

Ebchester CE Primary School
Poverty Proofing Action Plan



This action plan should be read alongside the Poverty Proofing Audit completed by Children North East in June 2023. If you require any support with any issue relating to the report, please do not hesitate to contact school.

| Area of Action | Highlighted Issue | Action | Monitoring | Progress Against Action | Impact (feedback from parents/ pupils) |
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| Celebration | At Easter time, several pupils reported an egg rolling competition in the hall which they said they enjoy, "We do egg rolling in the hall and decorate eggs." However, some pupils did say that they had to bring in their own eggs to decorate. | Provide pupils with eggs for decorating and egg rolling. (PTA funding) | All staff | | |
| Celebration | Some pupils said that they dressed up in costumes for the disco, "You don't have to if you don't want to." Be aware that some children may not have a costume to wear and this can put unnecessary pressure on families to buy something | Ask for donations of fancy-dress outfits/ costumes for Christmas performances/ nativity that pupils have out grown. Use school collection of costumes where available for pupils during Christmas performances | RC, CPC, SS | Donation of Christmas outfits sent out in newsletter. Small number of items received. | |
| Celebration | Some pupils bring in gifts for staff at the end of the year and at Christmas. Some children feel under pressure to bring in gifts for their teachers. "Yeah we do at the end of the year, it's my teachers birthday in a few days so I might then." "Sometimes they open them in the classroom." | Suggestion made to families that a donation could be made to the foodbank rather than bring in a gift for their teacher. Donations collected in a central area in school so that pupils cannot identify who brings in donations. Linked to value of thankfulness – prayer space or activity that allows pupils the opportunity to write a letter or card of thankfulness to teacher/ another important person | RC | | |

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| Curriculum and Ability Groups | Pupils miss out on swimming lessons if they do not bring their swimming kit, "If you do not bring in your kit, they ring home and if not brought in then you stay at school." | Use of Sports Premium to purchase spare swimming kit for pupils. Use of Sports Premium to buy plimsols/ trainers/ football boots for use during PE and ASC | SS | Swimming costumes purchased. Trainers/ plimsols and football boots purchased and used by pupils. | |
| Food | Letters regarding dinner money debt do not signpost families to places where they can get support. A small number of the parent body stated, "Communication isn't great, and if payment accounts are in debt you receive messages quite quickly to pay them. In my mind this indicates little knowledge or support for people who may be struggling." | Signpost families to financial help in newsletter | RC | | |
| Homework | Some pupils have difficulty accessing internet/devices at home. When asked in the survey 'what one thing would you change for those living in poverty?', governors shared, "Small changes like providing homework club for those who don't have access to computers at home." | Homework Club planned for spring term | All staff | | |
| Uniform | It is positive that there is a provision to support families with a pre-loved uniform, however not all can access this and not all parents are aware of it, "One thing would be to offer a uniform sharing service, so that clothing kids have grown out of can be reused." | Pre-loved Uniform stand at summer fair Pre-loved uniform rail at entrance to sports hall for parents to select pre-loved items free of charge. Advertised in the school newsletter. | RC | Pre-loved uniform shared at summer fair. Stand with pre-loved uniform available at the sports hall entrance. | |