



St. Andrew's Primary School & Nursery Class



Cost of The School Day Policy



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Rationale

At Saint Andrew's Primary School, acknowledge that many of our pupils come from low income families. We recognise that poverty can have a ferocious and long-lasting effect on children's health, wellbeing and educational attainment.

We know that there remains a significant and persistent gap in attainment between children from lower and higher income families. Attainment at school is strongly linked to future employment prospects and education can offer a route out of poverty for many young people - however, coming from a low-income household can affect how children are able to access that education.

Aims

By removing school costs and barriers to participation, our children and young people, regardless of their income and ability to pay, are able to:

- achieve their full potential at school without financial barriers standing in their way
- feel respected and safe at school
- feel included in all aspects of school life
- be healthy, active and nurtured through participation in educational experiences
- learn responsibility through educational experiences

We aim to:

- remove barriers in the way of children's participation and learning
- eradicate opportunities for income related exclusion and stigma amongst children and young people
- elevate pressure on low family budgets and further reduce stretched family incomes.

Actions

Barrier/	Measures Taken
Uniform costs	Uniform bank run by Parent Council Bank of Uniforms, coats and warm shoes kept in school and distributed
Trip costs	Capped at £5 per child Subsidised for 2 nd and 3 rd siblings 4 weeks prior notice given
Period Poverty	Sanitary provision stored discretely in disabled toilet
PE kit	School kits available to borrow on request
Swimming kit	Swim bags available with all necessary items
Cost of Food	Breakfast club provision Encouraged uptake of free school meals at transition events Club 365 hosted in school Healthy snacks available in school Food bank donates Christmas parcels to targeted families
Fundraisers	Donation only – no child to be excluded
Fun day costs	All activities to be inclusive and cost free: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No non-uniform, pyjama days etc
Show's Events	Ticket prices capped at £2 with 4 weeks notice
Inclusion in clubs	PEF children are given priority places, particularly in sports clubs Participation of involvement in OSHL tracked and actively encouraged
Cost of outward bound P7 trip	Subsidised by NLC for pupils in receipt of free school meals.
Home projects	Access to resources such as paper, glue, paint etc from school
Digital access	Homework club with ICT access Computer access available to parent 3-3:30pm every day to access internet.
Christmas/End of term	Communication issued every year asking for no teacher gifts Round table Christmas gift donations to targeted families.

Further Action

Following consultation with parents and families on the costs associated with the school day, further responsive measures will be taken where needs are identified.