

CALTHWAITE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Statement of action to address the cost of Calthwaite CE School's school day

Inspired by 'Turning the page on poverty: A practical guide for education staff to help tackle poverty and the cost of the school day'

<https://children-ne.org.uk/turning-the-page-on-poverty>

At Calthwaite CE School we aim to:

- Provide a full curriculum for all to ensure equity of experience for all pupils
- Connect learning with the lives and contexts of our pupils and to value their knowledge and experiences (cultural capital)
- Actively encourage every student's voice in the classroom in order to create a safe and engaging environment for learning (Pupil lead activities, pupil voice)
- Ensure school staff understand the local context and community so we can better view the world from the perspective of our pupils

Getting ready for school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children will be provided with a free book bag on entry to the school (new for 2025) • No expectation for logo items to be worn (although they are available) – all uniform items can be purchased from a range of high street stores • Pre-loved uniform stock available and are regularly advertised or offered to new parents • Children are provided with a cup to use through the day-no expectation for water bottles • No stationery needed from home-all provided by school
Learning at school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are provided with stationery needed • Music lessons paid by school for most vulnerable pupils • Regular monitoring, pupil plans are utilised to identify where support might be needed • FSM information attached to the newsletter • For activities where children are required to bring in items from home (e.g. modelling or recycling materials for a project), appropriate notice is given and school provides a selection of spare items
Eating at school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSM information provided to parents and support given in completing paperwork if needed • Information about support available disseminated through letters, emails and Class Dojo • Free fruit scheme for all Calthwaite pupils • Milk is free in Class 1-up to the end of year 1



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £3.45 for each day of the holidays toward grocery shopping-Wonde vouchers for all retailers through WAF
Taking part in school trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate time and notice are given before any trips or residential-flexible payment terms • Always seek good value and attend residential at cheapest times or do parts ourselves (such as cooking or driving) • For residential, payment plans are in place and support is offered where appropriate • For school trips, these are partly subsidized by school or by the PTA wherever possible • Trip letters state donation / contribution • Use of PPG for all relevant pupils (we only ask for permission, no monies)
Participating in school clubs and activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For any fundraising events, donations are collected discreetly with no set amount • Themed Non-uniform days or World Book day dressing up is always optional-everyday clothes are suitable (no expectation to spend money on costumes for example) • Some clubs have specific charges like Karate, they are free to FSM • For children in receipt of FSM, music lessons are free
Home learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework is kept at a minimum. For any online homework, children given time in school to complete • Devices provided during periods of home learning if required • For prolonged periods of home learning, packs are provided with stationery items, paper, workbooks etc.