Pinewood School Poverty Proofing Statement

The Cost of the School Day

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Session 2024/25

Getting ready for school



Universal: Wearing of school uniform is encouraged to help pupils understand that it is time for school.

Primary- Pupils can wear a red or Navy Sweatshirt with a polo shirt. Any black or grey trousers, leggings, skirts or joggers are acceptable. Primary pupils are encouraged to wear a yellow tshirt which helps signify that it is time for PE however and plain t -shirt is acceptable.

Primary pupils are supplied with their own PE bag which is funded from the school fund.

Secondary- Pupils can wear a white polo shirt and black sweatshirt and again any black or grey trousers, leggings, skirts or joggers are acceptable.

The clothing does not need to be embroidered. Pupils starting secondary school are provided with a new school sweatshirt.

Targeted:

We have a bank of nearly new uniforms stored in school and staff can offer them to identified pupils if they require extra clothing.

Our PASTA Committee have sourced new warm jackets for children that are available in school. Throughout the school year we have a uniform stall where parents are encouraged to take what they require and if they wish can leave clothing that they no longer need for other families to access. School uniform is purchased for identified pupils if there has been a need identified.



School Community attitude Towards Poverty

Universal: At Pinewood school we value all our children and young people including their families and staff have a very good understanding of the challenges that they face on a daily basis .We engage pupils, parents and staff about how to use PEF participatory budget to reduce the impact of poverty. Pupils are supported to be part of the pupil council so that they have a voice in the wider life of the school.

Targeted:

Through regular meetings and communications with families school staff are able to support families and sign post them to e.g. school clothes bank and assistance to access any benefits etc.

We work very closely with our colleagues in health and social policy and are able to work together to support families.

We regularly encourage our families to access local resources who support parents of children with additional support needs.

Eating at School



Universal: Each pupil at our school is entitled to a healthy snack in the morning and a free meal at lunchtime. Where appropriate dietary preferences are taken into account.

All pupils receive free school milk.

Targeted: Breakfast provision is available for those pupils who have not had breakfast prior to coming to school.

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Underwear is available for pupils who are menstruating and sanitary provision is available in school and for some pupils to take home.

Learning at School



<u>Universal</u>: All pupils are given the resources that they require to access their learning in school.

Food technology: Pupils will participate in a weekly food technology programme. School will provide the ingredients using PEF funding.

Home Learning: Parents and carer are supported with tools to enable that learning can take place at home. For some of the pupils this will be laminated symbols to help with communication for others it may be being provided a learning activity to complete at home.

Excursions: We plan school trips in advance and they are usually covered through school funds and parent council contributions.

Residential: They are planned well in advance and are heavily subsidised through fund raising or school fund. Parents are given the opportunity to pay up on a weekly basis.

Targeted:

Food Technology: Pupils are not required to pay and are not excluded from any curricular areas.

Travelling to School



<u>Universal</u>: Our pupil are all entitled to free school transport and are brought to school each day by a taxi or bus.

Targeted:

Where a parent/Carer has difficulty accessing school meetings due to transport issues the meetings have been arranged in their own local community so as to avoid unnecessary cost or in the case of parent/carer consultations these have been completed by phone.

Fun/Charity Events



<u>Universal:</u> Fun events in school are usually funded by the parent council (PASTA) or by the school fund. All pupils and their families are encouraged to attend these events.

In school there is a charity committee and they decide which charities will be supported for that year. These are set out in the annual calendar and are spread out throughout the school year.

Targeted: identified pupils will be given some money to participate in events during the school day from the PEF Participatory Budget.

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they cannot pay and the PEF Participatory budget can	
be used to pay for trips for identified pupils.	
PE : PE kit can be provided if required	