

Pembroke Dock Community School

Dockleaf Project

Equity dimension: tick the dimension related to the practice

- Fairness Inclusion Access Opportunities
 Personalised learning Personal and social development

Subject: expectations

Target groups: choose the educational level focus of the practice

- Early Years Primary education Lower secondary education
 Upper secondary education Vocational Training Other

Source:

Pembroke Dock Community School is a purpose built school a short distance from the town centre. The facilities are of exceptionally high quality and have been very well planned and designed. Provision also includes Pembrokeshire's designated Learning Resource Centre for pupils with ASC which is modern and well resourced. The school, opened in 2001 and was the first school in Wales to be constructed under a private finance initiative.

Currently, the school has a total roll of 650 pupils aged three to eleven, including 80 nursery children. The school provides full-time education for all nursery age pupils. There is also Flying Start provision for 64 two year olds.

Pembroke Dock's catchment area can be described as economically disadvantaged and is in a Communities First Area. Approximately 31% of pupils are currently entitled to free school meals (which is higher than the all Wales average figure of 20%). The annual intake covers the full ability range, although many pupils are from disadvantaged families. Pembroke Dock Llanion and Central ward are ranked as the 1st and 10th most deprived area in Pembrokeshire, (Llanion being in the top 10% most deprived in Wales). According to the Townsend Deprivation Index, Pembroke Dock Central and Llanion fall into the 'Most Deprived' electoral divisions in Wales. The Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion report that 69.2% of children in Pembroke Dock are deemed to be from low income families and 45.5% are from workless families. The school has provision for specialist speech and language provision for pupils with communication difficulties and nurture groups to support pupils with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. The school takes pride in its family and community engagement and provision. We have adopted the UNCRC (United Nations Convention Right of the Child) and are a Gold Level Rights Respecting School. We are a Professional Learning Pioneer School, working with the Welsh Curriculum on the New Curriculum for Wales, as well as a designated Professional Learning School.

Mission Statement

Proud to be a community school, striving for success for all!

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Description: Dockleaf is a project where we offer members of the community to train as a Learning Support Assistant and gain recognised qualifications whilst gaining work experience in our school. An aim of the project is also for the participants to understand the value of their child's education and gain further parenting skills.

Methodology: Dockleaf's main aim is to get people in the community back into the workplace. This is done by:

- Volunteering for a minimum of 16 hours a week
- Applying to gain an NVQ qualification in Childcare or Teaching and Learning.
- Working towards that NVQ qualification with the support of Pembrokeshire College and a school based mentor.

Resources: No resources

Outcomes: To date we've supported hundreds of trainees and either from them gaining employment with us or other establishments, we estimate that we've put back £1.5 million into the Pembrokeshire economy and £750,000 back into the Llanion ward (our target area).

Supporting documents: See the two case studies

Video link: <https://pembrokedockcp.primarysite.media/media/dockleaf-project>