



Poverty Proofing Statement: Low Port Primary School

All our staff are aware of the effects of poverty and how it pertains to the context of our school and our young people.

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 yellow t-shirt. We recycle lost property wherever possible twice a year. We have a 'help yourself' area of uniform in the school reception at parent's nights. A local charity shop, Debra, accepts donations of our uniform for families to purchase.

Travel: We give consideration to transport costs for all trips where walking is not an option.

Resources: Classrooms have essential supplies such as pencils/calculators etc. to borrow.

Trips: We give consideration to all trips to ensure that costs are kept down. Free spaces on all residential trips 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.

Eating: we promote Free School Meals and share information for all parents about it at various times throughout the year. Cashless catering means that there is less stigma attached.

Clubs: Pupils in receipt of free school meals may access two after school clubs free where there is a charge.

Homework: Any homework set online will be optional and we will allow pupils to access IT and other facilities that they may not have at home during school time. We will not ask for any work to be printed at home. We always provide a paper back up to homework.

Events (e.g. charity events, dress down days etc.): We ask for a donation as opposed to a flat £1 for any school event or dress down day. We limit the number of charity and other fundraising events and spread them throughout the year, with no more than two per school year. Some of the money raised we use directly within the school to support equity.

Our school has a poster up in reception and information on the website of what money we will be asking for and when, so parents can plan out their budget.