

Ysgol Y Waun Schools Pupil Development Grant Statement – 2018/19

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 2018-19 Ysgol Y Waun School were allocated a total Pupil Development Grant of £53,450.

Ysgol Y Waun School has a comprehensive plan, agreed and monitored by GwE and Wrexham Local Authority, to promote high expectations of attainment and progress and to remove barriers to learning for pupils entitled to this funding.

We have used the funding available to:

- Employ additional teaching assistants across the school – ensuring all classes have access to support during morning lessons.
- Provide supply cover for all teachers and teaching assistants to attend safe handling training provided by 'Team Teach', the local authorities recommended provider.
- Purchase additional software including 'My Book Blog' and 'Nessy Reading & Spelling' in order that all pupils can access a range of reading and spelling activities appropriate to their level of ability.