



REDUCING THE COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY AT SPRINGFIELD PS AND BONNYTOWN ELC



At Springfield Primary School, we are committed to reducing the cost of the school day to support all families. We recognise that financial pressures can affect learning, participation and wellbeing. All staff work together to remove financial barriers so every child can take part fully in school life.

We have the following measures in place to support our families with school costs, ensuring that our school is inclusive, and we meet the needs of all learners.

Uniform

Universal Support

Our school uniform is a polo shirt, sweatshirt or cardigan with the school badge branding. Plain unembroidered items are acceptable too. Similarly, we have a branded school PE uniform but unbranded shorts/joggers and T-shirts are also welcome with the exception of football strips.

We have a 'Nearly New Uniform' online stall where families can donate or purchase uniform for a minimal charge. We organise seasonal 'swishing' events where families can swap or take jackets, Christmas jumpers, Halloween costumes etc.

Targeted Support

We provide identified families with free school uniform if required and also refer families to the School Clothing Bank.

We recycle school uniform from lost property and from donations.

We have a 'Nearly New Uniform' online stall where families can donate or purchase uniform for a minimal charge. In addition, we identify families to donate e.g. winter jackets to.

Travel Costs

Universal Support

At Springfield Primary School, the majority of our pupils live within walking distance of our school. We can walk to all local sporting and cluster events. We give consideration to transport costs for all trips, which are subsidised by the PTA.

Targeted Support

School staff can support those requiring assistance to complete transport applications.

Transport costs for school trips are subsidised by the PTA for identified families.



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Eating At School

Universal Support

The school operates a free breakfast club for all pupils.

Targeted Support

Staff are on hand to support FSM applications.

Cashless payment through iPay reduces the stigma attached to pupils eligible for free school meals.

Curricular Learning

Universal Support

All classrooms are well equipped with essential stationary and supplies for learning including pencils, rubbers, colouring pens, calculators etc. Families are informed that there is no requirement to supply these materials.

Children in P5-7 are able to bring their own digital devices to school as part of West Lothian's 'Anywhere, Anytime Learning' strategy. Additional iPads/laptops are available in every classroom.

Targeted Support

Child Planning Meetings are held at least Termly in order to support identified learners.

Partnerships with external agencies are used to ensure that the needs of all learners are met.

Home Learning

Universal Support

Home Learning is distributed via recommended online platforms. P1-3 use SeeSaw and P4-7 utilise Microsoft Teams.

There is no requirement to print any resources at home. Stationary and jotters are supplied to all children in order to work at home, if required.

Targeted Support

Home Learning platforms are accessible through a range of devices at home such as phones, iPads and PlayStations / Xboxes.

Paper copies of activities are provided for those who do not have access to technology.



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Excursions

Universal Support

We carefully consider all trips to ensure that costs are kept down. 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. The PTA cover the costs of class trips and families have the option to donate to a 'pay it forward' scheme. All donations are anonymous.

Targeted Support

We provide financial support for any families who require assistance to attend any of our trips or residential. We know our families well to offer support, with the PTA helping fund. In addition, families know who to contact if they require assistance.

School Clubs

Universal Support

All activity clubs organised out-with the school day are fully funded by the school and are currently free of charge to all pupils.

Targeted Support

Our staff team sign post and encourage our pupils to participate in the free extra-curricular activities on offer.

Family support

We work closely with our parents and respond to their needs. This may include signposting parents to advice or providing practical support. If you require any support, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our HT, Mrs Nicola Hocknull.

Useful Links

Help with school costs: <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/helpwithcosts>

Information on other benefits: <https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/benefits>

West Lothian Foodbank: <https://westlothian.foodbank.org.uk/>

The Advice Shop: <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/advice-shop>

The School Bank: <https://schoolbank-westlothian.org/>