



Poverty Proofing Policy

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Poverty Proofing Bonnyrigg: Helping children to reach their potential

'Schools and colleges cannot eradicate the poverty which exists in our society; nor can they fully mitigate the impact that poverty has on our young people. Those in public life who seek to highlight the inequalities created by poverty, would do well to understand that if we wish to end the negative impact of poverty on educational attainment, we need to address the existence of poverty itself. Having said that, however, we should recognise that schools, colleges and teaching professionals, can and do make a difference in the lives of individuals, of groups of children, and even on whole cohorts which is why the daily interaction in our classrooms is so important and indeed powerful. Teachers and lecturers care deeply about the children in front of us and we all wish to make that difference'.- Larry Flanagan, EIS

AREA WITHIN EDUCATION	Evidence	Actions
Hunger	Free school meal lists ParentPay for lunches Dinner duty observations Staff observations of packed lunches and snacks	SLT monitor lunches and who has little/ nothing Lunch debt may be written off Additional snacks for those who are a concern If pupil has no lunch class teacher will notify office/SLT and lunch provided.
Clothes	Staff observations- wearing of uniform, cleanliness of clothing	Availability of cheaper school uniform Second hand uniform stall- Mrs Purdie Gym shorts/ shoes available to borrow Change of pants/ trousers/ skirts available Spare sweatshirts available for children who come without one Warm coat/clothing - staff ensure pupils are wearing warm/suitable clothing in the winter. Pupils can borrow lost property or stay inside if they do not have a warm coat

Resources	Staff observations	Basic resources available within the school
Homework	Change to our homework policy to reduce the expectations from home	Only reading homework is issued Other things are optional
Trips	Office records of trip dates and costs	Each class only has 1 trip a year P7 camp- We apply for funding from the John Watson trust to pay for parents who could not attend on the grounds of finance alone
Fundraising	Fundraising group records Dress down day records	Limited to one monthly Pupils are not pursued
Active Schools	Club Registers	PEF funding used to offer funding for clubs where children are in receipt of free school meals