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Development Grant (PDG) & PDG Early Years 2025-26

The Pupil Development Grant (PDG) is allocated to schools with pupils who come from low-income families and are currently known to be eligible for free school meals (e-FSM). There is also a PDG Early Years grant to support children in nursery and reception (age 3-5) in their first stage of their education.

Schools are expected to make the best use of this funding to implement sustainable strategies that will quickly bring about changes for learners eligible for free school meals.

Heron'sbridge School received £104,650 in the financial year 2025-26 as part of the Pupil Development Grant and £4,354 to support Early Years provision in Wales. This money will ensure that the learning needs of some of the most vulnerable pupils are further supported by targeted learning activities.

As a school we have ensured that the use of the grant:

1. Must be part of our School Improvement Plan.
2. Identifies the needs of a particular groups of pupils
3. Spending should aim to raise standards in:
 - attainment/ achievement,
 - attendance
 - wellbeing
 - Should place the 4 Purposes of Curriculum for Wales and our School Values at the heart of all decisions

Heron'sbridge has a comprehensive plan, agreed and monitored by School Governors and CSC to promote progress and remove barriers to learning for students eligible for this funding.

We use the funding available to:

- Support learners and their families through the employment of a Family Engagement Team to develop home/school relationships and assist parents and families in supporting their child's education (e.g. organising a wide variety of training & advice workshops, Story Café, Family Information Day, 'Get together Foster Carers', weekly drop-in sessions etc.)

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- Support Learners through the employment of a Well-being officer to co-ordinate interventions and therapies to best meet the well-being needs of pupils.
- To release staff for tailored made programmes and 1:1 interventions
- Support learners from deprived backgrounds to reach their potential through intervention programmes such as DIR Floor-time, ELSA, LAP/NAP/OLAP, Relationship Based Play etc.
- Train staff to support our sensory learners through Two Rhythms and Signalong
- Purchase a wide variety of sensory learning aids and resources for the sole use of families, offered by our free to use loaning library. This includes a variety of ICT hardware.
- Train school staff to deliver nationally accredited training to families, such as NAS EarlyBird Plus, Barnardo's Cygnet, Sexual Health, Sibling Support, Sensory Awareness, Essential Autism etc.
- Provide an enrichment learning programme such as horse riding, college transition and music therapy.
- Ensure children are supported to access school trips, pantomimes and educational visits to facilitate Curriculum for Wales.
- A wide range of therapies: dog/ equine/ music/ rebound & hydro therapy programmes

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