



POVERTY PROOFING

What is Poverty Proofing?

- Poverty proofing is making sure that vulnerable families don't feel pressured and insecure about things like the amount of money they have and equipment they can afford.
- This school is trying to stop parents and kids feeling embarrassed and self-conscious about it.



Healthy eating

- Our school supports our children's healthy eating by ensuring they have a proper breakfast (we provide a daily breakfast club which is free for some of our vulnerable families).
- In addition, we supply free school lunches for parents who can't afford them for their children.
- We also provide free lunches and fruit for children in KS1 and under.



School uniform

- As you may know, school uniforms are expensive and some families can't afford them. We have a lost and found box, where school uniforms can be recycled, at the end of the term.
- The school also provides spare, free PE kits for children who may not have the correct clothing.
- If we were to improve, we could make sure that the children don't get told off if they haven't brought their uniforms.
- This could be because the child's parents can't afford washing powder to do the laundry every week.



Our School Equipment

- Children who don't have the money to bring in equipment such as: books, rulers, calculators, protractors and other resources, can't fully focus on their work or tasks.
- To ensure this never happens in school, the teachers need to be more aware of the child's situation.
- If a child's parent can't afford certain kit and the child is told off for it, it isn't fair for the pupil: it's not their fault. If this occurs in class it will bring the child down, therefore the quality of their work will drop.



Homework

- A child's homework is very important (no matter what they think!) so if a child doesn't do it based on the fact that their parents can't afford things like books or rulers they have a dilemma.
- Teachers also need to be aware of the fact that not all children have devices or access to the internet when setting homework tasks.
- This is why our school has started providing weekly 'Homework Parties' so if the children haven't had the time or the appropriate resources to do it in their own time, they can come and be supervised in the classroom environment.



School Trips

- There is a massive expense for some school trips such as Kingswood (Duke's Wood House) and this can put a lot of pressure on parents: they don't want their kids missing out on such an activity.
- Some children will feel ashamed and embarrassed by the fact that they can't attend something, like their friends can.
- But this school tries to raise money by having fairs and ceilidhs (as some of you may know!) to reduce the cost of some trips.
- We also subsidise every trip by six pounds per child per term.
- We use re-payment plans to allow parents to pay small amounts towards costs.

Charities and Fundraising

- Being a C of E school, we like to provide amounts of money for charities such as: Macmillan Cancer, Comic Relief and Water Aid.
- But families who struggle with costs as it is, won't want to give as much money as they should: they are debating over whether to feed their family, or give money to feed others.
- Parents may feel pressured to give money to the school to put forward to charities.
- As our school is ever growing, we raise more than we used to, so families don't have to give/pay as much.



Gifts for Staff

- Parents may feel that they should give gifts to staff/teachers for times such as: Christmas and the end of the Academic year.
- However, this may put pressure on families who have very little spare money at this expensive time of year.
- Instead of giving teachers expensive gifts, the pupils could do an act of kindness for the teachers or make a homemade card or gift.



Thanks for watching!

Our school is working on a Poverty Proofing plan

We are open to any suggestions (or ideas) if you ever



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