Pupil Deprivation Grant 2026–2027

The Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG) provides additional funding from the Welsh Government to help schools address the barriers that pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds may face in reaching their full potential. This includes pupils of all abilities, including those who are exceptionally able but whose circumstances may limit their achievement.

St Joseph's RC Primary School's PDG allocation for the financial year 2026–2027 is £45,886, based on eligibility for free school meals.

We will use this funding to help break the link between disadvantage and educational attainment by providing targeted support to improve pupils' literacy, numeracy and emotional well-being.

Our key priorities are to:

- **Strengthen literacy and numeracy:** Provide additional Learning Support Assistant (LSA) support for targeted small-group and individual interventions, helping pupils address gaps in learning and make sustained progress.
- **Support emotional well-being:** Increase LSA capacity to deliver support, including Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) interventions, so that pupils are ready to learn and can participate positively in school life.
- **Improve attendance, engagement and inclusion:** Support the introduction of a Regulation and Inclusion Hub through staff professional learning and high-quality resources, helping pupils develop emotional regulation, positive learning behaviours and greater engagement in learning.

We will monitor the impact of this provision through pupil progress, attendance and well-being information to ensure that the funding makes a meaningful difference to pupils' experiences and outcomes.