

Alun School's Pupil Deprivation Grant Statement

The purpose of the Pupil Deprivation 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 2016-17 Alun School was allocated a total Pupil Deprivation Grant of £134,550.

Alun School has a comprehensive plan, agreed and monitored by GwE and Flintshire 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:

- Track the progress of eFSM students and implement strategies based on tracking data.
- Work on a range of early intervention strategies with identified students.
- Monitor attendance and liaise with pastoral staff to implement strategies to address poor attendance of FSM students.
- Provide subsidies for FSM pupils for school enrichment activities such as school visits.
- Provide staff training to increase student engagement.
- Provide individualised curriculum for identified students.
- Provide resources for eFSM pupils including revision guides and school equipment.

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