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Pupil Premium Grant 2015 – 2016

Last year we received: **£52,956** for pupil premium

We had **55** pupils who qualified for pupil premium, representing **83%** of the total school population of **66** pupils.

The funding was used in the following ways:

Educational Psychologist: £9,780

The Educational Psychologist is able to work with pupils and staff across the whole school, from Year 1 to Year 11. She is able to work with families and gives valuable support where needed, including referrals, observations and work with other external agencies.

IMPACT: the children receive the necessary professional care they are entitled to.

Play Therapist: £8,400

The play therapist works with the children and parents to help break down barriers to learning and give emotional support for the children. She also works with the staff to provide self-care and emotional support where necessary. The benefits of such interventions are evident in the confidential reports drawn up by the therapists. In a lot of instances, the impact of these sessions is seen in a fall in the number of negative behaviour incidents recorded. The social and emotional impact has seen children understanding and starting to address their emotions.

IMPACT: Many parents also report that behaviours have changed positively at home and they are able to engage in social activities with the children.

Car Mechanics: £2,436

Our building has a purpose-built classroom with external access. This gives us the provision to teach mechanics. The funding provides a qualified teaching mechanic to deliver bespoke packages to a range of secondary pupils.

IMPACT: Through this experience two pupils were able to gain qualifications from the Open College Network West Midlands, both at level 1 on Motor Vehicle Maintenance.

School work experience at the Farm: £15,600

The school made links with a small holding within walking distance. The funding provided opportunities for children to re-engage in learning and help to develop the site, build fences and look after the animals.

IMPACT: Through this, pupils gained a City & Guilds recognition.

Trips, visitors and Curriculum Support £10,140

The school ensures that the children from year 1 to year 11 receive off-site education. A proportion of the funding was used to send pupils on residential visits so that learning could take place outside of the classroom. This included:

- Residential trips to Devon
- Residential trip to Tiree
- Cultural excursions including theatre trips
- Outdoor pursuits
- Professional speakers and activity leaders in school
- Winter wonderland at Snow Dome

IMPACT: By addressing the personal, social and emotional needs of the pupils we ensured that learning took place in the classroom as well as during these experiences.

Pupil Premium Grant 2016-2017

We are expecting to receive £54,560 in pupil premium during this academic year. This sum will help us maintain the academic catch-up, therapeutic, psychological, vocational and social programmes that featured so strongly in 2015-2016.