

## Pupil Development Grant

How we propose to spend the 2019/20 grant to support our vulnerable learners

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 (eFSM). 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, 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 2019/20 Ysgol Melyd were allocated a total Pupil Development Grant of £58,350 to promote high expectations attainment and progress and to remove barriers to learning for pupils entitled to this funding.

We are using the funding available to:

- Provide opportunities for vulnerable learners to experience challenging activities, fostering the building of self-esteem, raising aspirations and building confidence in individual and collaborative situations.
- Improve the social and emotional support available to vulnerable learners
- Improve the attendance of our more vulnerable learners

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