

Gwenfro Community Primary Schools' Pupil Deprivation Grant Statement

The purpose of the Pupil Deprivation 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 2023-24 Gwenfro School were allocated a total Pupil Deprivation Grant of £241,500

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

We have used the funding available to:

- Improve pupil access and use of digital platforms to support Learning for FSM pupils
- Improve class support given for pupils who are eFSM
- Continue to develop provision to support improved learning opportunities in line with Curriculum for Wales
- To continue to support and encourage reading for pleasure
- To develop the role of the Family Engagement Officer in supporting pupils and their families
- To support families through the Cost of Living Crisis
- To provide music tuition and support for Creative Development across the curriculum
- Improve pupil's emotional wellbeing
- Continue to develop provision to support pupil behaviour and emotional well-being

