

Curriculum

The purpose of every school and settings curriculum in Wales is to support our children and young people to be;

- Ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives,
- Enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work,
- Ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world,
- Healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

This will be developed through 6 Areas of Learning,

- Language, literacy and communication,
- Expressive Arts,
- Health and Wellbeing,
- Humanities,
- Mathematics and Numeracy,
- Science and Technology.

Sport

There are a wide range of sport-ing activities undertaken in each class during the year. All classes have timetabled PE sessions which include gymnastics, creative movement, athletics, games and health and fitness activities. During PE lessons we expect the children to wear shorts, t-shirt and trainers or bare feet if learning gymnastics or dance in the hall.



Welsh

Welsh is taught as a second language and we encourage the pupils to use it everyday. We use a Helpwr Heddiw in each class to give commands for the teacher and have a phrase/ word



RE

We follow guidelines laid down by the Local Authority and Religious Education follows a broadly based Christian tradition whilst taking into account and celebrating other religions and cultures. Parents can request a copy of our RE Scheme of Work.

Collective Worship

Our school participates in a daily act of collective worship, which is mainly Christian in character and in it's various forms provides a focus for the school as a community. Parents may exercise their rights and withdraw their children, wholly or in part, from collective worship but should first discuss this with the Headteacher.

School Nurse

Our School Nurse is based in the local health service. Her role includes advising parents and school on health matters and carrying out routine checks on vision, hearing and physical growth throughout your child's time here in school.



Dental Services

Dental screening is sometimes carried out in school. Parents are notified in advance and invited to come to a meeting.

No treatment is carried out in school.

First Aid

All members of staff have attended first aid training and the school is well equipped with basic first aid equipment. If your child has an accident or bump to the head we will contact you or the emergency contact as soon as possible. Minor injuries are recorded and we will inform you when you collect your child.

Medicines in school

We adhere to the LA guidelines on administration of medication in school. **We ask you to complete a consent form in the school office so that we may administer prescribed medicine. All medicine must be taken to the school office so that it can be stored and administered safely. Only one dose of the medication will be kept in school, therefore parents/guardians will need to bring the medication to the office every day.** All children who need medication on a regular basis for conditions such as epilepsy, asthma or diabetes should give duplicate medication to the school office so that they have access to it at all times.

Absences

If your child is absent please contact the school by telephone to report your child's reason for absence. There will be someone in the school office from 8.30am each morning. Please ensure that you also send an absence note, upon the return of your child/ren to school. Thank you.

Collecting Children

Please phone the school or let the class teacher know when you bring your child in the morning if someone else is collecting your child. If your child has an appointment and you need to collect your child early please bring the appointment letter to the school office.



Special Educational Needs

At Parc Lewis Primary all children are valued equally regardless of their abilities, aptitudes, interests and behaviour. Each child is entitled to a differentiated curriculum. However, some children may experience considerable difficulties in learning at some stage of their school life and those children have additional learning needs (ALN). All children's progress is assessed and monitored throughout their school life and if additional needs arise an individual education programme (IEP) is created. If necessary, there will be liaison with the Educational Psychologist or other agencies. Parents are consulted throughout all stages and encouraged to work with the school and ALNCo, Mrs Goddard, to achieve the best outcome for their child.

Able and Talented

We aim to provide a curriculum that is appropriate to the needs and abilities of all children. We plan our teaching and learning in such a way that we enable each child to reach for the highest level of personal achievement. It is important to understand what we mean by more able and talented pupils. The term 'able pupil' refers to a child who shows exceptional ability in one or more of the academic elements of the school curriculum. The term 'talented' refers to a child who shows exceptional practical/performing abilities. We challenge and extend children according to their individual ability.

Assessment

All children are assessed on entry to school using Welsh Government and Local Authority guidelines.



Throughout each year your child is in school, teachers will assess your child's progress each term using both teacher assessment and standardised tests and these results are used to set targets for each child. We share their progress with you

Behaviour and Discipline

We expect high standards of behaviour and our School Council have created the School Rules. We encourage our pupils to consider others and take responsibility for their actions. We reward children for positive behaviour by awarding stickers and certificates. KS2 follow our Good to be Green strategy. Matters of discipline are dealt with initially by the class teacher. If a situation demands further attention, the Headteacher takes responsibility for disciplinary measures. We will then consult parents if any serious problems occur at school.

Equal Opportunities

It is our policy to ensure that every child and member of staff is given equal access to all aspects of school life, whatever their race, gender, religion, ability, language or cultural background.

Sex Education

Our main focus is to foster positive relationships which celebrate friendship and valuing each other. Y5 & Y6 children are also visited by the school nurse to discuss issues such as puberty.

Safeguarding

At Parc Lewis Primary we have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Under the Children's Act 2004 we are required to pass on information which gives rise to concern about a child's welfare.

Our Designated Safeguarding Officer in school is Mrs Hughes (Headteacher) or Mrs Goddard(Deputy Head) and our Safeguarding Governor is Mr Minton

RCT MASH Co-ordinator for schools is Deborah Davies (01443 742927) or you can refer to Children's Services (01443 486731).

School Policies

Policies are available from the school office, which cover all aspects of school life. If you wish to have further Information, please email the school office .

Complaints Procedure

If a parent has any worries or complaints about the education their child is receiving they should not hesitate to submit a letter to the school, requesting a meeting with the class teacher or Headteacher. Often matters can be dealt with at this stage. However if you are not entirely satisfied with the response then you can formally write to the Governing Body and then if necessary subsequently to the Local Authority.

Community Partnerships

We have excellent links with key members of our community such as local business, PCSOs and churches.

(Friends of Parc Lewis School)

Our PTA is made up of parents, friends and members of staff and we welcome new volunteers.

Parents Involvement

We welcome parents and guardinas into our school and believe that we are partners with you in the education of your children. We do all we can to run the school in an open and welcoming way and if there is any information, help or guidance you need then please do not hesitate to ask.

Some things can be dealt with immediately, whilst for others an appointment can be made.

We have parents evenings in the autumn and spring term to discuss your child's progress and send home a written end of year report in the summer term.

Homework

Each class gives a half term task for you to carry out with your child and this is written on the termly class newsletter. We encourage parents to work with their child at home by hearing them read on a daily basis and recording it in their reading diary. Just 10 - 15 minutes a day can accelerate a child's reading progress dramatically. In Year 1 and 2 we often have weekly homework tasks to practice new skills linked to what they have learnt during the week. We are always pleased to discuss ways in which parents can help their child at home regarding their education. KS2 classes have set days where numeracy and literacy homework is expected. Frequency will depend on the age of the child.

Eco Schools

We are an Eco School and have been working toward our Green Flag Award. We have a democratically elected Eco Committee with children from each class. All our pupils are Eco Warriors and work together to understand how to look after our environment.



School Visits

All children enjoy visiting new places and we feel it is an essential part of their learning. We usually plan a trip based on our theme each term linked to different areas of the curriculum. We are of course, reliant on voluntary contributions from parents to ensure these trips can take place.

Charging and Remissions

The school may from time to time ask for voluntary contributions from parents to enable a particular activity to take place which supplements the normal curriculum. A letter outlining each activity and detailing costs will be sent home.

Snack Time

We encourage the children to eat healthily at break time and they can bring in a snack of fruit or vegetables. All Foundation Phase age children are provided with a bottle of milk at break time.



Water Bottles

Our children have access to their water bottles or water fountain throughout the day and we believe it is important for them to be encouraged to drink healthily at a young age.

Lunchtimes

Parents have a choice for their child's lunchtime arrangements. School meals are cooked in school and served on the premises. The menu is planned to provide a dietary balance suitable for young children. Meals are now provided for free for all pupils attending Parlewis Primary on a full-time basis.

If your child has a packed lunch we would ask you to provide a balanced nutritional lunch as a healthy diet is extremely important.

Sun & Safety

We spend a lot of time outdoors during the day and during warm weather please can you ensure your child has a named sunhat in school each day. Before you send your child to school in sunny weather please can you apply a long lasting waterproof sunscreen.



Extra-curricular clubs

We offer after school club opportunities for the children. These include:
INFANTS

- Games Club (Y1 & Y2)
- Cooking Club (Rotates)
- Creative Club (Y2)

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- School Council
- Speak Up (Y3 & Y4) Science Club (Y2 to Y6)

- Football Club (Y3 to Y6)
- Gymnastics (Y3 to Y6)
- Rugby (Y5 & y6)
- Creative Club (Y3)
- Digital Club (Y5)

