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Dressing for School



School uniform is a white polo and school jumper, un-embroidered items are acceptable. Any shorts and T shirts are acceptable for PE apart from football strips. We have changed suppliers to reduce the cost of branded items.

Families can help themselves to the school uniform bank situated in at the entrance door. Families who require assistance can call the school, approach any member of staff or can scan the QR code at the entrance, the outside display board or complete the FORM on the newsletter.

All children in Primary 1 and any new start children receive a House Hoodie for outdoor play and PE days.



School Trips

We plan school trips in advance to ensure parents/carers are notified in a timely manner. Class trips are limited to one annually to reduce the cost. We try to source locations that provide free transport to reduce the cost. All pupils can attend a residential experience in Primary 7 when possible, trips are subsidised by the school fund and Participatory Budget.

We try to ensure no child misses out on an experience due to funding and we actively source supports and utilise our Participatory Budget allocations to encourage participation.

Armadale PS Equity Strategy can be accessed here:



Travelling to School



Our school serves the catchment of Armadale, and almost all children live within walking distance to school. All pupils in P7 can complete Bikability Training and bikes and helmets are provided for those in need. After school clubs are run in school where there is no need to travel any distance.

Support can be given to those requiring assistance to complete transport applications

Learning at School



Stationery and resources are provided for all classes to access at all times..

Reviews are held regularly to provide bespoke learning targets for those children who need support with their learning. This is constantly monitored.

Friendships at School



Uniform is promoted to negate any peer pressure for branded and fashion clothing. While there is a device policy in school all pupils have access to ample digital technology. Our Health & Wellbeing curriculum reflects the importance of respect and tolerance.

We provide Nurture support for social skill development. All classes have a designated member of management to provide continuity in supporting classes, individuals and families when needed.



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Eating at School

We have a continual link for FSM applications in our online newsletter. Cashless catering means that there is less stigma attached to pupils eligible for free school meals. The school operates a free breakfast club for all pupils.

Snacks can be provided for children who require one.

Attitudes towards poverty



Staff have a good awareness and knowledge and understanding of the children and families in our school.

We are working with Families and Young People's Advice Service and the Adult Learning Team to offer bespoke support for our families. We make referrals to River Kids for Christmas presents for targeted families. Support can be accessed by parents and carers by telephone, face to face or by an online FORM.

Fun Events

Fun events in school including Health Week, Scottish Week and the annual Fun Day are funded by the Parent Council and the school. We always ask for donations rather than a specific contribution to dress down days and fund raisers.

Christmas events, parties and Pantomimes are paid for through the school fund and we try to ensure school events are free of charge to parents/carers.

Armadale PS Pupil Equity Funding Overview can be accessed here:



Cost of the School Day in the ARMADALE CLUSTER

We work collaboratively to ensure all of our families and young people are supported. We aim to reduce the cost of the school day in our cluster in the following ways:

- COMMUNICATION**
We listen respectfully to the voices of our young people and families to understand the barriers they face. We regularly communicate relevant universal support and provide targeted support discreetly.
- FOOD**
All of our schools have a free breakfast club for all students and provide healthy snacks when required. We promote FSM applications and operate cashless systems to reduce stigma.
- CLOTHING**
Our school uniforms are affordable, equitable and create a sense of community. We promote zero waste by encouraging the reuse of clothing. Free items are available and we work closely with partners to support families when required.
- TRIPS & ACTIVITIES**
Trips are planned in advance with clear payment plans. Subsidised and free places are available when required using funds such as participatory budget. A range of free clubs are available for all ages across the cluster.

Please get in touch with the relevant school if you have any queries, concerns or compliments. Thank you!