



St John the Baptist RC Primary School

Cost of the School Day Action Statement

All staff at St John the Baptist are aware of the effects of poverty and the relevance within the context of our school and of our young people.

Uniform

Universal: Our school uniform is a polo shirt, sweat shirt, shirt and tie with both plain and embroidered items acceptable as school uniform. Footwear is both black indoor and outdoor shoes. Any black shorts/leggings/joggers and white T shirt/polo shirt are acceptable for PE. The school provides a range of sports kit for various sporting festivals.

Targeted: We currently have a 'nearly new' school uniform supply organised by our Admin/PSWs and stored in a designated area. We have access to other school uniform banks. A supply of new uniform items is also held within the school. These are available for pick up at all school events and meetings.

Travel

Universal: After school clubs are held in school to ensure all pupils have access to a range of extra-curricular activities with no further travel implications.

Targeted: School subsidises/covers the cost of "other" after school clubs for targeted pupils/families. Staff have supported families requiring assistance to complete transport applications/free school meal and clothing grants. The school provides transport for pupils/families to access extra-curricular activities.

Relationships/Friendships at School

Universal: Uniform is promoted to negate any peer pressure around branded and fashion clothing. Equity, equality and positive relationships are the values informing the ethos of our school. (Friendship is one of our school values.) We provide a whole school and targeted nurture approach for social skills development for all pupils.

Targeted: Staff are trained in trauma sensitive and restorative practice.

Learning at School/ Resources

Universal: Stationery is provided for all classes to access at all times. There are options for resources to be borrowed to support learning e.g. devices, books, dictionaries, calculators, etc. We promote 'bring your own devices' for technology, and provide access to digital technologies in school.

Targeted: Regular planning meetings, Individual Education Plans and learning reviews are held and monitored regularly to support our most vulnerable pupils. We engage with our pupils and families to ensure our Participatory Budget is spent in a way that will enhance their experiences of school.

School Trips

Universal: We plan school trips in advance to ensure our families are notified in a timely manner. Parents/carers are consulted regarding these to ensure costs are kept down. Where appropriate we try to source locations that provide limited transport to reduce the cost of the trip but also try to provide a range of experiences and locations. All senior pupils have the opportunity to attend residential experiences– these trips can be paid up over time. We encourage pupils to join Credit



Union from Primary 1 to help with this. Our Parent Council and other partners fundraise to help support with the cost of buses. We will provide an annual overview of approximated costs and trips each year.

Targeted: School staff support families sensitively and signpost them for financial assistance if and when required. We work closely with our parish and our local Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Events

Universal & Targeted: Events are carefully planned in advance and supported by our Parent Council. We ask for a voluntary donation rather than a specific contribution to dress down days and other fundraisers. We plan these in different ways and limit them to make sure there is not an unnecessary financial burden or too many demands on parents.

Eating at School

Universal: We promote our Free Breakfast Club and Free School Meals, we share information for all parents about them at various times throughout the year through a range of communications. We try to enhance numbers attending this through providing Active Breakfast Club Monday to Thursday. We encourage parents to pre-order hot meals for their children using iPay. Cashless catering reduces stigma. Our Parent Council or the school provide snacks for pantomimes, sports activities and other events.

Targeted: We offer and provide snacks/ breakfast for all children who require it out with breakfast club hours. All children arriving after breakfast club are offered a 'second breakfast' to reduce the stigma. Additional food for snacks is funded through our school fund usually raised through events.

School Clubs

Universal: All in-school organised after school clubs are run currently free of charge.

Targeted: Our staff team direct families and encourage families to attend after school clubs and activities. When clubs have a charge attached e.g. through Active Schools, pupils in receipt of FSM would not be required to pay or we would try to fund this through school fund.

Home Learning

Universal: Revised school policy on homework with a focus on skills for life and family learning. Staff have an awareness of pupils' ability to access online resources to complete set tasks. There is increased staff confidence, skills and knowledge in the use of online learning resources. A wider range and number of online resources are now available to support school, home and family learning.

Targeted: Pupils have the option to complete tasks online or on paper. Online tools provided where requested.