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Dear Headteacher

I am writing to inform you that you will be receiving a Standards Fund allocation to support Primary Languages into your school budget in the June advance.

A key priority this year is that of language up-skilling for primary teachers and the Local Authority will be offering a range of fully funded language up-skilling training opportunities, as well as central CPD courses. Supply cover will be available to enable your teachers to attend these. I hope that you will encourage your staff to make use of these opportunities to improve their own language skills, as appropriate.

Details and booking for all CPD opportunities will be available through Kent Schools CPD On-line: <http://cpdonline.kenttrustweb.org.uk/cpd/>.

Other priorities for Primary Languages include embedding languages across the curriculum and assessment. I would therefore recommend that you use your primary language funding for resources which support cross curricular language links and to develop intercultural understanding through cross curricular links. I would further recommend the purchase of familiar story books and dictionaries in the foreign language.

Your local Specialist Language College outreach teacher or Primary Language lead teacher will be able to give you specific advice and ordering details. Some Specialist Language Colleges hold “Resources Fests” in the Autumn Term.

You may also wish to consider purchasing the Asset Language assessment folder to provide evidence of pupil progress in language skills. Please note however, you must have access to an Asset accredited teacher in order to be able to award Asset Grade certificates.

As far as we know, this is likely to be the last year of Standards Fund grants specifically to support the development of Primary Languages. I would therefore urge you to use it to maximise the benefit to Key Stage 2 pupils, and to enable staff to access the range of fully funded CPD opportunities that are available.

If you have any queries about the appropriate use of this funding please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely



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