

Ysgol Glan y Môr
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 2018-19 Ysgol Glan y Môr was allocated a total Pupil Deprivation Grant of £66,700.

Ysgol Glan y Mor has a comprehensive plan, agreed and monitored by Gwynedd Local Authority and GwE, to promote progress and to remove barriers to learning for pupils entitled to this funding.

We have used the funding available:

1. To employ an officer to work specifically with FSM pupils and their families to improve the attendance percentage of FSM pupils and their educational progress.
2. To ensure financial assistance for educational / social trips; the skills development week and extra lessons and after school clubs.
3. To purchase the services of a specialized company to improve the skills required to prepare for external examinations.
4. To increase access to learning coaches – lunchtime drop-in club; lunchtime quiet room for homework; additional reviewing sessions for exams.
5. To provide access to professional development for staff to support pupils' welfare.
6. To provide access to professional development to enable staff to continue to improve the teaching and learning in order to raise standards. This year, this priority will look specifically at the Growth Mindset scheme that focuses on improving pupils' perseverance, self-image and self-assessment skills.

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