



## **Tackling Poverty Plan**

### **Our Vision for Tre Uchaf Primary School**

*Everyone belongs to our school family. We encourage all our children to believe in themselves and to be the best they can be! We will nurture, empower and inspire children, value their contributions, and give them every opportunity to shine. We will help them to build confidence, knowledge and a love of learning. Together they will learn today for a better tomorrow!*

#### ***We aim to help our pupils to;***

- Respect themselves, each other, adults and the environment
- Be confident in the basic skills of speaking, reading, writing and mathematics
- Know how to find the information they need
- Gain practical skills which will help them in their lives
- Get along well with each other
- Be honest and kind
- Know about and contribute to their local community
- Celebrate the Welsh culture and to use the Welsh language
- Be safe, fit, happy and healthy
- Understand their own feelings and be confident in saying how they feel
- Enjoy new tasks, new people and new places

*We strongly believe in equality of opportunity, and we strive to ensure that all pupils develop confidence and a sense of belonging within our school community. Pupils of all abilities and talents are valued and we seek to personalise the curriculum for all pupils to experience success and enjoyment.*

This plan has been written in response to a children's conference during 2022-23 organised by the Be Citizens Pupil Voice Group for our children in Years 3-6. The elements have also been discussed with support staff during the INSET day in June 2023.

The aims of this plan are:

- To ensure all children and their families have the help and support they need to access funding, emotional support and practical help if they are in poverty
- To ensure staff are empathetic to the family situations of all children
- To raise awareness of poverty and how it affects children's feelings about school
- To maximise outcomes for children living in poverty by removing the unseen barriers
- To support staff to identify children and families who might need additional help from school
- To find ways to support families with empathy and subtlety so they feel confident school is a safe space where they can talk freely about struggles
- Plan ahead for events during the school calendar which ensure all children can participate fully without any prejudice

Uniform	<p>Pre-worn uniform easily accessible to parents via the rail just outside the main foyer.</p> <p>Parents donate good quality uniform to re-use</p> <p>Non-branded items purchased from supermarkets are suggested</p> <p>Children are not discriminated by not wearing a school logo on their jumper/cardigan</p>
Free-School meals	<p>There are no differences when children request their lunch on the dinner register each day. All children are called out alphabetically. There is no visible option to request a free school meal which other pupils can see.</p> <p>Children can access a free school packed lunch for school visits if needed. These are given to the pupils discretely.</p>
Non-uniform and dress up days	<p>Pupils are not ticked off a list to donate if they wear other clothes. They are not penalised in any way if they don't donate to the cause or charity. A box is available for children to donate if they want to.</p> <p>Dress up days are minimised to Children in need in November, School Eisteddfod in March, World Book day and the Summer school trip to the beach.</p> <p>The school newsletter asks parents to donate any pre-worn Christmas jumpers or t-shirts/ clothing that can be recycled. Children can decorate a white t-shirt in a Christmas design if they would prefer.</p> <p>Staff encourage children to wear what they have to become a character in a book by adding a prop or something they can make in school. The week before the event a class workshop is provided to give children an opportunity to make something using school resources.</p>

	Charity events such as jeans for genes day is discussed in an assembly rather than invite children to wear jeans for the day. We limit the amount of dress up events throughout the year. If events include wearing red (Such as red nose day or show racism the red card) we remind children that their school uniform is read so even if they forget to wear red they have their uniform as a backup!
Costumes	Costumes for Christmas concert or Summer show are inexpensive. They are often plain t-shirts with a headband made in school for our younger pupils and recycled items for KS2. School has a bank of costumes from previous shows which are recycled where possible. If an item needed is more expensive than anticipated we give <b>4 weeks notice</b> and suggest cheaper alternative suggestions.
After-school clubs	After school clubs are free for all pupils in school to attend.
School trips	School trips are planned well in advance and parents and families are given plenty of notice. Payment plans for residential visits are set up so parents and families can pay small amounts throughout the year to spread the cost. A year's notice is given for residential trips. A subsidised amount is payable for those children accessing free school meals. Buses are paid for by the school for residential visits in Year 5 and 6. A kit list is given in advance and is shared in the meet the teacher meeting in September ready for the following year.
Cooking and food technology	All children participate in food/cooking activities regardless of whether they donate a small amount to help pay for ingredients.
PE kits/ Swimming	Children wear PE kits on the day of their lesson. This is a plain white t- shirt or house colour t-shirt, black shorts or black leggings. We do not penalise children if they are wearing the wrong colour t-shirt or shorts. If the clothing is suitable for a PE lesson they are encouraged to join in. There are clean spare PE kits available in a bag under the staffroom chairs. There are clean spare towels and bathing suits available in the headteachers office if children don't have a towel or bathing suit for swimming. <i>Parents and families are always encouraged to apply for the schools essentials grant available from July each year.</i>
Harvest	Donations for Harvest assembly will be by drop off point on the harvest table throughout the week leading up to the harvest

	<p>assembly rather than pupils bring in their donations to the hall where everyone can see.</p> <p>Small bags of donations are set aside for family emergencies in school and the rest is donated to the local foodbank.</p> <p>Awareness of foodbanks and how they can be accessed is shared in assembly to inform children in a whole school way.</p> <p>Children are praised regardless of how large or small their donation is. For children who forget, there is no tick list. Staff will not single children out if they don't donate.</p>
Remembrance day	Children can write poems, learn songs and make a poppy to show respect
Homework	<p>Pupils are encouraged to read at home daily. Books are provided by school and pupils are also listen too in school. Pupils who may not read at home as frequently have additional opportunities to read in school. Spelling words are sent home weekly, however pupils have opportunities to practice these words in school in addition to at home. In Y3-6 maths homework concentrates on the four key operations. Tick lists are not kept and pupils are not discriminated against for not completing the tasks. Pupils have opportunities to complete any tasks in class, using class laptops or stationary/resources. Stationary packs are provided for parents/pupils who need them to encourage working at home.</p>
Craft events	<p>St David's day competitions and the Easter Bonnet parades are opportunities for children to create something at home to bring into school. Throughout the week leading up to this, provision will be made for children to make something in class such as an Easter party crown or materials in the art and craft corner to make a model for an Eisteddfod competition. For our older pupils they will have opportunity to complete one of the activities in class such as the handwriting competition.</p>
Period packs	Children who miss school due to lack of period products are given a free pack in Year 5. Year 6 staff have a bank of sanitary packs to give to those pupils who may miss school because they don't have them available.
Music lessons	All children have the opportunity to participate in violin lessons free of charge if they wish to learn. A violin is provided for them at the start of their lessons. Spare music books are available from school to borrow to practice at home.
Holiday provision( Food and Fun)	<p>Summer play scheme event is open to children from years 1-5 every Summer holiday. Children are provided with a breakfast, lunch and a goody bag of ingredients and recipes to make with their families at home.</p> <p>Family lunches provide an opportunity for families to join their children for a free hot meal.</p>

News after each holiday period	Questions such as What did Father Christmas bring you? Or where did you go on holiday have been changed to What did you enjoy most about you Christmas break?
School disco tickets and concert tickets	Prices are kept to a maximum £1 per ticket. Sweet and drinks are priced cheaply to ensure all pupils can purchase them.
Community events	Free community events are shared via the school newsletter so parents can take their children without cost.
Christmas and Summer fayre	No entry fee Cheap games available for children to get involved. Prizes are free turns on the bouncy castle or a free hotdog etc.
Class parties	Children can bring in a small plate of something they like to eat rather than a large amount for everyone or a donation. School cook is on hand for anything
Christmas gift	Good quality books are wrapped up for the children in foundation phase to take home as a present from Santa.
Leavers celebrations	Year books are provided by school for each child as a memento. Learning journey presented to pupils as a record of their time in school with us. No cost to attend the leavers celebration assembly Class of 24 hoodies are available and a payment plan is set up in Sew and Sew. The hoodies are reasonably priced and there are spares in school if needed.
End of year gifts	There is no expectation for teacher and support staff gifts. Staff suggest thank you cards with meaningful words are really appreciated by staff and model this.
Breakfast club	Free for all pupils from 8.20am. A healthy breakfast and social time available for all pupils.