

## Poverty Proofing Statement - Longridge Primary School 2024-2025

All staff are aware of the effects of poverty and the relevance to the context of our school. Our staff team are committed to helping reduce the cost of the school day and to narrow the poverty related attainment gap.

We recognise that now, more than ever, our families need support with the cost of the school day. We have the following measures in place to support our families with school costs, ensuring that our school is a equitable place to be where our children can participate and learn.

Positive Relationships	
Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>Our school values and rules are based on positive relationships and promote equity and inclusion by ensuring all our children feel safe, treat others with respect and behave responsibly. Our children and families have been involved in refreshing our Positive Relationships and our Anti-Bullying Policies. Zones of Regulation is used as a whole school approach to promote health and wellbeing, self-regulation and promote positive relationships. We are a nurturing school and promote the nurture principals. We aim to restore good relationships where there has been conflict through restorative conversations and staff are trained in the principals of CPI.</p>	<p>Our nurture room is a quiet and safe space which is used to further develop relationships and have restorative conversations.</p> <p>Multi-agency working is used to support our most vulnerable children.</p> <p>Positive Response Plans are create for individual children.</p>

Travel Costs	
Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>At Longridge Primary, the majority of our pupils live within walking distance of our school. We give consideration to transport costs for all trips which are considerably subsidised by school.</p>	<p>School staff can support those requiring assistance to complete transport applications.</p>

## Uniform

Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>Our school uniform is a polo shirt, sweatshirt or cardigan with the school badge branding. Plain unembroidered items are acceptable too. To further reduce costs, in partnership with a parent, we now sell Longridge badges which can be stitched onto non-branded uniform.</p> <p>On PE days we encourage children to wear their school polo-shirt so that PE kit does not incur additional costs to families.</p> <p>All weather suits and wellies are available for our younger children to use for outdoor learning. We have a selection of water-proofs for use throughout the school.</p> <p>We encourage our school community to re-use school uniform by setting up a 'Swap Shop'. We now have three clothing rails filled with both new and pre-loved uniform which are available daily.</p>	<p>We have a supply of brand new black gym rubbers in various sizes which are provided to children when required.</p> <p>Our Winter Clothing Grant is used to buy a supply of school jumpers which can be given to children who need them.</p> <p>We refer families to The School Clothing Bank for support with uniform items.</p>

## Learning

Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>All classrooms are well equipped with essential stationary and supplies for learning including pencils, rubbers, colouring pens, calculators etc. Families are informed that there is no requirement to supply these materials. All children are supplied with a reading book bag. Each week every child is supplied with a pack of books or a novel of choice from our lending library, ensuring that all of our pupils have regular access to high quality literature.</p> <p>Anywhere, Anytime Learning (AAL) has been launched in P6/5 &amp; P7/6 with children being encouraged to bring their own device, however all pupils continue to have access to digital technologies in school – we have class sets of laptops in our upper classrooms and each classroom with 5 laptops and 5 iPads for all children to access.</p>	<p>Regular planning meetings/ Individual Education Plans are held and monitored regularly to support our learners. Partnerships with other agencies are strong and are a key feature of planning support for our most vulnerable children.</p>

## Home Learning

Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>We provide home learning activities online through TEAMS and SEESAW. We do not ask for any work to be printed at home. Consideration is given to home learning projects to ensure that all specialist resources required are provided by school and therefore do not incur an additional cost for families.</p>	<p>Children are welcome to use which ever device is available to them at home (phone, tablet, X-Box, netbook).</p> <p>An audit on access to online home learning was carried out to ensure that all children have equal opportunities to access learning at home.</p> <p>Families who do not have access are supported with access to technology.</p>

## Excursions

Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>We give great consideration to all trips to ensure that all of our children can have the best possible learning experience. We monitor the number of school trips per class per year. School trips are always considerably subsidised from fundraising events to keep costs down and where possible are free.</p> <p>Children in P5-7 are offered opportunities to go on residential trips. We plan these trips in advance, offering saving options to spread the costs.</p>	<p>Support is available for families to pay for trips over time. Part funded or fully funded places on residential trips are offered to families if required to ensure all of our children have opportunities to attend if they wish.</p> <p>This year we have also offered families the option of attending residential experiences on a day basis at a discounted rate.</p>

## Eating at School

Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>The school operates a free breakfast club for all pupils and free lunches are available to children p1-5.</p> <p>Our snack tray and fruit bowl are available daily, offering a healthy snack to anyone who needs it, free of charge. These snacks are available all day.</p>	<p>Breakfast is always available for children arriving to school without it, even out with our breakfast club times.</p> <p>We have a continual link for FSM applications on our school website and school staff are available to support families in their application. Cashless catering reduces the stigma attached to pupils eligible for free school meals.</p>

## School Clubs

Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>We have increased our opportunities for extra-curricular opportunities this year, including a range of lunchtime and after-school clubs.</p> <p>Where these are staffed by our teaching team, we have heavily subsidised the cost of the club and asked for a voluntary donation of £1 per week towards the cost of specialist supplies and equipment. The donation tin is available for pupils to contribute to discreetly but there is no requirement to donate to take part in this club – ensuring that all of our pupils are welcome to join in.</p> <p>Where visiting specialists attend to run after school club, we recognise that these experiences are costly and therefore we heavily subsidise the costs of these clubs.</p>	<p>Our staff team sign post and encourage our pupils to participate in the extra-curricular activities on offer. Vulnerable children are targeted for extra-curricular clubs to ensure they have opportunities for wider achievements.</p>

## Events

Universal Support	Targeted Support
<p>We do ask for a small, voluntary donation for parties, charity and school fundraising events, this is optional and collected discreetly. We limit the number of fundraising events that we have and spread them throughout the year.</p> <p>Our parent council suggested that instead of asking for monetary donations to charity, we could collect food items for the Foodbank. Again, this is collected discreetly. Raising awareness and understanding about the Foodbank has been a positive experience for our children.</p> <p>All of the money from our Christmas Fayre is used towards supporting equity through subsidising trips, transport costs and replenishing our supply of gym rubbers and stationary for all pupils.</p>	<p>During fundraising events such as our McMillian Coffee morning or our Christmas Fayre, any child who does not bring money to spend is provided with money so that they can take part and enjoy the day.</p>

