



Deans Primary Poverty Proof Statement 2024

All of our staff are aware of the effects of poverty and how it impacts our children and their families. We have a range of universal and targeted supports and strategies in place to support our children and families and help reduce the cost of the school day. These are outlined below:

Getting Dressed for School



Universal:

School uniform is a red or white polo shirt or white shirt and tie with our school badge. Un-embroidered items are absolutely part of our uniform and we actively promote this with our parents/carers. We have a stock of uniform in school that we give out to children if required. These are distributed with discretion to preserve the dignity and respect of our children and families. Our ELC setting provides all children with a Values T-shirt for starting Nursery that can be worn as part of uniform and we have a stock of clothes in Nursery to support our children who need a change during the day. Spare sets are available for pupils from our stock room, which all school staff are able to access, if necessary. Our school has an accessible outside clothing bank where new and nearly new clothing is accessible to our parents/carers on a daily basis. Our P7's in the final term are bought a hoodie and a new tie for their S1 destination as a leaving present to help them remember their time at Deans and that they will always continue to be a part of our Deans family.



Targeted:

Currently the school can offer some support with uniform and PE kits as a stock is kept in school and we have a 'nearly new' rail of uniform as part of our Sharing Shed initiative. We also have access to the local school uniform bank and the school regularly accesses this service to support our families. We have also spent money donated to the school by various community/charity organisations and other sources to buy clothing and uniforms for our families, as appropriate.

Travelling to School



Universal:

Our school serves the area of Deans and almost all of our children live within walking distance of the school. For those who travel by taxi or other forms of transfer, school staff can support those requiring assistance to complete transport applications. A range of clubs are run free of charge both before and after school and at lunch-times to allow pupils easy access. All school trip transport is paid for by the fundraising of our Parent Council.



Targeted:

The school can provide transport to allow pupils who need it to attend after school clubs through PEF funding and our Family Link worker.

Friendships at school



Universal

The wearing of our school uniform is promoted to negate any peer pressure for branded and fashion clothing. Our Health and Wellbeing curriculum and our vision and values continue to underpin all aspects of learning to promote equity for all. A group of learners have been trained as peer mediators to help support pupils to deal with conflict.



Targeted:

We provide reading and transition buddy programmes as well as our Nurture and Garden Gang groups to support pupils with their social skills development. Our pupils run a Playground Committee alongside our support staff where they support children to be involved in a variety of activities during break times.

Learning at school



Universal:

Stationery is provided for all classes to access at all times. There are options for resources to be borrowed to support learning i.e. devices, dictionaries, rulers, calculators. All pupils have access to digital technology in school.



Targeted:

Review meetings are held regularly to provide bespoke learning targets for those children who need support with their learning. This is also continually monitored through our 6 weekly Excellence and Equity meetings. We have used our PEF budget in a variety of ways to support learning gaps by funding four additional Pupil Support Staff to work on targeted interventions with our pupils and run extra-curricular clubs. Through initiatives such as an ELC transition group, Family Learning Breakfasts and groups run by our Family Support Worker, we are able to support parents and carers as they help their children to achieve their targets and ensure they are ready to learn.

School trips



Universal:

We plan school trips in advance to ensure parents/carers are notified in a timely manner. Class trips are limited in number to help reduce the cost. All classes go on at least one class trip in the session which is partially funded by the school and our Parent Council. We ask parents/carers to make a donation if they feel they are able to toward class trips but make it clear that all pupils will attend

regardless. All pupils have the opportunity to attend residential experiences throughout their time at Primary School. These can be paid up through a payment card. We continue to have discreet and confidential conversations with our families to ensure that money is not a barrier for attendance and help to partially or fully fund those that require it.

 Targeted:

School Staff and our Family Support Worker are able to support families and sign post them for financial help if and when required. We use PEF funding and donations from local charities to make trips/residentials accessible to all and to provide appropriate clothing if needed.

Fun events

 Universal /  Targeted:

Fun events in school such as dress down days do not require payment. Children are invited to bring in items for our school sharing shed. Pantomimes, authors' visits etc. are not charged and all children attend.

Eating at school

 Universal:

We regularly have links for FSM and milk applications in on our newsletters. Cashless catering means that there is less stigma attached to pupils eligible for free school meals. The school operates a free breakfast club for all pupils. This is heavily promoted to all new pupils and families within our school and children are encouraged to attend with fun incentives including Friday Fitness which happens after the children have eaten with an external coach. We have a tuck shop available in school for children to buy snack. For any child who does not have snack, there is a stock, which staff can access to ensure they have one on a daily basis. All children have the option to have 'seconds' in the dining hall and there is always a plentiful supply of fresh fruit and bread for children to access. Our Sharing Shed is regularly topped up with food and toiletries and is accessible in a discrete, safe outside area of our school. All children and families have access to this resource and it is frequently highlighted in school correspondence.

 Targeted:

For those children who have not had breakfast and who do not make it to breakfast club, support staff and teachers operate a check in system for vulnerable pupils and breakfast is provided where necessary. Our dining staff and SLT carefully monitor the dining hall to ensure that our children are eating well and that packed lunches are supplemented with additional food if required.

Attitudes towards poverty



Universal:

All staff have very good relationships, awareness, knowledge and understanding of the children and families in our school. All pupils are part of a range of pupil committees where they discuss and take action on certain topics including Reading Ambassadors, Wellbeing warriors, P7 Leadership Group and Playground Champions. In partnership with Morrisons and other charities/businesses, our sharing shed provides members of our school and wider community with access to food and toiletries.



Targeted:

Our staff offer regular drop in sessions and speak with individual families in regards to supporting and sign posting to help available. We have positive multi-agency working, which offers positive support for those that require individualised input. Our Family Support Worker is an essential member of our team and has built up positive relationships with key families to support them in a range of ways, including running drop in sessions and workshops on a variety of topics such as sleep routines, financial advice and mental health. The cost of the school day will be a key focus for our leadership groups and their action planning.

School clubs



Universal:

All in school clubs are free of charge.



Targeted:

Our staff team signpost and encourage families to attend school clubs and activities.

Home learning



Universal:

Home learning tends not to rely on ICT. If this is needed, time is allocated to complete in school. Home learning has been modified to include key tasks linked to our values and our Skills for Life, Learning and Work programme.

Staff Team

Our staff are committed in helping reduce the cost of the school day and to narrow the poverty related attainment gap. They work tirelessly to ensure that all children within our school community are fed, safe and cared for on a daily basis. This is evident throughout the school year through our quality assurance processes, our Equity and Excellence meetings and from feedback from our families.