

## Ysgol Tycroes PDG Statement 2023-24

The Pupil Development Grant (PDG) is allocated to schools with pupils who come from low-income families and are currently known to be eligible for free school meals (e-FSM) and pupils who have been looked after continuously for more than six months (LAC).

Schools are expected to make the best use of this funding to implement sustainable strategies, that will quickly bring about changes for learners eligible for free school meals or who are LAC.

At Ysgol Tycroes, we consider the following:

- the identification of a target group of pupils and their specific needs
- how to plan interventions which address the needs of these children and make the most effective use of resources
- how we will monitor and review the impact

In 2023-24 Ysgol Tycroes was provided with a PDG allocation of £43,700 (including PDG LAC) and Early Years Pupils Development Grant of £6,900.

At Ysgol Tycroes we have a comprehensive plan, agreed and monitored by Carmarthenshire Local Authority to promote progress and remove barriers to learning for students eligible for this funding.

The funding has been used in the following ways:

- Funding of an ELSA Teaching Assistant to provide ongoing wellbeing support, emotional and social intervention (e.g. Positive Play, Talk About, ELSA, TIS strategies) across the school.
- Funding of two Teaching Assistants to provide a range of classroom support, and to deliver group phonics and maths support from Year 3 to Year 6.
- Part-funding of one Teaching Assistant to provide classroom support in Nursery and Reception and to deliver Chatt Intervention across Foundation Learning.