

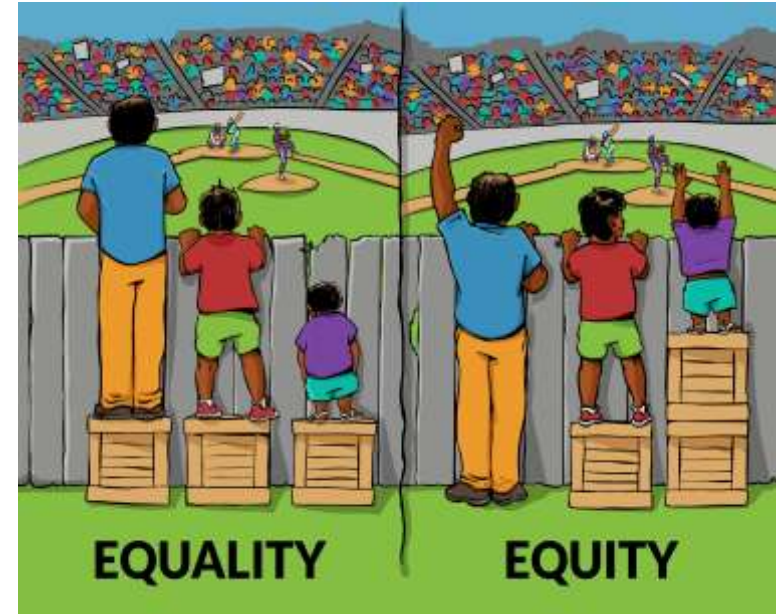
# Pupil Equity Funding support at James Gillespie's High School



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# What is “pupil equity funding”?

-Pupil equity funding (or PEF for short) is extra funding given to schools, used to ensure that pupils receive an **equitable access to education and opportunities at school**, without poverty or financial hardship as a barrier.



-Pupils are entitled to be supported through the PEF budget if they are **living in a more deprived area**, they are in receipt of **free school meals** or it is known that the family is experiencing **financial hardship**.

# Our catchment area- dispelling myths

A significant percentage of our pupils come from more deprived backgrounds- almost 20% of pupils are on the PEF list and around 6% are entitled to free school meals.

Anyone could be experiencing financial hardship, regardless of where they live.



# What do we do to support pupils experiencing financial hardship?



**1- Access to Success-** learning support base for pupils entitled to PEF support. Pupils can be supported either in a temporary, targeted way or on a longer-term basis.

**2- Universal provision of stationary-** in all classrooms, available to borrow. **Must be returned at the end of each lesson.** (Option to collect stationary pack from B3 once per term.)

**3- Funding for extra-curricular activities and trips-** provided on a case-by-case basis

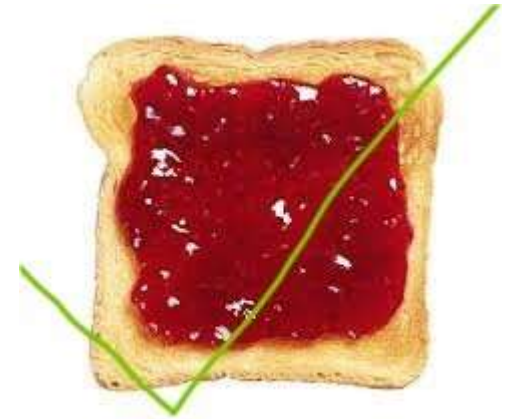


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**4- Breakfast club-** open to all, ensures pupils are ready to learn by not starting the school day hungry. Runs from 07:45-08:40 in the Malala building and at Darroch.

**5- Free shop-** clothes, shoes, school bags revision guides and toiletries available for anyone who needs them.

**6- P.E kits and scientific calculators-** offered to all pupils in need.



# How can I ask for help if I need it?

-Fill in the form on the “support for families” section of the school website.

-Email the school office (email can be found on the school website) and your email will be directed to the relevant member of staff (either me or your pupil’s guidance teacher)



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*“There’s a muckle slippy stane at ilka body’s door!”- Scottish proverb*



(Anyone could take a fall at any time!)

**There is no shame in asking for help- any one of us can experience financial difficulty!**