



Gilwern Primary School

Pupil Development Grant Strategy Statement

This statement details our school's use of the PDG for the 2025 – 2026 academic year. It outlines our strategy, how we intend to spend the funding in this academic year and the effect that last year's funding had within our school.

School Overview:

Detail	Data
School Name	Gilwern Primary School
Number of Pupils in School	220
Proportion (%) of PDG eligible pupils	10.9%
Date this statement was published	April 2026 – April 2027
Statement authorised by	Cathy Edmunds (SIP)
PDG Lead	Brady Edwards
Governor Lead	Bryan Davies

Funding Overview:

Detail	Amount
PDG funding allocation this academic year	£20,700
Total budget for this academic year	£20,700

Strategy Plan 3775

Statement of Intent:

This strategy plan details our Pupil Development Grant Spend which supports our curriculum offer for all our pupils. Gilwern Primary will support PDG eligible pupils through a variety of regular interventions, support and provision provided by staff ensuring all learners are **nurtured** and **empowered** to **achieve** their full potential.. This will be closely tracked by senior staff to ensure appropriateness of intervention and progress made by the pupils.

Key principle areas we will address are:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Wellbeing
- Exposure to opportunities that may not normally be available to PDG eligible pupils.

Within our mission and vision statement, our school also embraces the four purposes of the Curriculum for Wales and we have produced this PDG plan in an attempt to help our pupils to become:

Ambitious, capable learners.

Healthy, confident individuals

Ethical, informed citizens

Enterprising, creative contributors.



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Intended Outcomes:

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for by the end of our current strategy plan, and how we will measure whether they have been achieved.

Intended Outcome	Success Criteria
To improve learner engagement, attendance and wellbeing	• Every learner understands how the land around them can provide and support their mental health and wellbeing • Nurture provision will support equitable access to enrichment activities that support wellbeing
All learners to have made good progress from their starting points with improved attainment	• Learner progress is good from their starting points and pupil progress reviews / reports support this with a strong evidence base. • Learner progress and wellbeing meetings where every child is discussed at least once a term. • Intervention data shows progress and improved attainment. • Assessment data shows an upward trend.

This details how we intend to spend our PDG this academic year to achieve the intended outcomes listed above:

Learning and teaching

Budgeted cost: £15,925

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach
Staff to work with eligible pupils to improve standards of wellbeing	Focused wellbeing activities to address emotional issues, improve attendance, behaviours for learning and engagement with the whole curriculum.
Staff to work with eligible pupils to improve standards of reading.	Focused reading sessions improving phonics knowledge, word sight knowledge and vocabulary increase behaviours for learning and engagement with the whole curriculum.
Staff to work with eligible pupils to improve standards of numeracy	Focused numeracy sessions improving number knowledge and application of numbers to different situations increase behaviours for learning and engagement with numeracy.
Staff to work with eligible pupils to provide music lessons.	Music lessons increase pupil wellbeing, engagement with school and allow progression into other aspects of creative arts.

Community Focused Schools (to include: (i) building strong partnerships with families; (ii) responding to the needs of the community; (iii) collaborating with other services)

Budgeted cost: £500

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach
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Continue to engage parents and carers into the life of the school and strengthen our family offer.	Involvement of parents and carers in their child's learning. Strengthens relationships between home and school. Enables staff to provide and share learning experiences and teaching approaches and techniques which can be used at home. Provides a 'Team around the family' approach to well-being.
Reduce costs of trips, enrichment opportunities and activities outside of school.	All pupils eFSM will attend trips and enrichment activities and have equal access to all opportunities Pupils eFSM will use the opportunities provided to enhance their learning.

Wider strategies (for example and where applicable, Health and Well-being, Curriculum and Qualifications, Leadership and Raising Aspirations)

Budgeted cost: £4275 Gwent Music

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach
Music provision whole class brass teaching	Enhanced wellbeing of targeted PDG learners. Exposure to music skills beyond school setting.
x6 supervision sessions for x2 TA's (and any off site training), undertaken and enacted in respect of their ELSA roles.	Enhanced ELSA skills and support for identified vulnerable pupils.

Total budgeted cost: £20,700

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year PDG outcomes

During the 2025–2026 academic year, Gilwern Primary School strategically used its **£22,896** Pupil Development Grant allocation to support eligible learners across learning and teaching, community engagement, and wider wellbeing strategies. This targeted funding delivered strong academic progress, for nearly all eligible learners from the baseline starting points through tailored literacy and numeracy interventions, while dedicated ELSA support and outdoor learning significantly enhanced pupil resilience, engagement and overall wellbeing. Furthermore, the grant ensured equitable access to all school trips, enrichment activities, and specialized music provision—including whole-class brass teaching—while community initiatives like our winter warm hubs strengthened vital home-school partnerships in alignment with the four purposes of the Curriculum for Wales.

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
Music Lessons	Gwent Music