

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Pupil Development Grant Statement 2021-22



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 a range of 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 2020-21 **St Mary's Catholic Primary School** was allocated a total Pupil Development Grant of £23,000 and £33,350 in 2021-22 based on the number of pupils eligible for free school meals (eFSM) and those who are Looked after Children (LAC)

St Mary's Catholic Primary 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:

- **Enhance teaching and learning by providing additional staff to facilitate a bespoke programme of literacy, numeracy and well-being support and intervention.**

At St Mary's Catholic Primary School, we have high expectations of all of our pupils and aim to ensure that all support is focused on the individual needs of every child.

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

All parents can be assured that all children are treated fairly and equally at St Mary's and that all information relating to the PDG is treated with discretion and confidentiality.