



### **Purpose of the Grant**

*'The purpose of the PDG is to improve outcomes for learners eligible for free school meals (eFSM). It is intended to overcome the additional barriers that prevent learners from disadvantaged backgrounds achieving their full potential.'*

The use of the Pupil Development Grant (PDG) 2022-23 by Penygarn Community School Primary:

- The total number of pupils on school roll for September 2022 is 437
- The school's pupil with free school meals population is 63% (Summer term 2022)
- This is greater than the population for the previous year
- The total allocation of PDG to this school for March 2022 to March 2023 is £294,767

The school undertakes the following activities in order to support and develop pupils facing the challenges of poverty and deprivation:

- Provision of small intervention groups to raise standards in literacy skills.
- Provision of small intervention groups to raise standards in numeracy skills through the use of Number recovery and support for additional learning opportunities.
- Provision for emotional wellbeing and nurture groups.
- Development of social skills during playtimes through training of staff in positive playtime strategies and the staffing to support through activities at unstructured times.
- The costs for staff training to develop a language and numeracy rich learning environment.
- Supporting identified pupils through targeted intervention and play therapy.
- Supporting families for example; supplying uniform, linking families with charities when in need, offering workshops and support groups (behaviour, family routine, healthy eating, phonics, reading and maths).
- Supporting families to improve attendance and arrival time in school.
- Family Learning workshops that support parents in a consistent approach with effective strategies to support spelling, reading and mental maths.
- Professional development and purchasing resources for Progression Step 1, 2 and 3 staff to provide an engaging learning environment and outdoor provision.

The school's Pupil Development and Education Improvement grants are regularly reviewed by the Governing Body, supported by advice from the EAS and monitored by the Local Authority.