



Poverty Proofing

It is estimated that 31% of children in the UK are living in poverty, according to Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG). This translates to 4.5 million children. With the increased cost of living and financial challenges families in our community may face, we are committed to ensuring that every child at Goodyers End Primary School has equal access to the opportunities we offer, regardless of their financial position. This document sets out our school's aims to support families experiencing financial hardship whilst still providing our children with a wide range of experiences that enhance their learning and personal development.

School Clothing

- We positively promote the wearing of the school uniform to create a school identity and community. In addition, this helps prevent any competition among pupils for the latest designer clothing/footwear.
- Whilst we do have branded uniforms, we also welcome pupils in plain uniforms without logos. These can be purchased from many supermarkets.
- We have pre-loved uniform items available throughout the year and all parents are welcome purchase these at a significantly reduced cost. Any money raised through these sales is reinvested into our children.
- Any uncollected lost property items are added to the pre-loved stock each half term.
- Free book-bags are given to pupils on arrival in Reception.

Food & Snacks

- We support parents in completing Free School Meal application forms at enrolment.
- An electronic link to Free School Meal application forms is regularly included in newsletters.
- We run a free breakfast club for all pupils from 8:15 every morning. We ask that parents/carers book places in advance, where possible, to ensure we have adequate staffing and supplies.
- We encourage parents/carers to send bottles for water for pupils to access throughout the day but will always provide a cup or bottle to those children who may not be able to bring one from home.
- Children in Reception and Key Stage One are provided with free fruit daily. Any remaining fruit is then shared among Key Stage Two pupils.

Classroom & Curriculum

- We provide all stationery and other essentials for learning in the classroom.
- There is no requirement for pupils to bring pencil cases or stationery to school. From September 2026, we ask that no pencil cases or stationery from home are sent into school.
- Staff are mindful of activities and discussions following school holidays, ensuring that all pupils' experiences are valued.
- Children are not permitted to bring electronic devices into school as they may lead to competition and stigmatisation.
- We do not ask parents for donations towards our curriculum. All costs are funded by the school.



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Learning Outside of the Classroom

- Staff recognise that not all children have access to a computer, tablet or the internet at home. We provide support and opportunities to complete homework tasks in school where possible.
- We aim to provide as many free extra-curricular clubs as possible after school.
- Pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding are always prioritised for after-school clubs.

Charity, Fundraising & Community

- We keep non-uniform days to a minimum and consider carefully the theme to ensure costs to parents/carers are minimised.
- We keep a collection of costumes in school which can be purchased at a significantly reduced cost or borrowed for themed days.
- Charity events are always donation only and no child is excluded from taking part if they do not have a donation.
- Where donations are collected for charity, this is done in a discreet manner where attention is not drawn to pupils who have not brought a contribution.
- Our annual Christmas Party Day is scheduled on the same day as the Christmas dinner so that additional food is not necessary and pupils are not asked to bring food in from home.
- The school disco operates a pre-booked ticket system where drinks and snacks are included in the price to avoid children taking any additional money with them.
- Our annual Trade Fair items made by pupils cost no more than £1 each.

School Trips & Events

- We always give parents as much notice as we can of activities and trips to allow time to save and pay.
- Where a trip or activity (excluding the Year 6 residential) has a cost attached, we ask parents/carers for a contribution towards the cost. Where parents/carers are struggling to meet these costs, we encourage open communication with the school.
- We use Scopay to pay for trips or events to ensure privacy of payments.
- For the Year 6 residential we aim to give parents approximately 12 months to pay in order to help spread the cost. In addition, we look at any requests for financial help to support families and ensure all pupils have access to all opportunities.
- We do not operate a first come, first served with payment policy for any trip or event.
- We never read out names of children who have not paid. If necessary the office staff will communicate directly with parents.
- Every year, all children receive one fully-funded school trip by the school with a focus on aspirations.

Pastoral Support

- The school's Family Support Worker is available to support families and sign-post to resources in the community.
- Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are on the school gate every day and are available to discuss any concerns parents/carers may have.