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Please find below the parent suggestions to our poverty proofing statement and also what we do in response. We have also included the number of parents who gave the suggestions.

1) Free sanitary products available in bathrooms to avoid embarrassment (2 parents)

We already do this but had forgotten to list it in the poverty proofing statement

2) Clothes swap a few times a year for casual clothes (1 parent)

We have a clothes rail out all year round with uniform and another one with casual clothes for families to help themselves with an honesty box

3) School to make up food parcels from parent donations to distribute to our families in need rather than donating to a food bank charity (1 parent)

School regularly collects donations for the local foodbank charities as we regularly use their services for food parcels for our families

4) Increase the menu choices at lunch for children as this may increase the uptake rather than parents having to provide packed lunches (1 parent)

The meal uptake has increased due to their only being one choice. This avoids children getting upset or worried about food as they know exactly what the dinner is going to be.

5) Reduce the requirement for online reading taking into account the situation with families having limited internet (1 parent)

School support families by providing devices and promoting social broadband tariffs to help reduce costs. Online reading significantly increases the reading resources that we have in school. This is particularly important in homes where children do not have access to books.

6) Children are to make homemade cardboard masks for World Book Day instead of buying costumes (1 parent)

Families are encouraged to create an outfit from items that are already available in the family home and homemade costumes. We also provide a swap shop for Christmas jumpers and costumes. We also provide outfits for children whose families may struggle to be creative or afford anything.

7) Parents should not be asked to make a donation for second hand uniform when this has been gifted (1 parent)

The donation in an honesty box is entirely optional as lots of families would prefer to do this rather than be gifted the items

8) School to introduce a cashless pay it forward scheme (1 parent)

School bank details are now included in our poverty proofing statement to enable cashless payments for our pay it forward initiative.



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9) Devices to be available during breakfast bar club for parents to read with their children or work on MyMaths etc. (1 parent)

The breakfast club is run by volunteer staff and parents and logistically it would not be workable for them to also set up learning devices as well as the breakfast bar.

10) Make the talk homework available at breakfast bar club for parents to use the time when they haven't had time to log in to find the homework (1 parent)

This would not be appropriate as it would devalue the importance of families spending time completing the homework and would also place the responsibility on staff to make this work available to parents at breakfast time when parents have already given access to it.