

Pupil Development Grant (PDG) 2026–27

The Pupil Development Grant (PDG) and Early Years Pupil Development Grant (EYPDG) provide additional funding to support children and learners affected by poverty and disadvantage. The funding is intended to help schools reduce barriers to learning, improve educational outcomes and ensure that eligible learners are supported to make strong progress.

At Ysgol Gymraeg Brynsierfel, we have adopted a structured three-step approach to ensure that the funding has the greatest possible impact:

1. Identify eligible and vulnerable groups of learners, their individual needs and any barriers to learning.
2. Plan appropriate, evidence-informed provision and interventions that make effective use of available resources.
3. Monitor and evaluate the impact of provision on learners' progress, attainment, engagement, attendance and wellbeing.

Our allocation for 2026–27

- Pupil Development Grant: £40,250.00
- PDG 'Smoothing': £2,899.00
- Total PDG 2026–27: £43,149.00
- Early Years Pupil Development Grant: £8,050.00

Overall PDG and Early Years PDG allocation: £51,199.00

Our use of this funding forms part of the school's wider approach to raising standards, promoting equity and removing barriers to learning.

The funding is strategically deployed to:

- provide targeted literacy and numeracy support, including individual and small-group interventions for identified learners;
- provide additional staffing capacity to ensure that learners receive timely and appropriate support according to identified need;
- strengthen early learning and development, including early language, literacy, numeracy and readiness to learn;
- use the school's assessment and tracking systems to identify gaps, target interventions and monitor their impact;
- support learners' emotional wellbeing, engagement and readiness to learn, including ELSA provision, restorative approaches and trauma-informed practice;
- support attendance and engagement, particularly where poverty, disadvantage or wider family circumstances create barriers to regular attendance;
- work collaboratively with families, the Local Authority, external agencies and community partners to provide appropriate support; and
- develop sustainable provision and staff expertise so that improvements achieved through the funding have a lasting impact on the quality of provision and learner outcomes.

Through these approaches, Ysgol Gymraeg Brynsierfel aims to ensure that PDG and EYPDG funding contributes directly to reducing the impact of poverty and disadvantage, removing barriers to learning and improving the educational outcomes, wellbeing and long-term prospects of eligible learners.