



Cost of the School Day Action Statement Session 2024 – 25

All members of staff at Linlithgow Bridge Primary School are aware of the effects of poverty and how it relates to the context of our school, our young people, our families and our community.

Attitudes towards poverty

Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>We work hard to ensure no child is disadvantaged due to poverty.</p> <p>Article 27 of the UNCRC says that every child has the right to a standard of living that allows them to develop physically, mentally, spiritually and socially. We educate all children about their rights.</p> <p>Awareness raising sessions have been held for our school community in relation to the Cost of the School Day.</p> <p>Staff will complete the CPAG e-learning module and self-evaluation activities planned.</p>	<p>We know our children and families well and plan additional support for children who require it.</p> <p>We consult with our parents to ensure targeted support is provided where required.</p>

Friendships at school

Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>Our school values promote equity and inclusion by ensuring all our children feel safe, treat others with respect and behave responsibly.</p>	<p>Nurture underpins our daily practice and is vital for social skills development.</p>

	Targeted support is provided for identified pupils who require support with relationships in the playground.
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Learning at school

Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>Stationery and core resources are provided for all classes to access at all times.</p> <p>Children are discouraged from bringing in toys from home. We are mindful that precious items may get lost or broken, and that all children do not have the same. Playground toys are available for all children to access during breaks.</p> <p>Training is provided for staff to enhance our expertise in ensuring equity in our classrooms.</p>	<p>Participatory budgeting discussions have identified the need to develop our playground to ensure equity of experience at playtime.</p> <p>A quiet area is available in our playground for targeted children. Senior pupils will be trained as Playground Games leaders to ensure equity of experience for all children.</p>

Getting dressed for school

Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>School uniform is polo shirt, sweat shirt, (shirt and tie for P7. The children are gifted a tie at the start of their P7 year. Plain unembroidered items are also acceptable as school uniform. Any shorts/jogging trousers and a plain white T-shirt are accepted for PE.</p> <p>Leavers` Hoodies are provided for all P7 pupils.</p>	<p>Nearly new school uniform is available on request from our school office. Our Parent Council Fundraising Committee arrange online Nearly New Uniform sales. Donations of pre-loved uniform are welcomed.</p> <p>We know our families well and make referrals to the West Lothian School Clothing bank if required. Information is regularly shared.</p> <p>PE kits will be supplied if needed.</p> <p>Clothing Grant information is readily available and support can be provided for families to access.</p>

Travelling to school

Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>Most of our pupils live within walking distance of the school and we can walk to local sporting events.</p>	<p>Staff are aware of families who will require support with travel.</p>

School trips

Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>We give consideration to the cost of all school trips. We make best use of our local community and visitors to enhance learning experiences where possible.</p> <p>Excursions and events are generally planned in advance to ensure parents/carers are notified in a timely manner.</p> <p>A residential trip is offered to all children in Primary 7.</p> <p>Payment plans are available for all families.</p> <p>A maximum amount of £5 per child is charged for any trips / events.</p> <p>Our PCFC fund the cost of 1 bus per class per year to ensure the cost of school trips is kept to a minimum.</p>	<p>School Fund Money is used to subsidise cost of outings.</p> <p>We raise awareness with families of any funding available for residentials, and make applications for funding on their behalf.</p> <p>We invite parents to contact us in confidence if they are having difficulty paying for trips. We will always ensure that the child takes part.</p>

School clubs

Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>Lunch Time clubs led by senior pupils are encouraged and any school run after school clubs are free of charge.</p>	<p>Participation in activity clubs is monitored and children are encouraged to engage in opportunities for a variety of free or low cost sports events and activity clubs.</p> <p>We invite parents to contact us if they require free places at any paid clubs.</p>

Eating at school

Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>Breakfast club provision is free and accessible to all children.</p> <p>We promote Free School Meals and share this information at various times throughout the year.</p> <p>The school operates a cashless system to reduce any stigma around free school meals.</p>	<p>We can provide breakfast / snack for any pupils who require this.</p>

Home learning

Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>Consideration is given to home learning activities to ensure there are no specialist resources required which may incur an additional cost for families.</p> <p>We provide home learning activities online through TEAMS/SeeSaw.</p> <p>We have made parents/carers aware that we do not expect any work to be printed at home.</p> <p>Children will have access to digital technology in school.</p>	<p>The children are encouraged to use whichever device is available to them at home (phone, tablet, X-Box, netbook)</p> <p>Paper copies of learning activities are available for those children who do not have access to technology.</p>

Fun events

Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>Dress down days are limited throughout the year. We do not request donations of money.</p> <p>Our fundraising events are balanced between supporting charities and our own school community.</p> <p>We also ask for other non-monetary donations – eg WLC Foodbank donations, Rag Bag Collections.</p>	<p>All pupils are encouraged to attend school events and tickets provided at no cost if required.</p> <p>Tickets for school shows have been reduced to a minimal amount. We invite parents to order free tickets with no questions asked.</p>