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Dear Parent/Carer

9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Re: Poverty Proofing the School Day

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023, we welcomed a team of auditors from Poverty Proofing and Participation based in Newcastle into our school.

The purpose of their visit was to carry out an assessment of how, as a school, we support our families; are mindful of financial pressures; take steps to minimise financial burdens and also ensure that every child in school is given the same opportunities regardless of their families financial position.

Over the course of the day the team of three spoke to every child in the school, a selection of staff, the Senior Leadership Team and the Chair of the Academy Council. In addition, they spoke to a small number of parents on the yard at hometime. They discussed areas such as: access to trips; after school clubs and wraparound care; music tuition; the cost of school uniforms; how free school meals are administered and how children access food during the school day.

If you would like to provide any feedback, they are offering an anonymous online survey at the following link:

<https://children-ne.org.uk/poverty-proofing/survey?uac=11650d28-359d-4a28-a126-d36d481b545f>

At the end of next week they will be reporting their findings to the Senior Leadership Team and making suggestions and sharing any ideas for how we can improve the support we offer to our families. We then intend to develop a Poverty Proofing Plan which will be shared with all parents and carers.

Yours sincerely

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