

Professional Learning Grant 2020/2021

The Welsh Government have awarded all schools in Wales with extra financial support to enable all teaching and learning staff to prepare for the new curriculum for Wales. Schools are required to publish their plans.

At Stanwell, the Professional Learning Grant will support us in realising our commitment to improving the quality of learning and teaching across the school. This means ensuring our professional learning offer for staff meets the expectations and vision set out by the Welsh Government who consider the development of schools as learning organisations a key means for realising the new curriculum. The key seven dimensions within this vision are:

- Developing a shared vision centred on the learning of all learners
- Creating and supporting continuous learning opportunities for all staff
- Promoting team learning and collaboration among all staff
- Establishing a culture of enquiry, innovation and exploration
- Embedding systems for collecting and exchanging knowledge for learning
- Learning with and from the external environment and wider learning system
- Modelling and growing learning leadership

Pupil Development Grant (PDG)

The School receives a grant from the Welsh Assembly Government to support pupils in receipt of free school meals (FSM). The key aim of the grant is to reduce the impact of poverty on educational attainment. This financial year (**2020/21**) the school received £95450

The school has 1500 pupils (**Years 7-11 September 2020**). 5% are in receipt of free school meals.

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

- Provide 1 Attendance Officer and 1 Home Support Worker to support and remove barriers to learning and raise pupil aspirations in both primary and secondary phases
- Provide two teaching assistants in order to maximise the teaching and learning opportunities for FSM pupils in Maths and English
- Employ a school counsellor to work with FSM pupils
- Provide a homework club focused on supporting the progress of FSM pupils.

The School's PDG grant plans are presented to and agreed annually with our Governing Body and monitored/scrutinised by the Central South Consortium and the Local Authority. Spending against our agreed plan is reported regularly to the Governing Body Finance Committee. This same process also applies to our Education Improvement Grant (EIG).