



Winchburgh Primary School & ELC



Poverty Proofing Statement September 2023

At Winchburgh Primary School we endeavour to ensure that every pupil can access all aspects of their education. Currently 1 in 4 children in Scotland live in poverty. While many of the issues surrounding the ways to tackle poverty are society based, schools have their part to play in working to lessen some of the issues faced by parents who are confronted with the expense of their child's school experience.

Our staff are aware of the effects of poverty and the impact on the 'cost of the school day' for our families. Below are the measures that we have in place to assist families to ensure that all our children are 'ready to learn'. Our statement shares with you, the ways Winchburgh Primary School hopes to ensure that all our pupils can access the full range of experiences by removing costs that are barriers to education.

Uniform

Universal: Our school uniform is a white embroidered polo shirt, navy sweatshirt, white shirt and tie, as well as plain unembroidered items which are also acceptable uniform. For Physical Education, school shorts and T shirts are available and plain shorts and T-shirts are also acceptable except for football strips/kit.

Targeted: We have a reduce, reuse, recycle school uniform rail available at the main school office. Parents and carers are welcome to help themselves to items from this rail. We have accessed the school uniform bank for parents who require this service. Our PE specialist has new PE kits that pupils can either borrow or be given a set.

Travel

Universal: Our school has a wide catchment area. Staff and Senior Leaders consider all travel cost implications when planning activities out with school. All after school clubs are held on the school premises to reduce travel costs. Our out of school care providers are within walking distance of the community centre.

Targeted: Staff are aware how best to support families who require assistance with travel.

Trips

Universal: We carefully consider all trips to ensure these are cost effective. Class trips are encouraged but are monitored to ensure that they do not become cost prohibitive. All pupils can attend a residential experience in Primary 7. This trip is given a long-range payment plan to assist families to with payment. Some school events are subsidised through our school fund and by our Parent Council fund raising team.

Targeted: We provide financial reductions for families who require assistance to attend any trip within our school day.

Resources



Universal: Each classroom is supplied with enough stationery items for all children, as well as everything else they are likely to need for learning at Winchburgh (including dictionaries, thesauruses, calculators and digital technology). If needed, children may borrow these items for home-study.

Targeted: Children's progress is discussed regularly at Equity & Excellence Meetings and strategies and interventions are put in place as appropriate. Children who will benefit from more prolonged interventions have their progress monitored closely and their targets are reviewed regularly. Individual Education Plans, learning reviews and Child Planning Meetings are held and monitored regularly to support our most vulnerable pupils.

Eating



Universal: We encourage parents to access Free School Meals and share this information at regular points. We encourage healthy snacks and provide this for pupils who may not have a snack in school. We have free breakfast club in operation daily for all pupils. All children in ELC through to Primary P5 are entitled to free school meals. There is information and links to the appropriate application forms for Free School Meals on our School App and school website.

Targeted: We can provide breakfast/snack for pupils who may require this at any point. We provide free tea/coffee/biscuits for families at parental engagement events.

Clubs



Universal: All school clubs that run during the day or after school are free of charge, where a cost may be incurred, for example, dance or gymnastics, school PEF monies would be used to support the pupils who wish to attend.

Targeted: All pupils are asked to complete a survey of clubs they would like to have in or after school. Targeted clubs are then provided by staff or external providers, to ensure that all pupils have access to an activity of their choice.

Events (e.g., discos, dress down days etc)



Universal: We limit the number of charitable events we hold throughout the school year, and we do not ask for a fixed amount, we encourage families to give a donation, with a suggested maximum. In-school discos etc are costed to ensure minimum outlay.

Targeted: All pupils are encouraged to attend school events, where cost is a factor to attendance school will supply the family with access at no cost.

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