

Argoed High Schools' Pupil Development Grant Statement

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 Argoed High School were allocated a total Pupil Development Grant of £57,000

Argoed High School has a comprehensive plan, agreed and monitored by GwE and Flintshire 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:

- Fund a pastoral support worker (£28,000)
- Provide small group tuition in Maths for targeted pupils (£3,000)
- Implement Commando Joe programme to address a range of emotional, behavioural and self-esteem issues in vulnerable pupils (£11,000)
- Attendance administrator to track and monitor (£9,000)
- Deliver Humanutopia Heroes programme to improve engagement and attitude to school (£4,560)

- Transport to external provision of bespoke pathways at local colleges and establishments, including MPCT (£2,400)
- Accelerated Reader programme to raise standards of literacy (£7,572 for 3 years)

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

