

## Pembroke Dock Community School

### Flying Start and Early Years Intervention

Equity dimension: tick the dimension related to the practice

- Fairness ✓ **Inclusion** ✓ **Access**  Opportunities  
 Personalised learning ✓ **Personal and social development**

Subject: social justice, socio economic status

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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:

Providing full time early years provision (three year olds) with a range of interventions and strategies to encourage early engagement with parents.

#### Methodology:

Providing full time education for three year olds with qualified teachers. We use a range of strategies:

- Small transition group to support any pupils not ready to go into a large open plan classroom.
- Loaning library for providing resources at home.
- Family engagement activities encourage home school links.
- Providing a free hot meal daily

#### Resources:

Teacher salary and use of grant funding to purchase lunches and provide equipment for the loaning library.

#### Outcomes:

We can demonstrate that those pupils who attend full time school at age three make two years progress when we compare them to the standardised scores of pupils who only attend part time nationally.

#### Supporting documents:

Powerpoint,

Video link: <https://pembrokedockcp.primarysite.media/media/early-years-provision-at-pembroke-dock-community-s>