



Pupil Development Grant Strategy Statement 2021-22: Elfed High School

The Pupil Development Grant (PDG) is intended to help students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds overcome any barriers which may prevent them achieving to their full potential.

This statement details our school's use of the Pupil Development Grant funding to help improve outcomes and provision for students eligible for free school meals (eFSM) and looked after children (LAC).

The school's plan to improve the educational achievement of eFSM pupils is included within the overall School Improvement Plan and is agreed and monitored by Flintshire Local Authority and, regionally, by GwE.

As a school we have agreed the following three principles:

- 1. Students who are eligible for free school meals will leave Elfed High School 'ready to thrive in the wider world'.*
- 2. Ensuring excellence in teaching is at the heart of our approach.*
- 3. Interventions will be planned based on knowing each student and their needs.*

In 2021-22 Elfed High School School was provided with a PDG allocation of £182,850. This represents an additional £1150 for each of 159 students who are eligible for free school meals (taken from 2020 PLASC).

We have used the funding available to:

- invest in professional learning in order to ensure excellence in teaching and teacher feedback;
- purchase diagnostic tests to inform interventions;
- implement and use data tracking systems to identify learners' needs, target interventions and monitor impact;
- provide bespoke intervention approaches for our most vulnerable students – and employing specialist teachers, HLTA and TAs to support these provisions;
- utilising communication packages to create a detailed records for each student and ensure that there is excellent communication between home and school;
- support learners and their families by providing financial support, where needed, for educational resources and activities e.g. purchasing GCSE revision guides, paying for transport for school visits, subsidising music tuition, buying uniform items etc.