

How St Cyres School uses the Pupil Deprivation Grant

St Cyres School receives a Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG) from the Welsh Government to support pupils in receipt of free school meals. The aim of the grant is to narrow the gap between the educational achievement of free school meal (FSM) pupils and non-FSM pupils.

The school is reaching its standard number of 1270, approximately 18% of whom (Years 11-16) receive FSM. The Pupil Deprivation Grant for St Cyres for the financial year 2016-17 is £155.250

The PDG is being used to support our work in achieving the objectives of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) which sets the Governors' strategic direction for the school. The particular objectives of the SIP supported by the PDG are:

- To continue to raise standards and improve performance at all key stages in line with the mean of similar schools.
- To monitor pupils' attendance so that it meets the mean of the Family of Schools and is in the top half of schools with similar FSM entitlement i.e. to maintain the school attendance at 95%.
- To improve the quality of teaching and assessment through the continued development of the ICT strategy
- To monitor leadership at all levels to continue to provide rigour and challenge to secure further improvements in standards and in the quality of teaching.
- To ensure rigour of self-evaluation and improvement planning, particularly in analysing data.

Specific use of the PDG to narrow the gap between the educational achievement of FSM pupils and non-FSM pupils.

- Develop further the tracking of pupil progress and attendance, and thus work with targeted pupils on intervention programmes.
- Develop further teaching and learning, including Assessment for Learning strategies.
- Mentor pupils to ensure FSM pupils achieve their potential in all aspects of school life, including attendance.
- Fund a range of curriculum enrichment initiatives to ensure that FSM pupils have equality of access to the full range of learning opportunities, especially those that raise aspirations.
- Meet the needs of our most vulnerable FSM pupils with the work of the Pupil Support Centre and its staff.

The annual SIP and therefore PDG spending is presented to the Governing Body for approval. The Governing Body receive termly progress reports. The progress of the SIP is also monitored by the Central South Consortium (CSC) and the Local Authority.