Dedridge Poverty Proofing Statement

All of our staff are aware of the effects of poverty and how it pertains to the context of our school, community and children.

Getting Dressed for School



Universal:

We have a set school uniform in order to ensure that clothing is accessible for school. Unembroidered items are acceptable.

Any shorts and T shirt are acceptable for PE with the exception of football strips.

Targeted:

The parent council currently support us to donate our 'lost property ' to the children. We have access to other school uniform banks and have accessed this service for families. We also provide a school sweatshirt for children who continuously do not have one. Action for Children is able to support families who are referred to them.

Travelling to School



Universal:

Our school serves the catchment of Dedridge and almost all children live within walking distance to school. After school clubs are run in school where there is no need to travel any distance.

Targeted:

School Staff can support those requiring assistance to complete transport applications.

Resources / School trips



Universal

The school budget is used to resource the school appropriately – ensuring that all children are properly equipped for the school day

Targeted:

Pupil Equity Fund is creatively used to support individual family circumstances within the school

Friendships at school



Universal

Uniform is promoted to negate any peer pressure for branded and fashion clothing. All children are supported through our extensive approach to teaching children about the safe use of digital technology. Resources for digital technology are available from school. Our Health and Wellbeing curriculum is focused on allowing children to build healthy, safe relationships . Our 4 school values permeate our whole curriculum and children are clear on how these values support them.

Targeted:

We provide alternate curriculums for children requiring extra support. A nurturing ethos principle underpins work within every classroom.

Feedback from stakeholders



Universal

Feedback from stakeholders is used to inform all areas of the school improvement. This helps us to understand the needs of the community we serve.

Targeted

Following feedback from parents on issues such as 'the cost of the school day' we have adapted our curriculum to explore cost cutting alternatives to things such as school trips. We also use 'Pupil Equity Funding' to support a range of families within the school.