

LOW PORT PRIMARY SCHOOL COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY STATEMENT

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 as school uniform. Any shorts/jogging trousers are accepted for PE with a plain yellow t-shirt. We recycle lost property regularly. We have a 'help yourself' sustainable school uniform stall in the school reception. 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, rulers, calculators etc. to borrow.

Trips: We give consideration to all trips to ensure that costs are kept down. Through knowing our families well, identified children will receive free spaces on trips and residential trips. 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 residentials/trips with families in the school.



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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: We offer free lunchtime and after-school clubs for P1-7 run by our staff covering many sporting and non-sporting activities.

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.