



THE PRICE OF PUPIL POVERTY

What does this mean and what can schools do?

Impact on learners

Attending school without the correct uniform can lead to worry and anxiety.

Feelings of embarrassment, potential bullying and being pitied by peers and school staff heighten the stress for learners.

Key areas to consider

Policy:

Is this in line with WG guidance?

Recycle Schemes:

Have you considered this?

Affordability:

Consider total costs of required school uniform

Cause for Concern:

Can you recognise signs and are there processes in place to deal with this well and with sensitivity?



Some quick solutions

Consult with parents, learners and governors

Consider flexibility when adhering to uniform policy

Consider how uniform infringements are handled by staff

Consider ways uniform could be made less expensive for all families

Recycling of lost property/items of uniform that have been outgrown or are no longer needed

Raise awareness of benefits and grants that families may be entitled to including the [School Essentials \(PDG Access\)](#) grant which helps eligible families with the cost of school uniform

Provide training for staff to recognise signs of poverty

Recognise/Identify, monitor and support learners from lower income families in a sensitive and positive manner



The guides can be found on the Welsh Government's Education website: [HWB](#)

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