

Meldrum



Primary School

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& Deans North Nursery

Cost of the School Day - Action Statement

Session 2024/2025

*At Meldrum Primary School and Deans North Nursery we recognise the need to reduce the Cost of the School Day for all of our pupils and we are aware of the effects of poverty on our young people, our families and our local community.*

### **Getting Ready for School**

**Universal:** Our school uniform consists of a red / black sweatshirt and red / white / black polo shirt with grey / black trousers. All pupils have the option to wear a shirt and school tie. Pupils wear indoor shoes when in school. Any shorts and T-shirt are acceptable for PE with the exception of football strips.

Deans North Nursery children have the option to wear a red sweatshirt with the nursery logo. Outdoor clothing is provided for all nursery children in order to maximise the time spend outside in the nursery garden and during forest and community walks.

During session 2023-24 we continue to operate a clothing bank in school. All families are welcome to complete a Microsoft form to access the clothing bank. This has been well used during the first year.

**Targeted:** Primary 7 pupils are presented with a High School tie as a leaving gift at the end of session. We support individual pupils and families with school clothing and PE kit as required. Families are also supported with referrals to the Clothing Bank as required.

## **Travelling to School**

**Universal:** Our school serves the catchment of Deans and almost all pupils live with walking distance to school. Our clubs are held in school at lunchtime and after school to ensure no further travel implications.

**Targeted:** School staff support families requiring assistance to complete transport applications.

## **Learning at School**

**Universal:** Our families at Meldrum Primary School and Deans North Nursery do not pay for any core learning activities. Stationery is provided in all classes and in nursery and pupils do not need to bring their own equipment although many choose to do so. Pupils are able to borrow resources to support learning; IT devices, dictionaries, rulers, calculators.

**Targeted:** Regular planned meetings, IEP meetings and Child's Planning Meetings are held regularly to ensure there are interventions in place and targeted support for our most vulnerable pupils.

## **Friendships at School**

**Universal:** Uniform is promoted across the school and nursery to negate peer pressure for branded and fashion clothing. All children have been involved in constructing our values in both school and nursery. We teach our pupils about poverty and about children's rights as part of our Health and Wellbeing curriculum and work on values.

**Targeted:** We support pupils through partnership with the Inclusion and Wellbeing Service and also through individual and group Nurture approaches.

## **School Trips**

**Universal:** All school and nursery trips are carefully planned for and organised at different points throughout the year, taking into account family groupings. We try to source locations that limit the use of transport to reduce the cost of the trip and make applications to fund-holders. Pupils in Primary 7 have the opportunity to attend outdoor and residential experiences and these are paid up across the session.

During session 2023-24 our school community decided to use the Participatory Budget for buses to support trips for classes across all stages.

**Targeted:** The school is able to support families who require financial assistance if and when required.

### **Eating at School**

**Universal:** We operate a free Breakfast Club open to all pupils. We readily promote Free School Meals throughout the year. Our cashless catering system reduces any stigma relating to Free School Meals.

During session 2023-24 we continued to operate a foodbank in school. All families are welcome to complete a Microsoft form to access the foodbank. This process is completed in confidence and has been well used during the first year.

**Targeted:** We support individual children who require breakfast and snacks during the school day. We work together with the Community Champion at Morrison's to further support individual families as required.

### **After School Clubs**

**Universal:** All lunch time and after school clubs currently have no cost.

**Targeted:** Our staff encourage individual pupils to attend school clubs. We track pupil attendance throughout the session and encourage our quintile 1 learners to attend.

### **Home Learning**

**Universal:** Our Home Learning activities allow pupils and parents to organise their activities around other commitments during the school week. There is a balance between digital and paper based home learning activities. However if a homework task does requires the use of ICT there is opportunity for pupils to be supported within school. Pupils are welcome to take stationery home to complete home learning tasks as required.

**Targeted:** Individual pupils are supported during class time to complete home learning tasks.

## Fun Events

**Universal:** All children at Meldrum PS and Deans North Nursery are invited to participate in any additional fun events. Events organised during the year; pantomime, Christmas parties are paid for through the school fund. We ask for a donation for dress down days and the money is given back into classes.

**Targeted:** We subsidise as many events as possible during the course of the session and discreetly provide support for families who are unable to contribute.

*Our school and nursery staff know our children and families very well. These positive relationships are invaluable in knowing when and how to support our families to support their children. Our school and nursery communities are committed to promoting our values and actively seek to reduce the Cost of the School Day for the benefit of all.*

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