

Equity Grant Overview for Ysgol Cynfran

The Equity Grant (Previously known as the Pupil Development Grant (PDG)) is used to enhance the educational outcomes of pupils from low-income backgrounds and those entitled to free school meals (eFSM). Schools are expected to implement sustainable strategies that rapidly improve outcomes for these pupils.

Our Approach at Ysgol Cynfran

To align with best practices in Wales and beyond, Ysgol Cynfran is committed to:

- 1. Developing Targeted Interventions:**
 - Implementing targeted support to improve the attainment of pupils from deprived backgrounds.
 - Regularly monitoring pupil progress and evaluating the impact of interventions.
- 2. Integrating Equity Grant Strategy into the School Development Plan:**
 - Ensuring our strategy is based on robust evidence and part of a comprehensive whole-school approach.
- 3. Balancing Whole-School and Individual Support:**
 - Employing strategies that benefit both individual pupils and the school community to support each learner's potential.

PDG Allocation for 2024/25

- **Total Allocation:** £59,511

Strategies and Activities for 2024/25

- 1. Learning and Teaching:**
 - **SALT (Speech and Language Therapy) Training:** Staff and TAs will receive training to support pupils with Additional Learning Needs (ALN), particularly focusing on early language development.
 - **Practical Learning Engagements:** Providing indoor and outdoor activities that align with the Curriculum for Wales to increase engagement and decrease behaviour incidents.
 - **Teaching Assistant Support:** Employing TAs to deliver targeted interventions to improve literacy and numeracy among eFSM pupils.
- 2. Community-Focused Initiatives:**
 - **Come and Cook Sessions for Parents:** Enhancing parents' skills in preparing healthy meals, supported by research on improved nutritional habits.
- 3. Wider Strategies for Well-being and Leadership:**
 - **ELSA and TIS Sessions:** Providing emotional well-being sessions to improve attendance, reduce behaviour issues, and create a safe school environment.

Outcomes from 2023/24

- **Literacy and Numeracy Development:** Evident cross-curricular growth in numeracy and understanding of writing processes.
- **Well-being Initiatives:** Introduction of Jigsaw PSHE led to better behaviour management and emotional regulation.
- **Staff Training and Support:** Equipping staff through targeted training has enhanced their capability to manage behaviour and support pupils effectively.
- **Intervention Success:** Programs like Nessy and Reading Eggs have supported improved academic performance among targeted pupils.