

Ysgol Cymerau Pupil Development Grant Statement 2017-18

The purpose of the Pupil Development Grant is to improve the educational attainment of pupils from low income families and who are entitled to free school meals (FSM). Schools are expected to maximise the use of this funding by introducing sustainable strategies which will quickly lead to improved outcomes for pupils entitled to free school meals.

As a school, we want to learn from the best practice in Wales and beyond by:

1. planning interventions that focus on improving the attainment of pupils from deprived backgrounds, clearly indicating what is expected from the intervention, regularly monitoring pupils' progress and evaluating the impact of the intervention.

2. integrating plans for the effective use of the PDG into the School Development Plan, basing our practice on sound evidence and including them as part of a whole school strategy.

3. balancing whole school strategies with targeted interventions to ensure that all learners entitled to free school meals benefit as individuals, whilst the whole school also develops its ability to support every learner to achieve their full potential.

In 2017-18 Ysgol Cymerau was allocated a total Pupil Development Grant of £67,050.

Ysgol Cymerau has a comprehensive plan, agreed and monitored by Gwynedd Local Authority and GwE, to promote progress and to remove barriers to learning for pupils entitled to this funding.

We have used the funding available to:

- target FSM pupils (Literacy reading skills)
- employ a part-time teacher to reduce class sizes, ensuring that FSM pupils receive a Literacy and Numeracy education in classes of fewer than 30 pupils
- contribute to the costs of the after-school Club so that FSM pupils gain access to the school from 8.10 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. at no cost to parents

It is not appropriate for the school to publish a detailed plan as it could identify individual pupils.