

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:

- offer/supply ipads, uniform, lunchboxes, school bags, PE kits and wet weather gear as required
- provide opportunities for our pupils to attend the Kidzcare Breakfast Club
- ensure all Active Schools Clubs are free of charge
- supply all materials and stationery needed at school; pupils may choose bring pencil-cases but these remain in the school bags
- offer free snacks and milk as required
- are a 'toy/ games from home' free school
- accept optional donations only for dress down days and collections
- reduce payments for residential to support families; no child will miss an excursion due to cost
- arrange supportive payment plans, often stretching over 30 months to support families to pay for residential
- offer/supply any kit required for residential experiences
- offer/ supply books at zero cost at our World Book Day Event
- offer/ supply annual photographs at zero cost for families
- 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 foodbanks
- if a charge must be made for an educational excursion, pantomime, event, disco, party etc. these charges are optional
- support the Parent Council to offer free tickets to their events
- signpost families to other agencies as appropriate
- demonstrate our commitment to reducing poverty related stigma by raising awareness amongst our community in the words we use and discrete actions we take.

Many of our parents choose to donate to our inclusion fund to support others. Thank you.