

Pupil Development Grant

Hawarden High Schools' Pupil Development Grant Statement

The purpose of the Pupil Deprivation Grant is to improve the educational attainment of pupils from low income families and who are entitled to free school meals (eFSM). Schools are expected to maximise the use of this funding by introducing sustainable strategies which will quickly lead to improved outcomes for pupils entitled to free school meals.

As a school, we want to learn from the best practice in Wales and beyond by:

1. Planning interventions that focus on improving the attainment of pupils from deprived backgrounds, regularly monitoring pupils' progress and evaluating the impact of the intervention.
2. Integrating plans from the effective use of the PDG into the School Development Plan, basing our practice on sound evidence and including them as part of a whole school strategy.
3. Balancing whole school strategies with targeted interventions to ensure that all learners entitled to free school meals benefit as individuals, whilst the whole school also develops its ability to support every learner to achieve their full potential.

In 2018-2019, Hawarden High School were allocated a total Pupil Deprivation Grant of £110,000.

Hawarden High School has a comprehensive plan, agreed and monitored by GwE and Flintshire Local Authority, to promote high expectations attainment and progress and to remove barriers to learning for pupils entitled to this funding.

We have used the funding available to:

- Focus on closing gaps in attainment between FSM and non-FSM pupils by providing academic, pastoral and peer support
- Provide curriculum enrichment opportunities including, residential outdoor pursuits/team building experiences
- Provide additional extra-curricular activities
- Support learners' development and help in their preparation for external examinations/assessments, including revision materials
- Enhance communication with parents so as to increase levels of engagement and partnership
- Use data to track progress of FSM youngsters in academic elements of school and also to monitor their attendance levels as well as participation in extra-curricular activities
- Provide a breakfast club for FSM pupils with a free breakfast prior to the beginning of the school day

It is not appropriate for the school to publish a detailed plan as it could identify individual pupils.