reporting biases	21	Present assessments of risk of bias due to missing results (arising from reporting biases) for each synthesis assessed.	Results, paragraph 8, Supplement 2

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Certainty of evidence	22	Present assessments of certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for each outcome assessed.	Table 2, Results paragraph 8, discussion and Supplement 2
DISCUSSION			
Discussion	23a	Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence.	Discussion
	23b	Discuss any limitations of the evidence included in the review.	Discussion
	23c	Discuss any limitations of the review processes used.	Discussion, final paragraph
	23d	Discuss implications of the results for practice, policy, and future research.	Discussion
OTHER INFORMATION			
Registration and protocol	24a	Provide registration information for the review, including register name and registration number, or state that the review was not registered.	Objective and research questions
	24b	Indicate where the review protocol can be accessed, or state that a protocol was not prepared.	Objective and research questions
	24c	Describe and explain any amendments to information provided at registration or in the protocol.	Methods
Support	25	Describe sources of financial or non-financial support for the review, and the role of the funders or sponsors in the review.	Funding sources/grant number
Competing interests	26	Declare any competing interests of review authors.	Conflict of interest
Availability of data, code and other materials	27	Report which of the following are publicly available and where they can be found: template data collection forms; data extracted from included studies; data used for all analyses; analytic code; any other materials used in the review.	All included in main text or supplement

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BACKGROUND			
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METHODS			
Eligibility criteria	3	Specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the review.	Yes
Information sources	4	Specify the information sources (e.g. databases, registers) used to identify studies and the date when each was last searched.	Yes
Risk of bias	5	Specify the methods used to assess risk of bias in the included studies.	Yes
Synthesis of results	6	Specify the methods used to present and synthesize results.	Yes
RESULTS			
Included studies	7	Give the total number of included studies and participants and summarise relevant characteristics of studies.	Yes
Synthesis of results	8	Present results for main outcomes, preferably indicating the number of included studies and participants for each. If meta-analysis was done, report the summary estimate and confidence/credible interval. If comparing groups, indicate the direction of the effect (i.e. which group is favoured).	Yes
DISCUSSION			
Limitations of evidence	9	Provide a brief summary of the limitations of the evidence included in the review (e.g. study risk of bias, inconsistency and imprecision).	Yes
Interpretation	10	Provide a general interpretation of the results and important implications.	Yes
OTHER			
Funding	11	Specify the primary source of funding for the review.	Yes
Registration	12	Provide the register name and registration number.	Yes

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Figure S1. Graph of average cost per child against intervention cost-benefit ratio

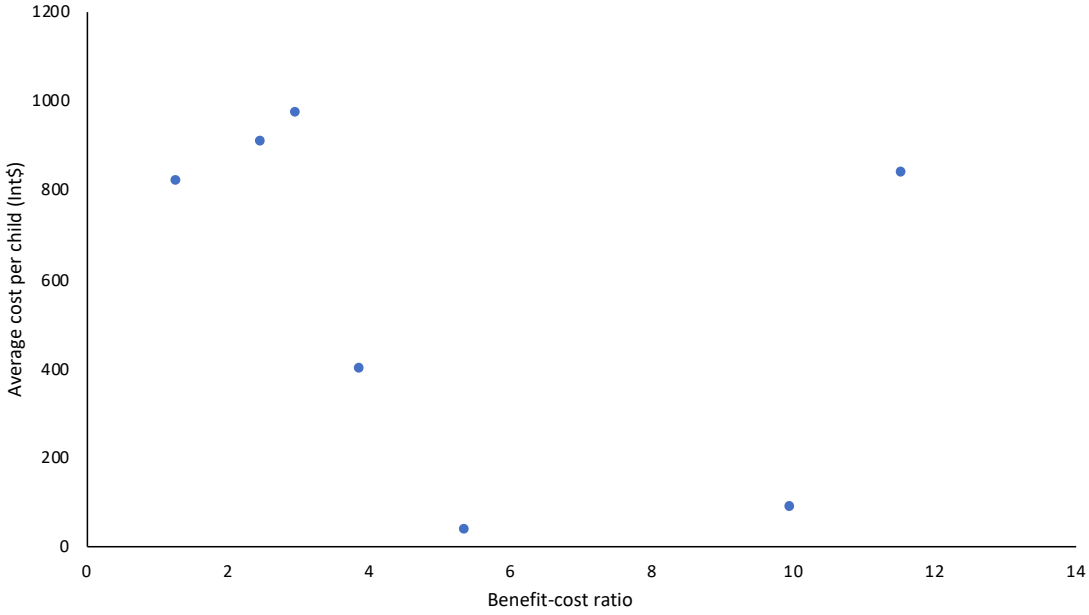

Figure S2. Graph of average cost per child against intervention cost/QALY gained or DALY averted.