

Poverty & Bullying

Poverty is not having enough money for things you need like food or heating

Bullying is behaviour that hurts someone else like name calling, pushing, hitting or spreading rumours

We asked children and young people about being bullied because of poverty

This is what they said:

At school

- Poverty means that they can't always afford the right uniform
- They can't always afford to go on school trips
- Lots of children are bullied because of this
- This can make them feel sad, isolated and worried

Out and about

- Poverty means that they can't always afford to go out with their friends
- Many children in poverty can feel alone because they can't go out or afford to meet up with friends
- Lots of children are bullied because of this
- This can make them feel different and upset

At home

- Poverty means that they can't always invite their friends round
- They can't always afford to share snacks or give their friends something to eat
- This can make them feel scared of people making jokes or bullying them
- It can make them feel anxious and horrible



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“Poverty is not to be ashamed of as many people end up in poverty with no fault of their own.” (14-16yrs)

We asked children and young people what needs to change

This is what they said:

- Promote compassion and understanding
- Check that young people are always OK
- Give them the right support and counselling
- Educate children in schools about the impact of poverty
- Knowing the impact would make them more open minded
- Make people aware about what it feels like
- Children facing poverty should be provided with school uniforms
- Provide shoe tokens so that no one would be different
- Help provide money for school trips
- There should be projects that fund free school trips
- Create lesson plans and session on understanding poverty

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who took part in the survey