



INCLUSION NEWSLETTER for Parents & Carers

Supporting children with additional learning needs

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Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Reforms - what will this mean to parents?

Since 2007, Welsh Government has been working on updating the special educational needs system in Wales, and is now in the process of bringing in new legislation. In February, the ALN Draft Code of Practice was published, and the ALNET Bill is currently being passed through Government.

The Bill has 3 clear aims.

1. To ensure all learners with ALN are supported to overcome barriers to learning.
2. Improve planning and delivery of support, placing learners needs, views, wishes and feelings at the heart of process.
3. Early identification of needs and timely interventions which are monitored and adapted to ensure they deliver desired outcomes.

Changes to will include:

- Extending the age range from 0 - 25 to include further education colleges and specialist independent colleges (although not higher education or apprenticeships);
- Individual Development Plans (IDP's) replacing current plans and Statements to one unified Plan for all learners with additional learning needs-
- Person centred Planning tools are used throughout the process to ensure the learner is at the centre at all times

Parent Partnership are delivering parent carers information sessions throughout November, come along to find out more:

27/11/17 Haverfordwest

30/11/17 Fishguard

1/12/17 Neyland

Please contact PPS on 01437 776354 or pps@pembrokeshire.gov.uk for more details.



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Parent Network Groups who are they for?

For parents of children with additional learning needs (ALN).

If you are a parent with a child who needs extra help and support, come along to one of our parent network groups, which are led by local parents and facilitated by an Inclusion Support Officer from Pembrokeshire County Council.

Our aims are to provide an opportunity for parents to:-

- Network with other parents/carers
- Share experiences over a coffee
- Meet other parents in your area who have children with Additional Learning Needs.
- Gain further advice and information from the Inclusion Support Officers.

Contact your Local Inclusion

Support Officers Sarah Pocock, Sophie Colnet & Joanne Harding for further information on **01437 776354** or email pps@pembrokeshire.gov.uk



TAPPAS 3 - what is it?

In each cluster of schools, there are a team of local professionals who support schools and families of children and young people with additional needs. The meetings are held termly in each area and provide a range of advice and support for families about additional learning difficulties. Each term the Inclusion Support Team will highlight key themes or developments that are taking place locally or nationally.

We will offer 1:1 sessions with:

- Specific Learning Difficulties Advisor (Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia).
- Paediatric Occupational Therapist.
- Educational Psychologist.
- Parent Partnership Officer.

The Inclusion support team host the termly TAPPAS 3 events for parents, and every term we review in response to feedback from parents as to what they would like from the next terms TAPPAS 3.

To find out more about next terms dates please contact us on 01437 776354 or email pps@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

Feedback we have had from parents who have come to our TAPPAS 3 events:

Fab session lots of info and help
STP cluster

Vital support network please keep going
Tenby cluster

I felt supported and reassured
Pembroke cluster

Excellent service so lovely to meet everyone great information
Fishguard cluster

Good to have chance to meet different professionals in one evening, should have these sessions more often
Preseli cluster



New Trinity Carers Project Launched

A new project has been launched by Pembrokeshire County Council to provide short periods of respite for the parents or carers of children with additional learning needs or a disability.

The Trinity Carers Project will provide the parent or carer with respite while the child participates in a social activity with a member of staff.

Project officers will work with the child's family to arrange an appropriate time and activity such as a cinema, meal out, or bowling with other children or young people.

Families do not need a social worker to access the service. There must also be working or diagnosed ALN or disability, a clear need, and the child must be aged between 5 and 16.

The scheme will run until 31st March 2018.

The project is being provided by the County Council's Integrated Service Team. The team is a provision for families of children and young people with additional learning needs or a disability who may need support for a period to resolve concerns or issues that arise. The Trinity Carers Project is one of the preventative services which the team offers.



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The Trinity Carers Project is a service which provides short periods of respite for parent/carer/families of children with additional learning needs or a disability, and aged between 5-16 yrs.

The Trinity Carers Project will enable parents to take part in an event or activity of their choosing while their child/young person is enjoying a social activity within the community with the support of a member of staff. The Project Officer will work with parents/carers to arrange an appropriate time for the activity to take place.

How do I access the Trinity Carers Project?

To access this service the children/young people must have a working or diagnosed additional Learning need or disability.

A referral form must be completed by a professional (Health, Social Care or Education) who is working with the family and this will then be presented at the weekly Early Help Panel where a decision will be made and an outcome awarded.

You do not need a social work assessment to access this service.

What type of social activity could my child access?

- A meal out
- Bowling
- Soft Play Areas
- Visit to a local attraction
- Cinema

For more information
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Social Media Initiative Aiming to Plug Parents into Inclusion Community

The Inclusion Service's Facebook and Twitter pages went live earlier this year, bringing 'touch-of-a-button' information, advice and events to parents and carers across the community.

In response to discussions with families and the findings from the successful Parent Conference in May, the Inclusion Service has identified an increased need to offer multiple communication options to our parents, advocates and young people.

June saw the launch of our Inclusion Service Twitter and Facebook pages, offering information on ALN support, as well as targeted courses and workshops all over Pembrokeshire, through which we also hope to reach out to those looking to engage with our Parent Partnership Service.

Get connected to our social media sites via the following addresses:



find us at
@PCCIInclusionService



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