

In Edinburgh, the child poverty rate matches the national average and affects 1 in 5 pupils.



At St Andrew's we are



committed to raising awareness and understanding of child poverty and reducing its impact on educational outcomes.

We:

- Support families through our uniform pop up uniform stalls (no charge)
- Offer/supply additional uniform as required
- Offer/supply lunchboxes and school bags as required
- Offer/supply PE kits as required
- Offer/supply wet weather gear as required
- Provide opportunities for our pupils to attend the Kidzcare Breakfast Club and Active Schools Clubs
- Supply all materials and stationery needed at school; pupils may choose bring pencil-cases but these remain in the school bags
- Offer free snacks as required
- are a 'toy/ games from home' free school
- accept optional donations only for dress down days and collections
- arrange supportive payment plans, often stretching over 18 months to support families to pay for residential
- reduce payments for residential to support families; no child will miss an excursion due to cost
- offer/ supply books at zero cost as required at our World Book Day Event
- offer/ supply annual photographs at zero cost for families as required
- offer/supply any kit required for residential experiences
- offer families free holidays via our friends at St Vincent de Paul
- offer Christmas hampers and gifts via our friends at St Vincent de Paul
- support families through our strong links with the local foodbank
- if a charge must be made for an educational excursion, pantomime, event, disco, party etc. these are optional
- support the Parent Council to offer free tickets to families as required
- signpost families to other agencies as appropriate
- demonstrate our commitment to reducing poverty related stigma by raising awareness amongst our community