



Pupil Deprivation Grant 2025 - 2026

'The Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG) is extra funding from the Welsh Government to overcome the additional barriers poorer pupils face that prevent them from reaching their potential. This may include exceptionally able pupils who, because of their family background are not achieving their full personal potential, even though they appear to be holding their own in comparison with their peers.'

Taken from 'Guidance for Using the Pupil Deprivation Grant, Welsh Government, 2013.

The allocation for the financial year 2025 - 2026 for St Joseph's RC Primary School based on percentage of free school meals **(Grant £45,886)**

This funding will be used to break the link between disadvantage and educational attainment by providing targeted support that improves outcomes for pupils in numeracy, literacy and well-being.

Key priorities include additional LSA support for numeracy and literacy, enabling small-group and individual interventions that help pupils close gaps in learning and make sustained progress. Additional LSA capacity will also be directed towards supporting pupils' emotional well-being, including the facilitation of the ELSA intervention, to ensure pupils are ready to learn and able to engage positively in school life.

The funding will also support professional learning and the provision of high-quality resources to improve the consistency of teaching and support across the school. This will ensure provision is appropriate to pupils' stage and age of development, strengthens independence, and enables pupils to access learning successfully.