

School Uniform Assistance

'Growing Together'

Statement of Intent

It is the policy of the School Governors that school uniform creates a neat personal appearance and a sense of pride and belonging, which together promotes an image of the school that comes to be recognised and respected. The school looks for full parental support and co-operation in this matter.

Trinity All Saints CE Primary School supports vulnerable families in meeting the cost of uniforms. **School Uniform Allowance is a voucher worth £50.00** which is to be used to purchase items of school clothing (which must include 2 jumpers or cardigans embroidered with the school logo and a full PE kit comprising of a white t-shirt, black shorts and a pair of black pumps). The voucher is redeemable at our school uniform supplier Whittakers Schoolwear (formerly known as Andrew Firth in Keighley & Henry Smith in Shipley). This scheme applies to children from Reception through to Year 6.

Eligibility Criteria for School Uniform Assistance

- The child must have a parent / guardian who lives in the local area.
- At the time of application, the child must be registered with the Benefits Service and be eligible to receive Free School Meals.

Parents/carers are advised to register their child for Free School Meals by calling the Benefits Helpdesk on 01274 432772. Eligibility is checked straight away and school is advised within 7 days. Alternatively, families can complete an online application form - <u>https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals/</u>

Current Eligibility Criteria for Free School Meals

Families are entitled to free school meals for their children if they are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190, provided they are not receiving Working Tax Credit
- The 'Guaranteed' element of the State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (you will need to apply directly to the school or call the Education Service on 01274 439393)
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income threshold of less than £7,400

Please note: people receiving Working Tax Credit, regardless of their income level, do not qualify. People in

receipt of Working Tax Credit 'run-on' (the payment someone can get for a further 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit) will be entitled to Free School Meals for their children for this period.

Application Process

- 1. Families who meet the criteria should complete the School Uniform Assistance Application Form and return to school either by email to <u>office@trinity.bradford.sch.uk</u> or by returning to the school office.
- 2. School will check the eligibility against school records or call the Benefits Helpdesk for confirmation.
- 3. You will contacted via SchoolPing and/or email to notify you that your School Uniform Assistance Voucher is ready for collection. Vouchers will need to be collected from school and a signature will be required from the recipient. Please note that we are unable to post the vouchers out to you.
- 4. The voucher can be redeemed at our school uniform suppliers Whittakers Schoolwear (formerly known as Andrew Firth in Keighley & Henry Smith in Shipley) and must be used to purchase items of school uniform only. Vouchers can only be redeemed in-store and can't be used online.
- 5. If you would like to independently purchase additional embroidered school uniform, along with the supplier listed above this can also be ordered online from <u>www.myclothing.com</u>. However please note that school is unable to reimburse the cost of purchases of uniform bought independently.

Further Details:

- The budget for the School Uniform Assistance scheme will come from Pupil Premium funding.
- Only one application for School Uniform Assistance will be accepted per financial year which must be submitted during June of each year.
- Vouchers are valid for 3 months from the date of issue e.g. 1st July to 30th September 2023 and will be issued during July, to give time for purchasing uniform for the following school year.
- Vouchers cannot be redeemed for cash, and therefore if the full value is not redeemed the shop will issue you with a credit note for the remaining balance which will be valid for 3 months from the date of issue.
- Vouchers must be kept in safe place as duplicate copies cannot be issued.