

Statement of action to address the cost of Kirkoswald CE School's school day



This statement has been formulated using 'Turning the page on poverty: A practical guide for education staff to help tackle poverty and the cost of the school day', and has been discussed with local Headteachers, ensuring shared understanding within the local cluster schools. <https://children-ne.org.uk/turning-the-page-on-poverty>

At Kirkoswald CE School we aim to:

- Provide a full curriculum for all to ensure equity of experience for all pupils
- Connect learning with the lives and contexts of our pupils and to value their knowledge and experiences
- Actively encourage every student's voice in the classroom in order to create a safe and engaging environment for learning
- Ensure school staff understand the local context and community so we can better view the world from the perspective of our pupils

Getting ready for school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All nursery children and other new starters will be provided with a free book bag on entry to the school ○ No expectation for logo items to be worn (although they are available) – all uniform items can be purchased from a range of high street stores ○ Pre-loved free uniform stock available and are regularly advertised or offered to new parents ○ Children can be provided with a cup to use through the day- no expectation for water bottles ○ No stationery needed from home- all provided by school (although children can use their own if they wish)
Learning at school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children are provided with stationery needed ○ Music lessons paid by school for most vulnerable pupils ○ Regular monitoring, pupil plans are utilised to identify where support might be needed ○ FSM information attached to the newsletter ○ For activities where children are required to bring in items from home (e.g., modelling or recycling materials for a project), appropriate notice is given and school provides a selection of spare items ○ Adventure/Outdoor learning – spare clothing and footwear provided
Eating at school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Subsidised paid for school meals for students in Y3 up to Y6 ○ FSM information provided to parents and support given in completing paperwork if needed ○ Information about support available disseminated through letters, emails and social media ○ Free fruit scheme for all KS1 pupils ○ Milk is free in Class 1-up to the end of year 2 ○ Holiday Activity vouchers and Free School Meal Food vouchers during term breaks are distributed to those families who are eligible for Free School Meals
School trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adequate time and notice are given before any trips or residentials

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School clubs and activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For any fundraising events, donations are collected discretely ○ All school organised after school and lunchtime clubs are run by staff free of charge wherever possible. Any costs relate to essential resourcing e.g., cookery ingredients ○ When clubs have a charge attached e.g., through Active Schools, pupils in receipt of FSM would not be required to pay. ○ For children in receipt of FSM, music lessons are paid for if required ○ After School Club free of charge to children in receipt of FSM
Home learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Homework is kept to a minimum. Any online homework can be completed in school time ○ For any periods of home learning, devices and stationary items can be provided as required