

Mitigating Poverty at St Athan Primary School

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What We Are Presently Doing

All children have a right to education. The United Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) states:

1. The right to the best possible health and nutritious food (Article 24)
2. The right to an adequate standard of living (Article 27)
3. The Right to play and leisure opportunities (Article 31)
4. The right to benefit from social services (Article 26)
5. The right to fulfil their potential (Article 6)

These principles lie at the heart of St Athan primary School

Understanding Poverty

- Staff teacher's track FSM and pupils affected by poverty in all pupil data
- FSM pupil's attendance data scrutinised/tracked
- Absence review meeting (support meeting scheduled for ½ terms)
- Curriculum addresses issues around poverty.

School uniform and clothing

- Partnership with local clothes bank.
- Introduce school uniform swap shop.
- School uniform policy- school colours encouraged but logo not essential.
- Spare PE kits and uniform available
- Grant funded PE kits, nearly new uniform stall in annual school fair.

Food and Hunger

- Free breakfast club
- FSM for all pupils
- Partnership with need to feed local food bank/poverty share pantry
- Children offered grab bags for school trips/visits
- PSP pupils offered grab bags to take away
- Nursery offered free snack
- Bottomless fruit bowl

Participation in the life of the school

- Extra-curricular activities/ clubs
- PDG funds for educational visits/trip
- Instalment scheme offered for school trips
- Charging policy reviewed and duplicated
- Fundraising days
- Team around the child
- Inexpensive celebration events (No fancy dress)
- PTA fundraising -Christmas gifts, Easter eggs, summer fair stalls
- Experiences/Visitors offered free of charge-Garage band, story tellers
- Free summer bike club
- School resource packs available
- Year 6 leavers hoodies purchased
- Year 6 leavers book purchased
- Period dignity/poverty grant used to offer products
- Broad and varied curriculum at no cost, e.g tasting sessions, story tellers, music specialists/harp player
- School minibus offers free transport on school visits/ trips
- Affordability of school trips which can be subsidised by school budget PDG grant
- Free transport to local events
- Funded sporting/physical activities offered by the saints
- Outdoor play equipment purchased through grants
- Engagement with local companies and institutes to bring activities to school.

Home/School relationships

- Parental groups offering support and advice at school and STEM workshops
- Shared learning experiences shared with families
- Share sessions for families
- Text service
- Weekly newsletter- digital and paper copies
- Sharing of free resources
- Holiday meals and deals shared
- Parental consultations – pupil attend to share learning
- Open door policy- wellbeing lead
- School mobile to dedicated member of staff
- Head teacher on school gate breaking down barriers
- Consider role of family engagement officer alongside wellbeing lead
- Views/opinions from parents/carers sought regularly