



# St Ninian's RC Primary School

## Cost of the School Day Statement



At St Ninian's RC Primary School, we are committed to reducing the Cost of the School Day for all our pupils, with particular focus on supporting those affected by poverty. Our staff understand the far-reaching impact poverty can have on children, families, our school, and the wider community. In response, we work in close partnership with organisations such as the St Vincent De Paul, Fairshare and the Big Hoose to promote equity and inclusion. We regularly review the school day under the following key areas:

### Uniform

- Our school uniform is a white or red polo shirt, black or red sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan, black or grey trousers or skirt, white shirt and school tie. Plain unembroidered items are acceptable.
- School embroidered uniform is affordable and can be purchased [myclothing.com](http://myclothing.com)
- We encourage plain black footwear and discourage designer items of clothing.
- Pre-loved uniform is available from the Corrie Centre in Cardenden. Misplaced uniform is displayed at Parents Evenings before being taken to Corrie Centre.
- Leavers' Hoodies are gifted by Parent Council.
- Any shorts/joggers/leggings and t-shirt are acceptable for PE except for football strips.
- Clothing Grant forms are regularly signposted and we share all communication from Welfare Co-ordinator.
- We encourage all parents to apply for Uniform Grants at our P1 Introduction Meeting.
- As a school we can provide basic essential items such as underwear, socks, tights, P.E kits and water bottles if required.

### Travel

- Our school serves the catchment of Cardenden, Kinglassie and Cluny, any child who lives more than a mile away is offered a free bus.
- All families are encouraged to apply for the National Entitlement Card for free bus travel and we utilise this where possible. Office staff can support with this.

### Learning

- Stationery and whiteboards, pens and pencils are provided for all classes.
- Learning resources are accessible within all classrooms and children are encouraged to use a variety of these to support their learning.

- There are options for resources to be borrowed to support home learning e.g. devices, dictionaries, rulers, calculators.
- All primary 6 and 7 pupils are provided with a iPad to support digital learning.

### Friendship and Community

- We teach our children about poverty related issues and ensure anyone facing poverty related discrimination is able to report this confidentially.
- Our Mini Vinnies help by supporting the Cardenden Community Fridge, they organise an annual MacMillian Coffee morning and ensure that pupils sing at in the community at Christmas.
- We heavily promote uniform to negate any peer pressure to wear branded or expensive items.
- Fun events within school are supported by the Parent Council or school funds and we try to keep costs as low as possible.
- We ask for suggested donations to make these events as inclusive as possible; children are included regardless.
- We communicate events well in advance so families can include these within their budgets.

### School Trips

- All P7 children have the opportunity to attend the residential trip. We share the dates and cost a year in advance to allow families to plan. The local St Vincent de Paul group support families who would find this difficult.
- The school seeks to minimise costs by accessing free trips, transport offers and available grants. Where a family is unable to contribute towards the cost of a trip, appropriate support will be provided to ensure that no child is excluded from participation. The Parent Council actively supports this approach through fundraising and by applying for additional funding to enable all classes to access a range of educational visits.
- Trips and residential are signposted well in advance to allow opportunities to save towards these.

### Eating

- We promote Free Meal Entitlement and signpost information for all parents regularly throughout the session.
- Cashless catering reduced stigma through our promoted use of iPayimpact.
- We promote Café Inc through newsletters and communication prior to holiday periods to signpost families to food.
- The school offers a free Breakfast Club before the start of the school day, which all pupils are welcome to attend. A range of breakfast items, including toast and cereal, is provided.
- Food vouchers/hampers for the festive period are offered to specific families in conjunction with local charities.

- The Parent Council facilitates FareShare collections. Items received are made available for all families to access, without the need for a referral, supporting dignity and inclusion within the school community. In addition, parcels are discreetly prepared and distributed to identified families to provide further support where required.

### **Clubs**

- All after schools and lunchtime clubs are run by staff, pupils, volunteers and Active Schools partners and are free of charge.

### **Home Learning**

- Families without access to a device to engage in online learning have the opportunity to borrow a Fife Council device.