

Balmerino Primary School**Pupil Equity Fund allocation for session 2025/26****£ 6125****School Context**

Our School serves the village of Gauldry and the hamlets of Rathilet and Balmerino as well as a wide surrounding rural area. As of 23rd June, the P1-7 roll sits at 51 pupils arranged into 3 classes.

Projection for 2025-26 is 47 pupils arranged into 2 classes.

There are no pupils who have a free school meal entitlement through registration. 23% have a factor giving rise to additional support needs. 10% speak a second language in the family home.

99% of the roll live in SIMD 7 and 8.

Cost of the School Day

We recognise the need to reduce the Cost of the School Day for all our pupils and particularly for our pupils who are already experiencing poverty. We encourage recycling of school uniform and purchase from a range of suppliers to ensure best value. We cap all non-residential school trips at a maximum requested contribution of £5 and make it clear that no child will miss out if parents can't contribute. We give good notice of our residential trip and offer payment plans and grants. We encourage all Nursery-P5 pupils to take up the universal offer of free meals and we share information about free school meal registration as well as other information on cost of living support. We do not charge for any school clubs and we provide all school equipment at no charge. We reach out to parents and lend devices to ensure all pupils have access to suitable technology to support home learning. There is scope for us to increase the amount of fundraising done online so that attention is not drawn to who can and can't contribute.

Stakeholder engagement**Participatory Budgeting**

(Are you using any of your PEF allocation to support participatory budgeting. If yes, what is the focus?)

We have discussed the use of PEF money to fund PSA at Parent Council. All of our families value additional adults and support in school.

No