Fairness - Pupil Development Grant (PDG) 2025-26

The Pupil Development Grant is aimed at improving outcomes for learners from low-income families who are eligible for free school meals (FSM). Schools are expected to maximise their use of this funding to implement sustainable strategies that will lead rapidly to improved outcomes for learners who are eligible for free school meals. As a school, we learn from best practice in Wales and beyond by:

1. planning interventions that focus on improving the attainment of children from disadvantaged backgrounds and which clearly note what is expected from the intervention, regularly monitoring pupils' progress and evaluating the intervention's effectiveness.
2. integrating plans for using the PDG in our School Development Plan, with practice based on sound evidence and included as part of a whole-school strategy.
3. striking a balance between whole-school and targeted interventions in order to ensure that every learner who is eligible for free school meals benefits as an individual, and that the whole school fosters its ability to help all learners to achieve their full potential.

In 2025-26, Ysgol Glan Conwy received a Pupil Development Grant allocation of £25,300 and £4,116 to reduce the effect of the PDG reductions following revalidating data 2024. Total of £29,416.

In Ysgol Glan Conwy, we have a comprehensive plan, which is agreed and monitored by Conwy Local Authority, to promote progress and remove barriers to learning faced by students who are eligible for this funding. We have used the available funding to:

- Employ staff to target specific individuals and groups of pupils (literacy and numeracy)
- Ensure a high level of staff in every classroom
- Ensure smaller class sizes