

Peel Primary Poverty Proofing Statement



Our staff are aware of the effects of poverty and how it pertains to the context of our school and our young people. Staff recently took part in a thematic review of the Cost of the School Day to identify areas we currently address well and areas where we need development. Parents and Carers within the community were also surveyed and results were shared with our staff so that we had a fuller understanding of the needs within our community. Children within the Rights Respecting Group and Health and Wellbeing Champs group, also worked together to identify any additional costs that children and families in our community may have. We plan to action some of these suggestions and to identify the impact of our measures so far and to identify future actions next session that may be helpful.

Staff are also aware that West Lothian Council offer the following to support our school and community. West Lothian Council will provide free school meals and milk, clothing grants and Education Maintenance Allowance to all eligible children and young people. A Breakfast Club is available at Peel Primary and is free of charge for anyone who needs it.

Uniform: School uniform is polo shirt, sweat shirt, shirt and tie with plain unembroidered items acceptable school uniform. Any shorts/jogging trousers are accepted for PE with a plain t-shirt. We recycle lost property wherever possible at Curriculum events/Parent Consultations/Sustainability.

Targeted: We have a 'nearly new' area where uniform can be donated and repurposed. We make referrals to the School Clothes Bank for identified families. We do regular uniform donation drives such as 'Sponsor a child this Winter' and a 'Pre-Loved at Peel' event where families donated clothing and this was given to children who may need. We used some of our PEF budget to purchase additional uniform, this was left in a safe space in our playground where families can take as they need. All new P1 children were gifted a school jumper as part of their transition to Peel.

Travel: Our school serves the catchment of Eliburn and almost all children live within walking distance to school. After school clubs take place in school so there is no need to travel any distance.

Targeted: The school subsidises costs for school residential camps/school trips/after school clubs for identified families.

Learning at School: 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. We used suggestions from RRS school group to issue any additional materials

Targeted: Regular reviews are held to provide bespoke learning targets for children who need support with their learning. This is monitored regularly.

Trips/Clubs/Events: We give consideration to all trips to ensure that costs are kept down. Subsidised spaces on school camps are available for some young people in receipt of free school meals. We plan residential trips in advance and have saving options to spread the cost. We monitor the number of trips, costs and year groups/families and respond accordingly. We raise awareness of the opportunities fund for residential/trips with families in the school. In addition, our

Parent Council contributes towards several class trips, paying for buses for example, to keep any costs to a minimum for all.

We work in partnership with our Parent Council to provide events throughout the year including fayres, Lost in Literature, parties/discos, First Friday marshmallow stalls which are planned for fund raising purposes, but are designed to be affordable to enable all to participate.

Targeted: The school and Parent Council subsidise costs for special events and trips for identified families providing Golden Tickets and stalls with no participation fee.

Eating and Drinking at School

We have worked with local food groups and charities to launch 'Peel Pantry' which is located outside our school building and is open from 8am-6pm on school days for our local community to help themselves to food or toiletries. This is re-stocked regularly and our families are made aware of the option to utilise Peel Pantry without having to come into the school building. Our Rights Respecting Group wrote a letter/appeal for donations, resulting in a local company donating items to help to keep our pantry stocked for an extended period.

Targeted:

Fresh fruit is available daily so that no child goes hungry. Snack crates have been purchased to stock with food to use in a central school location.