

St Joseph's Catholic & Anglican High Schools' Pupil Development Grant Statement

The purpose of the Pupil Development Grant is to improve the educational attainment and achievements of pupils who are entitled to free school meals (eFSM).

WG Definition 2018 - The PDG should be used to support the needs of all children who are or have been eFSM in the previous two years or are looked after. The PDG is intended to provide support to disadvantaged learners to overcome the additional barriers that prevent those from disadvantaged backgrounds achieving their full potential.'

As a school, we will implement the PDG to:

Criteria	✓	X
Develop early literacy and numeracy approaches	✓	
Support all eligible learners, including those who are MAT.	✓	
Forensically track pupils, identify underachievement and use robust intervention strategies.	✓	
Place a high priority on teaching and learning, quality feedback and metacognition	✓	
Ensure support staff are highly trained and clearly identify the provision they are leading on	✓	
Target Early Intervention Strategies with at least 60% of secondary schools' PDG to be invested in key stage 3 learners.	✓	
Develop effective systems and processes for tracking pupil's progress	✓	
Ensure that all PDG statements are published (school website or forwarded to GwE).	✓	

In addition to the above we have used the PDG funding to:

- Provide enrichment and extra-curricular activities to increase the participation of our most vulnerable students, and to create an environment and culture where these pupils feel able to "stay" in school outside the normal school hours. This includes instrumental tuition.
- "Study+" – a regular homework and study club supported by Teaching Assistants, which provides a space for pupils to study each lunchtime and after-school. Funding for this initiative covers staffing, resourcing and transport home for those eligible.
- Ensure each vulnerable child has access to a dedicated Learning Coach.
- Provide thematic TA's to work with FSM pupils who are also additionally disadvantaged by EAL or other vulnerable circumstances. These post-holders are able to provide additional specific interventions.

In 2019-20 St Joseph's Catholic & Anglican High School were allocated a total Pupil Development Grant of £72,450

St Joseph's Catholic & Anglican High School has reference to PDG in the annual SDP as a vehicle for planning or a comprehensive plan, agreed and monitored by GwE and Wrexham County Borough Council Local Authority.

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

