

## **Ysgol Maes Y Coed**

### **Pupil Development Grant 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 (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. As a school we have agreed the following three steps:

1. To identify the target group of pupils, its characteristics and needs;
2. To plan interventions which make the most effective use of resources;
3. To monitor and evaluate the impact of resources.

In 2023.24 Ysgol Maes Y Coed was provided with a PDG allocation of £50,600. At Ysgol Maes Y Coed we have a comprehensive plan, agreed and monitored by Neath Port Talbot Local Authority, to promote progress and remove barriers to learning for students eligible for this funding. We will use the funding available to enhance teaching and learning by allocating staff to attend training and deliver communication and intervention supports to our young people. Partnership working with other schools will take place to share good practise and enable us to utilise strategies that are proven to benefit pupils with additional learning and development needs.

Intervention support will include Reading, Emotional Literacy, Popat (speech and language), cognitive behaviour therapies, relationship therapy, play therapy, outdoor/environment learning experiences and counselling. ICT equipment, to support those who have physical and communication difficulties, will be purchased to aid progress and give full access to curriculum. Individual ICT assessment for pupils with communication difficulties will also take place. Monitoring of the PDG fund is by reporting to Governors on a termly basis