

Pupil Development Grant (PDG) 2024/25 - Evaluation

Percentage of students on school roll entitled to free school meals	12%
PDG Grant allocation	£161,106

GRANT SPENDING PLAN

‘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 grant is being used in this financial year to support the following activities / initiatives:

Activity	Cost	Success Criteria	Outcome
<u>To employ a Pastoral Support Officer to provide behavioural/wellbeing support</u>	£27,439	Reduction in the number of behavioural incidents for FSM students	Reduction in the number of fixed term exclusions year on year for all students. Lowest levels of exclusion in the city.

<u>Employment of 3 x Learning Coaches to support eFSM learning.</u>	£70,836	Supporting eFSM learners to gain qualifications and build resilience	All supported pupils left with at least 1 L2 qualification (lists available). Mapped on Edukey provisions/welfare drive for further detail of individual impact of learning coach support.
Tracking and monitoring attendance of eFSM pupils	£7,868	Improvement in attendance of eFSM pupils	FSM 2023-24: 83.9% FSM 2024-25: 87%
Employment of 2 x Pupils Assistant Leads to support emotional and wellbeing issues	£50,125	Improve the emotional wellbeing of students to enable them to engage fully with learning	Reduction in the number of low-level incidents being dealt with by Heads of Year (PALs records). Student voice/parent voice more positive about anti-bullying.