

Broxburn Academy

Cost of the School Day Statement



At Broxburn Academy, all our staff are aware of the effects of poverty and how it pertains to the context of our school and our young people. We are committed to removing barriers to accessing education for all.

Getting Dressed for School:	The school dress code has been adapted with ease, comfort and low cost in mind. No specific branded items required for PE. Within the Pupil Support Base, we provide uniform items for any young person who does not have it on a day-to-day basis. We have links with West Lothian School Clothing Bank which allows us to make referrals for our families. We work with families to meet the cost of uniform as appropriate.
Travelling to School:	We offer transport for pupils to attend extracurricular activities and curriculum-related activities. Many of young people walk to school and make use of their Young Scot Card to access free public transport.
Learning at School:	All pupils who wish to take a practical subject in subjects such as Art, DMG, and HE have resources provided free of charge. Classrooms have essential supplies such as pencils/calculators etc to borrow. Our Family Learning Cafe has stationery packs for people to access. Attendance is monitored and the Pupil Support Team intervene when necessary to support attendance at school.
Fun Events:	We have fundraising activities throughout the year to support school events. Free spaces on all trips are available for those young people who need the additional support. We now ask for a donation as opposed to a flat £1 for school events. The School Christmas Fair is now free for all young people to attend as tokens are provided for a variety of stalls.
Eating at School:	We have improved the promotion of free school meals and information for all parents about it at parents' evening. Cashless catering means that there is less stigma attached. Canteen staff are aware of young people and their needs. Our Breakfast Club offers free breakfast and a nurturing space to start the school day.



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School Clubs:	We approach local organisations for support with funding to support club costs, e.g. equipment and appropriate clothing.
Friendships at School:	Personal and Social Education has been rebranded as Wellbeing. The Wellbeing programme includes an exploration of relationships and friendships. Restorative practice is used resolve conflict and provides a space to reflect on any issues or concerns. Staff receive weekly updates from Heads House on how young people are doing in relation to the Wellbeing Indicators.
Attitudes to Poverty:	All staff are committed to reducing the impact of poverty through online West Lothian & Education Scotland training courses about equity. Staff make sure that young people have access to free period products in various locations as part of the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill.
Participatory Budgeting:	Focus groups of young people were asked about this fund should be spent. They requested that this fund should go towards the Breakfast Club and BXA Uniform Bank.
Self-Evaluation:	We regularly seek feedback from our stakeholders, including Parent Council, Pupil Parliament and PEF Focus Groups. We track participation and use this to inform decision-making.
Consultation:	Reducing the cost of the school day needs input from stakeholders. Specific challenges and barriers are identified through regular consultation with our stakeholders. Feedback gathered informs our actions.
Communication Strategy and Information Gathering:	We are refreshing our communication strategy with our stakeholders in a maximise ways to support information sharing: Parent Council, us of Group call, surveys/questionnaires, development of the new school website, assemblies, Pupil Parliament, bulletin, HT Newsletters, focus groups, evenings to support young people. We refer to reducing the cost of the school day and signpost the supports and resources available through a variety of methods of communication.