



Cost of the School Day Action Statement Session 2024 – 25

All staff Southdale Primary School are aware of the effects of poverty and the impact this has on the context of our school, young people, families and the community.

Attitudes towards poverty

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| <p>All staff work to ensure that no child is disadvantaged due to poverty.</p> <p>Article 27 of the UNCRC states that every child has the right to a standard of living that allows them to develop physically, mentally, spiritually and socially. Our children are part of our Rights Respecting School journey and work alongside staff to model and educate others within the school community on the Rights of the Child.</p> <p>Discussions within Parent Council meetings have addressed the Cost of the School Day and our Poverty Proofing Statement has been created with their views in mind. We have developed School Improvement Groups to support interventions around Cost of the Scgool Day and West Lothian’s Equity Agenda.</p> | <p>We know our children and families well and plan additional support for children who require it.</p> |

Friendships at school

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| <p>Our school values promote equity and inclusion by ensuring all our children feel safe, are respectful and inclusive to all.</p> | <p>Whole school nurturing approaches underpin our daily practice and are vital to develop social skills.</p> <p>There are designated areas and leadership opportunities within the school playground to encourage and support building friendships i.e, Buddy Bench, Upper School Buddies and Sports Leaders to buddies.</p> |



Learning at school

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| <p>Stationery and core resources are provided for all classes to access at all times.</p> <p>Children are discouraged from bringing in toys or expensive equipment from home as we are mindful that these items may get lost or broken. We are also mindful that not all children will have similar items.</p> <p>Playground toys are available for all children to access during breaks and lunch times.</p> <p>Discussions with staff ensure that there is a common understanding of ensuring equity in our classrooms.</p> | <p>Participatory budgeting discussions involve children to ensure that they can make decisions on what may further support and enhance learning in school.</p> <p>A quiet area is available in our playground for targeted children.</p> |

Getting dressed for school

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| <p>School uniform is a choice between a polo shirt, white shirt and tie, purple or grey sweat shirt, hoodie or cardigan (or black leaver's hoodie for P7's). P1 children are gifted a tie at the end of their ELC journey.</p> <p>Plain unembroidered and embroidered items are acceptable as school uniform.</p> <p>Any dark coloured shorts/jogging trousers and a plain white T-shirt are accepted for relaxed uniform days for PE and outdoor learning.</p> <p>All P7's are provided with a Leaver's hoodie for the start of their P7 session. These are then fundraised for by P7 children within their P7 session.</p> | <p>Our Pupil Equity Team work with staff and parents to build up a bank of pre-loved school uniform which will be available for a small cost within the children's Social Enterprise.</p> <p>Donations of pre-loved uniform are welcomed.</p> <p>We know our families very well and make referrals to the West Lothian School Clothing bank as required. Information is regularly shared.</p> <p>Clothing Grant information is communicated with parents / carers and support can be provided for families to access.</p> |



Travelling to school

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| <p>Most of our pupils live within walking distance of the school. Children can walk to many events organised as part of the school and or cluster / community.</p> | <p>Staff are aware of families who will require support with travel and can organise this accordingly.</p> |

School trips

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| <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>All classes will experience one trip within the school year which will be subsidised by the school. These events are generally planned in advance to ensure parents/carers are notified in enough time and payment plans are put in place.</p> <p>Any further experiences which may be offered are discussed between staff and parents / carers.</p> <p>A residential trip is planned and offered to all children in Primary 7.</p> <p>There is a cap on costs of school trips for any families with 3 or more children.</p> | <p>School Fund is used to subsidise cost of outings where possible.</p> <p>We raise awareness with families of any funding available for residential, and can make applications for funding to further support.</p> <p>We invite parents to contact us in confidence if they are having difficulty paying for trips. We will always ensure as far as possible that the child takes part.</p> |

School clubs

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| <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 both within and out with the school day is monitored and children are encouraged to engage in opportunities.</p> <p>We provide information to parents around key holiday times of clubs to support children within these times.</p> |

Eating at school

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| <p>Breakfast club 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>We use IpayImpact which stops any stigma around free school meals.</p> | <p>We have a 'Breakfast / Snack Basket' for any pupils who require this.</p> |

Home learning

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| <p>Consideration is given to home learning activities to ensure there are no specialist resources required which may incur additional costs for our families.</p> <p>We provide home learning ideas online through TEAMS/SeeSaw.</p> <p>Children will have access to digital technology in school.</p> | <p>The children are encouraged to use which ever 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

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| <p>Dress down days are held on the last Friday of each month. We ask for a donation for the foodbank rather than money for these days.</p> <p>We fundraise to support charities as well as our school and community.</p> | <p>All pupils are encouraged to attend school events and ticket prices (if applicable) are capped at a set cost for families with 3 or more children.</p> <p>Ticket prices for school shows have been considered and again capped for families with 3 or more children.</p> |