



Cost of the School Day Statement 2024/25: Torphichen Primary School

All our staff are aware of the effects of poverty and how it pertains to the context of our school and our young people.

Uniform: School uniform is polo shirt, sweatshirt, (shirt and tie for P7- the children are given a tie at the start of their P7 year) with plain unembroidered items acceptable as school uniform. Any shorts/jogging trousers are accepted for PE with a plain t-shirt. We recycle lost property wherever possible and have a used-uniform table at events such as the school fair and outside in the playground as well as a rail with uniform available in reception all year round. This supports our drive for sustainability as well as supporting identified families.

School Bank West Lothian: We access uniform and other clothing for any identified families.

Resources: Classrooms have essential supplies such as pencils/calculators etc. to borrow and devices are available for those who do not have access to relevant digital tools.

Trips: We give consideration to all trips to ensure that costs are kept down. Our aim is that there will be no cost to parents/carers for excursions and that these will be funded by whole school fundraising events. We plan residential trips in advance and have saving options to spread the cost. We raise awareness of the opportunities fund for residential/trips with families in the school. A percentage of school funds are allocated to covering the costs of excursions.

After School Clubs: All after-school and lunchtime clubs offered free of charge to all children.

Eating: We promote Free School Meals and Clothing Grants and share information for all parents about it at various times throughout the year. Cashless catering means that there are fewer stigmas attached.

Homework: Any homework set online will be optional and we will allow pupils to access IT and other facilities that they may not have at home during school time. We will not ask for any work to be printed at home. We always provide a paper back up to homework.

Events (e.g. charity events, dress down days etc.): We limit the number of charity and other fundraising events and spread them throughout the year and all events are planned to ensure there is access for all and that money is not a requirement to taking part. Some of the fundraising money raised is used directly within the school to support equity. We offer Halloween Costume, Christmas Jumper and Party Outfit swaps to reduce costs and to promote sustainability.