

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**County Council  
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**REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Arwel Jones, Portfolio Holder for  
Education and Children's Services**

**SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Paul Ashton**

**In view of the introduction of the Education Improvement Grant how will the portfolio holder ensure that the transient Ministry of Defence pupils in Powys schools who require EAL will continue to receive the support they need in order to maintain standards?**

It is a concern that the Welsh Government have decided to cease the Minority Ethnic Achievement Grant which has been used for many years to support learners across Powys and Wales who require support to develop their competency in the English/Welsh language. Welsh Government are ceasing fourteen grants to create a new grant, namely the Education Improvement Grant. This new grant is a regional grant, the details of which have not as yet been provided by Welsh Government. As soon as details are available I shall be in a position to provide further information.