



Cost of the School Day Statement 2023-24

With regards to the items below we have measures in place which help our families with school costs and make sure that our children can participate and learn. All of our staff are aware of and continue to develop their understanding through whole school staff training of the effects of poverty and the impact this has on our school, community, families and children. Our work is driven by our values of trust, respect, ambition, inclusion and nurture as we work very closely with partners, such as the Boghall Drop In Centre (BDIC) to ensure equity for all.

Getting Ready for School:

Universal: Our school uniform is a polo shirt, purple/black sweat shirt, shirt and tie with plain unembroidered items acceptable. Any shorts and T shirt are acceptable for PE with the exception of football strips.

Targeted: 'nearly new' school uniform bank is available in conjunction with the BDIC and at the front entrance of school. This is open to all and can be accessed freely. Clothing Grant forms are regularly signposted through school newsletters, and our Family Link Worker can support completion of applications. Parent Council support with funding for basic essential items such as underwear, socks etc. As a school we also provide items such as P.E kits, indoor shoes, water bottles and outdoor clothing if required.

Travelling to School:

Universal: Our school serves the catchment of Boghall and Bathgate East, almost all children live within walking distance to school. After school clubs are run in school so there is no need to travel any distance.

Targeted: Staff are available to support families requiring assistance to complete transport applications. Class excursions are carefully planned to ensure costs are kept to a minimum, and are often subsidised using school funds.

Communication:

Consideration of Cost of the School Day will be given to all elements of school life. Our Family Link Worker will liaise with the school community to gather the views of all and ensure as many voices are heard as possibly when tackling areas related to Cost of the School Day.

Resources:

Universal: Uniform is promoted to negate any peer pressure for branded clothing. Although we promote 'bring your own devices' for technology, all pupils will continue to have access to digital technologies in school. Equity is discussed regularly in school and we continue to work with our school community to develop their awareness of the difference between Equity and Equality.

Targeted: We provide Nurture and Social Skills interventions for individual and group development. We work closely with a range of agencies including BDIC, Health, IWS and social policy to meet the needs of all.

Learning at School:

Universal: Stationery is provided for all classes to access at all times. Learning resources are accessible within all classrooms and learners are encouraged to use a variety of manipulatives to support their learning. They have individual resource packs which include stationery, whiteboard, pen and duster. There are options for resources to be borrowed to support learning e.g. devices, dictionaries, rulers, calculators. On entry to Primary 1, every child is gifted a Boghall Primary Book Bag and home learning pack.

Targeted: Regular Team Around the Class, Individual Education Plans and learning reviews are held and monitored regularly to support our most vulnerable pupils. In conjunction with the BDIC, support is offered in the form of Homework Support group with our Family Link Worker for our most vulnerable children.

Eating at School:

Universal: We promote Free School Meals and signpost information for all parents regularly throughout the session. Cashless catering reduces stigma through our promoted use of iPayimpact.

Targeted: We offer a Breakfast club for all pupils from 8:00am every day. We can provide snacks/breakfast for any child who requires this out with breakfast club hours, funding for this is supported by the Parent Council. Staff are available to assist with vouchers for the Food Bank. Snacks for any specific events are funded by the school. We recommend parents who could make use of the provision provided by the BDIC Holiday Club which provides food during non-term times as well as a foodbank accessible for all. Staff will provide cooking classes for targeted pupils with their parents as part of 'Make and Taste' sessions.

Home Learning

Universal: If home learning tends to rely on Digital Technology, wherever possible time is allocated to complete tasks in school. We always provide a paper back up to homework.

Targeted: Our Family Link Worker runs a homework club to offer advice/support and resources. Staff regularly communicate with learners through TEAMS, Seesaw and email to offer advice/support. Families without access to a device to engage in online learning have the opportunity to borrow a school device.

School Clubs:

Universal: All school organised after school clubs are run by staff free of charge. When clubs have a charge attached e.g. through Active Schools, pupils in receipt of FSM would not be required to pay.

Targeted: Our staff team direct families and encourage families to attend after school clubs and activities. Pupil Equity Funds are used to fund coaches/leaders to provide high quality activities this may include Sports and Life Skills groups.

Fun and Charitable events:

Universal: Fun events in school including celebrations and focus weeks are paid for using school fund. We always ask for donations rather than a contribution to dress down days and fund raisers. Parent Council support school with funding such as subsidising school trips.

Pupil Support Worker Team:

Our pupil support workers and senior leadership team work alongside our staff, families and children to best support the needs of all of our families and to help reduce the cost of the school day and to narrow the poverty related attainment gap.

Participatory Budget

Pupil council will take responsibility for the consultation and planning of our PEF participatory budget spend. Consideration will be given to Cost of the School Day, Outdoor Learning and excursion planning.