



Thursby Primary School- Poverty Proofing Statement

At Thursby Primary School we recognise that supporting families during challenging times is vital in ensuring successful outcomes for children. We are also conscious that Covid19 has ultimately caused more poverty in families. At Thursby Primary School we are proud to support all our families, whether they receive benefits such as Free School Meals or whether families simply need some additional support to manage their finances, of which school can add additional costs to them.

We are proud to be working as a school with:

- Our PFA second hand uniform sales (please speak to Emma Hawley or view the PFA and second -hand shop facebook pages for further information. School can also provide these details)

At Thursby Primary School:

- No pupil is expected to wear a school jumper with the logo on. This is optional. Logos can be embroidered on by one of our families if wished. School can provide details for this.
- All pupils regardless of their background, receive the same opportunities as their peers, for example for FSM pupils we can pay for their school visits; we only request a voluntary donation by others and we would never allow a child to miss out on a school curriculum trip for any non payments.
- We provide a loan agreement for families who need to borrow any IT equipment for home learning or homework eg Laptops/IPads.
- We practise outdoor learning and develop children's physical development which also supports families with activities that they otherwise could not afford. Our after school clubs are very reasonable in price and can be funded for any Disadvantaged pupil.
- We offer fully funded Peripatetic music lessons of learning the play the guitar for our Disadvantaged pupils led by the Music Service.
- We would never expect anyone to purchase any new clothing/costumes for any fundraiser or school event nor give a donation. We are developing further our non-uniform days to be more universal, therefore pupils will not feel they need to keep u with peers with the latest trends. We do not allow football tops for these days either. A communal class box for collection of donations is not recorded who has paid.

- We support the local foodbank and can also support Thursby families with accessing the foodbank.
- We can provide wellies for pupils to access outdoor learning and access to the field/wild area during wet weather.
- We will never ask parents to provide resources of equipment for school- we provide all stationary and resources.
- If a child is hungry during school times for whatever reason eg skipped breakfast, we can provide them with an individual breakfast in school quietly away from peers to avoid any uncomfortableness.
- Our PFA support school with paying for equipment and resources and also for celebratory events, to which we are extremely grateful and they help us as a school to help you as families.
- Any traumatic or unforeseen event can dramatically change a family's circumstances very quickly. We place high importance on support pupil's mental health and wellbeing as a whole school and we also have focused support groups or 1:1 Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) programme. We also provide Bereavement support and can also signpost parents to external services. We have trained staff available to help.
- We support all pupils with Online Safety and focus on the elements relevant to their needs. Through our termly assessments using the E Aware online assessment we have RAG rated outcomes to tailor our lessons and also to support families who need additional support.

These provide examples of support provided but is not an extensive list. We ask families to contact school directly if they require any form of support.