Parent Partnership Services

Parent Partnership Services provide support and advice to parents whose children have Additional Learning Needs. We provide a free, accurate and impartial service for all parents and carers of children with Additional Learning Needs, and offer the advice, information and guidance necessary for you to make the right choices for your child.

Services offered by the ‘Parent Partnership Service’ include:

- Impartial, local and accurate information, advice and support.
- A listening ear for families to talk things through.
- Help to gain access to a range of support services.
- Practical help in dealing with letters, filling in forms and understanding professional reports.
- Ongoing support during difficult times.
- Support to make informed decisions about school and other educational placements. (Including support with dealing with Additional Learning Needs issues that relate to health, education, social services and other agencies).
- Support to maintain good working relationships with relevant professionals
- To help families play an active and valued role in their child’s education and development: giving families a voice.

We can help you through:

- Telephone or e-mail;
- Letter and written information;
- Arranging a home visit if appropriate;
- Support at meetings.

Please telephone 01437 776354 or email pps@pembrokeshire.gov.uk
Supporting Your Child's Learning At Home  *Did you know?*

A team of local professionals including Advisory teachers, Occupational therapist, and Educational Psychologists support schools and families of children with additional learning needs - ALN - in Pembrokeshire. Parents and carers are invited to attend this terms Workshops and Drop In’s offering a range of advice and support for families of children with additional learning needs - ALN.

This term, we will offer topic based workshops for parents and carers to gain extra information and strategies to support their children’s needs. This will also be an opportunity for families to share their own experiences, issues or concerns with other parent carers.

Parent carers who attend the Workshops will then be offered ‘Drop In’ consultation sessions with a range of professionals including:

- Educational Psychology Service
- Parent Partnership Service
- The Advisory teacher for Specific Learning Difficulties
- A Paediatric Occupational Therapist

Parent Workshops and Drop In TAPPAS Autumn Term 2018

**North Pembrokeshire**  
Bro Gwaun Learning Centre  
10am - 12pm  
22nd October 2018

Workshop  
‘Impact of sensory processing difficulties on daily life and strategies to support’  
Melanie Ferrier  
Occupational Therapist

**Mid Pembrokeshire**  
Pembrokeshire Archives, Haverfordwest  
10am - 12pm  
25th October 2018

Workshop  
‘Anxiety- How to help your child to cope with school. What can parents do to enable children to handle stress so that it does not become distress’  
Educational Psychologist

**South Pembrokeshire**  
Ysgol Harri Tudur  
Pem broke school  
10am - 12pm  
6th November 2018

Workshop  
‘What are Specific Learning Difficulties and how can parents help at home’  
Emma Wilson  
SpLD advisory teacher

Parent network meetings
The Inclusion Support team run these relaxed, informal ‘coffee morning’ style meetings regionally across the county every 6 weeks. We alternate daytime and evening times to suit as many parents as we can. We use community venues like village halls and libraries.

These meetings are a great way for parents of children with ALN to meet other parents, to gain (and give) both practical and emotional support, to learn new things, to have discussions with others who may be experiencing similar issues. The Inclusion Support team will also bring updates and information about what’s going on each half term in Pembrokeshire and across Wales.

Workshops.
Each term the team offer different workshops for parent carers to attend.

**These include:**

‘Moving Forward’ - Looking at some of the possible issues relating to having a child with additional needs or disability and strategies to support, the way forward as your child grows older, information, advice and support for your family including educational issues and support that is offered in schools.

‘Digital Skills’ - Do you have an iPad and want to learn how to make the most of it? Join Family Fund and the Parent Partnership Service in Pembrokeshire for a free training workshop and find out more about how your iPad works (or at least keep up with your children!)

Conferences.
Each year we hold an Annual Parent Conference, this year our theme was Promoting Positive Behaviour and was held in June. We had over 85 people attend on the day, In the morning we had a presentation from our speakers and after lunch we held 3 workshops. Look out for updates about autumn term Conferences including our NEW Wellbeing Conference in November.

For more information please contact Parent Partnership on 01437 776354 or email pps@pembrokeshire.gov.uk
Does Your Child Have A Learning Challenge?

Are you concerned about the additional learning needs of your child? We are offering a free consultation for parents to discuss your concerns with an Educational Psychologist. Educational Psychologists work in the community with children, young people and families in order to help them with any learning, behaviour, or social and emotional difficulties they may have. This consultation service is provided by Pembrokeshire County Council free for families of children from age 2 to 18.

The service can be accessed by emailing the Principal Educational Psychologist, Dewi Hughes - email: dewi.hughes@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

We will be holding parent drop in sessions on the 18th October 4:00-6:00pm - venue to be confirmed

Supporting Families of Children & Young people with Additional Learning Needs

Pembrokeshire County Council, together with our partners in the third sector and other agencies are working closely together to support and help parents and carers of children and young people with additional learning needs.

A booklet has been put together to help schools and families understand the different types of help and support, and where to go to find it.

The three types of support outlined in the leaflet include:

- Supporting parenting skills – such as parenting skills workshops, tailored courses
- Supporting play and social opportunities- such as after school and holiday clubs
- Supporting parents, or carers of children and young people with additional needs - advice and support services, ongoing support during difficult times, workshops

For a copy of this leaflet contact Parent Partnership on 01437 776354 or email pps@pembrokeshire.gov.uk
The Inclusion Service is passionate about sharing information with parents, carers and our young people of Pembrokeshire. We have been developing our social media to enable us to share with you information about services, events and to celebrate good news. Social media is a great way for us to get information out to you quickly and to get your views on our services and policies.

Our Facebook page has over 350 followers and we would love to increase this further with your help. Please share our social media pages with family and friends so that we can spread our messages further.

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

- **Facebook**: find us at @PCCInclusionService
- **Twitter**: find us at @PCCInclusion