

## **Ysgol Caer Drewyn 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 2023-224 Ysgol Caer Drewyn were allocated a total Pupil Deprivation Grant of £43,700

Ysgol Caer Drewyn has a comprehensive plan, agreed and monitored by GwE and Denbighshire 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:

- To provide social & emotional support to targeted pupils to improve their readiness to learn and engage.
- To improve pupils attendance and therefore improve their readiness to learn.
- To provide a variety of extra-curricular activities/opportunities that more advantaged learners can take for granted.
- To employ a teaching assistant to deliver Elsa sessions to identified pupils.
- To employ teaching assistants to provide additional support within classes to ensure all have equal access to learning opportunities.
- To provide training to staff on trauma informed schools.
- To provide financial support to attend residential and for music lessons for FSM pupils.

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