

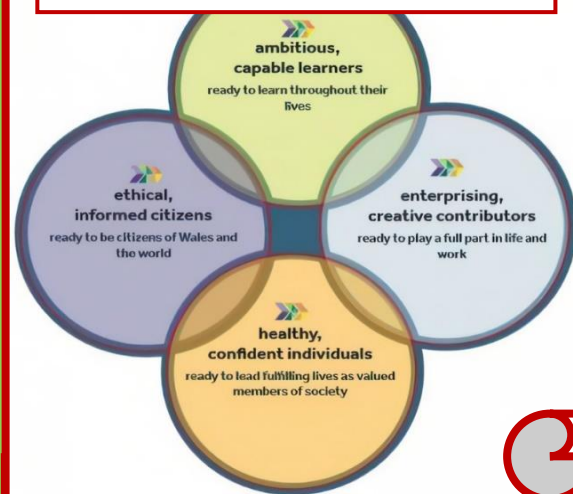
The new Welsh Curriculum

Wales have introduced a new curriculum framework focusing on promote discovery and independence for children at a young age. When preparing the new curriculum, the focus was not only on academic subjects but also health and well-being and essential life skills.

Supporting ALN and pupils' well-being

- Termly reviews
- Individual development plans created for each term
- 1 on 1 with LSA's

4 purposes of the Welsh Curriculum



Start at my feet...

Online Engagement created by the school for families

School Website School Twitter School Youtube Weekly email newsletters

Forest schools in Wales

The new Welsh curriculum has a heavy focus on outdoor learning, this is leading to many schools following the forest school lesson plans.

Findings + Outcomes of forest schools

- Builds a child's self esteem
- Builds a child's imagination
- An opportunity to explore independently which promotes individual and personal growth
- Improves focus inside and outside of the classroom
- Promotes a healthy lifestyle
- Improves social skill development
- Planting trees to support the community and wildlife.



Schools welcoming families and encouraging their engagement

Schools welcome families into the school for 'Tray + Display' events where they get to come into the school and see what the children have been working on, displaying their art, videos, and class displays. These themes vary through history, science and cultures.

Schools conduct themed open days for the parents to come into the school and the children show their work for the term through acting, singing, and creating small stalls with activities. By welcoming parents into the school, it encourages the parents to engage more and support their children in learning.

School encourages parents to share their thoughts by sending out termly questionnaires.

Schools supporting families and the community

- Schools offer potty training for parents and members of the community- The participants can keep resources from these lessons such as nappies, wipes and potties.
- Free school meals are offered to all low-income families where parents are welcomed into the school on dinner break to eat with their child.
- Schools offer to do laundry for low-income or time poor families within the school.

School support during the transitioning period of Nursery to School

- Before starting school, early years teachers arrange home and nursery visits to meet the child and family before their transition into school
- Helps calm the nerves of the parents but also gives the child a familiar face at the start of term.
- Schools welcome families into the school for a 'stay + play' event before the starting term to allow them to see the environment where their child will learn. It also gives the child an opportunity to play and get comfortable in the environment and future classroom.
- Regular discussion and open conversation for worried parents to express their concerns and ask questions regarding the new move into school.
- Sharing strategy – Mostly happens with the early years where parents and teachers work together with what strategies work best to support and help the child succeed.