



St. Joseph's RC High School

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Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG)

The School receives a Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG) from the Welsh Assembly Government to support pupils in receipt of free school meals. The key aim of the grant is to reduce the impact of poverty on educational attainment. This financial year (2014/15) the school received £166k. The school has 1460 pupils (September 2014). 13 % are in receipt of free school meals. This is 2% less than during the last academic year.

The grant has been used this financial year to support the following activities / initiatives:-

- Student leadership programme aimed at raising aspirations, build future leaders and support the role of the pupil voice across the community
- Provide a learning coach to support and remove barriers to learning and raise pupil aspirations
- Provide financial support to pupils approved to receive free school meals and looked after children with regards to the School's 1:1 digital technology vision to ensure they are not disadvantaged
- Provide opportunities for staff professional development to improve first time classroom teaching aimed at progress for free school meal pupils and looked after children
- An interactive, motivational and aspirational Life Education Programme (including life skills, goal setting, focus on the working environment, financial awareness)
- Increased Senior Leadership capacity to lead, manage, monitor and oversee the above activities/programmes and lead on pedagogy, assessment for learning, differentiation, questioning and securing good opportunities for small group intervention

The School's PDG plans are presented to and agreed annually with our Governing Body and monitored/scrutinised by the South East Wales Education Advisory Service (EAS) and the Local Authority (Newport City Council). Spending against our agreed plan is reported regularly to the Governing Body's Finance Committee. This same process also applies to our School Effectiveness Grant (SEG) and Welsh in Education Grant (WEG).

'Serving God Through Learning Together'

'Yn gwasanaethu Duw trwy ddysgu gyda'n gilydd'

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