

What other benefits are available?

For more details regarding other benefits that may be available to you, please contact:

Children's Information Service - Bournemouth

Tel: 01202 123222

Email: cis@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Website: www.bournemouth.gov.uk

Drop In Centre

Customer Service Centre

Town Hall

St Stephens Road

Bournemouth BH2 6EB

9am - 4.30pm Monday to Thursday

9am - 4pm Friday

Helpline - 01202 123222

8.30am - 5.15pm Monday to Thursday

8.30am - 4.30pm Friday

For childcare & support outside of Bournemouth, please contact:

Dorset Family Information Service

West Court

Colliton Park

Dorchester DT1 1XJ

Tel: 01305 221066

familyinfo@dorsetcc.gov.uk

www.dorsetforyou.com/fis

or:

Poole Family Information Service

Dolphin Centre

Poole BH15 1SA

Tel: 01202 261999

familyinformation@poole.gov.uk

www.boroughofpoole.com/familyinformation

Linwood School

Clothing Grant



2024/2025

Information for parents

Am I entitled to a Clothing Grant?

Linwood School may be able to offer assistance towards the cost of the basic school clothing needs of a child of compulsory school age where the family receives either:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (**provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190**)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Or: where the family is not in receipt of the above benefits but is undergoing particular financial hardship.

How much will I get?

This will depend on the age of your child.

For a child under the age of 11 you will receive £50 and you will receive £70 if your child is aged between 11 and 16.

But that isn't much..

Parents will realise from the levels of grant available that this scheme can only provide assistance *towards* the cost of children's basic clothing requirements and is no way intended to cover the full costs of clothing required.

The Grant

A sum is set aside each financial year (April - March) from the school's budget to support this scheme. As and when this sum is spent, applications will be considered in the next financial year.

How often can I apply?

Each grant paid lasts for two years.

How will you pay me?

Parents may claim reimbursement for items of clothing bought up to and not exceeding the value of the award. A valid receipt for items bought must be forwarded to the School Business Manager.

Payment will be in the form of a cheque payable to the applicant. If applicants do not have a bank account, payment may be made in cash.

What should I buy with the grant?

Any items of clothing bought with the grant must be suitable for attendance at school. If you are unsure as to whether items are suitable, then you should contact the school office.

How do I apply?

You can request an application form from the School Finance Office.

This must be submitted either with supporting evidence of benefit received or a covering letter outlining the circumstances where parents are not in receipt of benefits but undergoing particular financial hardship.

We will then write to tell you the decision, and if successful, inform you how much has been awarded and when you can expect to receive payment.

Each application will be considered in the strictest confidence by a small panel comprising of the Headteacher, the School Business Manager and a Governor. Those who have their application turned down have the right of appeal to the Governing Board in writing.

The clothing grant is reviewed annually and may be subject to change. You should contact the school for up to date information.