



**Our Staff Team and Parent Council are aware of the effects of poverty and how it impacts our children and their families.**

### **Getting Dressed for School**



#### **Universal:**

Following a consultation with parents/carers, our school uniform was changed to make it more affordable and accessible for parents/carers. School uniform is a white shirt with a tie and a green school jumper /cardigan. Items do not require to have the school badge and can be purchased from all local supermarkets/stores. Our class teachers have spare ties to give out if needed. For PE pupils wear white polo top or t shirt with any dark shorts or leggings. Spare sets are available for pupils in each area of the school.

#### **Targeted:**

The school leadership team and office staff offer support with uniform and PE kits, with a small stock kept in school. We also have access to the local school uniform bank and we regularly access this service to support our families.

### **Travelling to School**



#### **Universal:**

Our school serves the catchments of Dedridge, Murieston and AdamBrae in Livingston and many of our children live within walking distance of the school. For those who travel by bus, staff can support those requiring assistance to complete transport applications.

#### **Targeted:**

The school can provide transport to allow pupils who need it to attend after school clubs through PEF funding.

## Friendships at school



### Universal:

Uniform is promoted to negate any peer pressure for branded and fashion clothing. Our Health and Wellbeing curriculum and school vision and values have been recently refreshed to ensure equity permeates all aspects of learning. All children identify their 2 Trusted Adults in school to provide them with a key adult they can talk to if they are worried or upset.

### Targeted:

We provide EAL, reading, lego, buddy and friendship programmes to support pupils with their social skills development. Some identified children benefit from regular check-ins with their Trusted Adults.

## Learning at school



### Universal:

Stationery is provided for all classes to access at all times. There are options for resources to be borrowed to support learning i.e. devices, dictionaries, rulers, calculators. Whilst there is a 'bring your own device policy' in school, all pupils have access to digital technology in school.

### Targeted:

Reviews are held regularly to provide bespoke learning targets for those children who need support with their learning. This is continually monitored through our termly Excellence and Equity meetings. We have used our PEF budget in a variety of ways to support learning gaps by employing additional pupil support workers to carry out targeted interventions, a Speech Therapist to work with identified children and additional nurture support across the school

## School Trips



### Universal:

We plan school trips in advance to ensure parents/carers are notified in a timely manner. Class trips are limited in number to help reduce the cost. The wider parent body can opt to "pay it forward" by adding an additional contribution to trips to support learners who may need it. All pupils have the opportunity to attend residential experiences throughout their time at Primary School. We actively encourage pupils to join the Credit Union.

### Targeted:

School Staff are able to support families and sign post them for financial help if and when required. The SLT use PEF funding and local charities such as the SVDP to make trips and residential experiences accessible to all and to provide appropriate clothing if needed.

## Fun events



### Universal /Targeted:

We do not ask pupils to bring in money for dress down days or fun events. All children can participate. Themed days are limited and have wide options to ensure everyone can take part. We sometimes ask for donations for fund raisers.

## Eating at school



### Universal:

All P1-4 pupils are entitled to a free school meal at lunchtime. This will be extended to P5 pupils from January 2022. We regularly have links for FSM and milk applications in our newsletters. Cashless catering means that there is less stigma attached to pupils eligible for free school meals. The school operates a free breakfast club for all pupils. This is heavily promoted to all new pupils and families within our school.

### Targeted:

For those children who have not had breakfast and who do not make it to breakfast club support staff and teachers operate a check in system for vulnerable pupils and breakfast is provided.

## Attitudes towards poverty



### Universal:

Staff have positive relationships, awareness, knowledge and understanding of the children and families in our school. Our children learn about poverty and equity through our assemblies and learner participation groups.

### Targeted:

Our staff offer regular drop in sessions and speak with individual families in regards to supporting and sign posting to help available. We have positive multi-agency working, which offers positive support for those that require individualised input. We make good use of community wide initiatives to support families. A Sharing is Caring foodbank is available in school and shared with parents where appropriate.

## School clubs



### Universal:

A variety of clubs are run in school both before, after school and at lunch-times to allow pupils easy access. This year all of our clubs are PEF funded to increase the participation of identified children and ensure these experiences are accessible to all families.

### Targeted:

We track the participation of identified children to monitor the impact on attendance, resilience and engagement.

## Home learning



### Universal:

Home learning does rely a lot on technology but we monitor access to devices and provide additional time/support if needed in school. We look for alternatives to ensure all children can join in.

### Targeted:

Devices are available to borrow from school and many families take us up on this offer.

## Staff Team and Parent Council

Our staff and Parent Council are committed to helping reduce the cost of the school day and to narrow the poverty related attainment gap.

## Sources of Support

Our school remains committed to sharing sources of support across West Lothian for our families. Regular reminders and features are shared via the weekly newsletter and school app.

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/sources-of-support>

