



LAW PRIMARY SCHOOL & ELC | COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The impact of poverty on the education of children and young people is widely recognised. Experiencing poverty is exceptionally difficult and can create barriers to learning, achievement, overall educational progress and impact on a child or young person's wellbeing.

Article 28 of the UNCRC states that children and young people have the right to education no matter who they are: regardless of race, gender or disability; if they're in detention, or if they're a refugee. It states that primary education should be free and compulsory.

AIM

In Law Primary School & ELC, we aim to ensure that all our pupils have the same opportunities. Money should play no part in how any of our pupils achieve or experience their education. We will ensure that any activities that have a cost will not exclude any child from taking part and no pupil will miss out on any aspect of their school life because of a lack of money or resources. Our school community will be actively involved in making decisions relating to the cost of the school day.

AWARENESS AND EMPATHY

At Law Primary School & ELC we ensure all our staff are poverty aware and of the need to reduce or remove costs related to all aspects of the school day. All staff receive an annual update on Cost of the School Day. Further training is available to SLC staff through the CQIS and COSD features on the annual checklist for head teachers.

We expect all staff to show awareness and empathy to all children who may be struggling with attendance, attainment, participation and/or engagement caused by poverty. Poverty will be dealt with in a similar way to any barrier to learning.

All costs associated with school activities are reviewed individually and the ability to pay will never exclude a child or family from participating in school activities. We aim to reduce costs each year.

An annual calendar of activities will be issued to all parents identifying events which may have a cost. This will allow families to budget if they are able or to request assistance without query. Support is available to all families where required.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

We make families aware of agencies who may be able to help families struggling with finances, including Money Matters Advice Service and Money Is Not The Only Problem.

Any families who require support for a school trip or event will receive it and all enquiries for support are dealt with confidentially by the Senior Leadership Team.

We encourage any parent/carer to contact us if they need help or advice on any matter.

FUNDRAISING

We plan and limit the amount of fundraising across the school year. Discreet donations are an option and never a requirement.



The school and PTA seek funding and support from external sources including grants, businesses and sponsorships.

Charity fundraising is limited and is often for the purpose of raising awareness rather than funds. We do not fundraise by selling children's work.

LEARNING

Pupils are not required to provide any resources to access their learning as all materials and apparatus are provided including all stationery items.



Digital devices are available in school or alternatively home-learning can be completed in school during breakfast club or lunch time clubs.

If extra resources are required for home-learning these will be provided by the school.

TRAVEL

Travel for school excursions is always subsidised or paid for in full by the school or PTA.



Almost all extra-curricular activities take place during the school day reducing the need for pick-ups after the school day.

Families are supported to apply for Under 22 free bus passes.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Our lunchtime and after-school clubs have no cost.



We use Pupil Equity Funding to provide specialist sports clubs within the school therefore reducing the need for families to travel to the nearest leisure facilities.

Any special kit or equipment required is provided free of charge.

COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY | ASPECTS OF SCHOOL LIFE

As a school, we reduce or remove costs related to aspects of the school day.

UNIFORM

We encourage all pupils to wear affordable, unbranded school uniform. Pre-loved uniforms are available in all sizes. ELC pupils can wear their own clothes.



We limit the number of shoes required and have a selection of welly boots in all sizes for use during outdoor learning.

Families are made aware of the Clothing Grant.

FUN EVENTS

The school and PTA organise free fun events throughout the school year.



The reuse and recycling of clothing items is encouraged during e.g. Christmas Jumper Day / Halloween / World Book Day. Non-uniform days are limited to one per year.

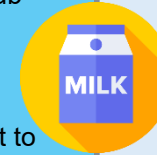
Money is not collected at events; a discreet donation bucket is used instead. Families are supported to pay through ParentPay.

EATING

We have a free breakfast club open every day for pupils.

We have a free snacks at break times with free fruit from the kitchen. Entitlement to free school meals is promoted and encouraged.

Our school free supermarket, The Family Pantry, encourages sustainable living with weekly offerings of fresh and non-perishable produce, toiletries, clothing, and toys. This is sponsored by our local store Nads and Tesco.



SCHOOL TRIPS

Educational excursions during the school day which are linked to learning have no charge.

School uniform is worn and there are no visits to gift shops without consultation. Some trips, e.g. panto, have a budgeted cost and no child misses out due to non-payment.

The P7 residential trip is subsidised through PEF and PTA and has a maximum of £20 per month cost. Specialist clothing or items can be provided by the school.

