



Pupil Deprivation Grant

The Pupil Deprivation 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 funding for those pupils who have been looked after by the Local Authority continuously for more than six months (LAC).

Ysgol Bryn Alyn received a grant of £139,650 in the financial year 2016-17. This grant allows schools to provide practical help to improve attainment of students from disadvantaged backgrounds, breaking down the barriers enabling them to fulfil their potential at our school.

The funding is paid directly to the school and is aimed at raising aspirations and attainment of all FSM pupils. Schools will track the progress of particular students; work with parents and community groups to improve outcomes.

As a school we have made research led decisions to determine how the funding will be used, identifying ways of spending the money that will have the greatest impact on the eligible pupils. We have therefore used the funding available to:

- Ensure cohesion between key stages and maintenance of support & interventions for e-FSM pupils from KS2 to KS3 through our enhanced transition work.
- Further develop FSM parental engagement & communications through a texting service and school based parental workshops.
- Develop the role of teaching assistants in supporting FSM pupils
- Develop new attendance strategies with FSM pupils, including Attendance Improvement Plans
- Provide support for literacy, numeracy, emotional, behavioural and specific learning needs.
- Employ a Learning Coach to work closely with FSM to help improve motivational and engagement in lessons.
- Provide contingency fund for FSM pupil costs for uniform, learning resources, equipment, trips and activities as identified by pastoral & department teams on an individual needs basis.
- Part fund staffing costs of additional teachers in English & Maths to facilitate smaller teaching groups & increased individual support for FSM pupils
- Embed literacy & numeracy boost & catch-up work – part fund staffing & resource costs for intervention/support for FSM pupils – including the use of Accelerated Reader and Accelerate Mathematics.
- Provide proportion of costs of truancy call & attendance officer staffing costs to improve FSM pupils' attendance/engage parents.
- Personalised timetables for FSM which include access to Level 1 and Level 2 college placements to help improve the life chances and outcomes.

