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Dear Parent

The school receives additional funding for your child/children as they are on the Pupil Premium register. The Pupil Premium funding is set up to improve the academic outcomes of students in compulsory education. It is down to each school to decide how best to spend this funding to ensure the best outcomes are achieved.

At Heanor Gate, we have decided to spend this in a variety of ways. Some of these are visible, but much of these are more subtle and you might not ever be aware that the money is being spent in this way. Below is a breakdown of how some of the money is spent:

Curriculum Staffing	Money is spent to ensure the ratio of students to teacher is improved, thus leading to productive relationships being formed with teachers and students to encourage learning; with individual needs being greater catered for.
Teaching Assistants	Teaching assistants are placed strategically to ensure the learning outcomes in the core subjects are maximised. The placement of teaching assistants varies depending on when and where the need is during that particular time of the academic year.
1-2-1 and small group tutorials	Some students will benefit from additional tuition. This does not mean they are failing, or even falling behind, it just means that the school feels they have potential that has not yet been achieved and with additional intervention this is more likely to happen.
Equipment	Some subjects fund equipment to ensure that students are best prepared. Sometimes this can be course materials or revision guides. On other occasions it might be equipment required in science.
Visits	Some essential educational visits are contributed towards. This is done on a case-by-case basis and we are no longer able to fund educational visits for students.

There are many other areas that the school spends this budget and above is just a flavour. There is more information provided on the school website should you wish to gain a greater insight.

We are so keen to support you as parents to help your child/children achieve their potential. Many of the teachers at Heanor Gate are parents too and realise how daunting the education process can be. As a school we are committed to achieving the very best outcomes for all of our individual students. If you have any ideas, questions or comments on how this could be further improved please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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