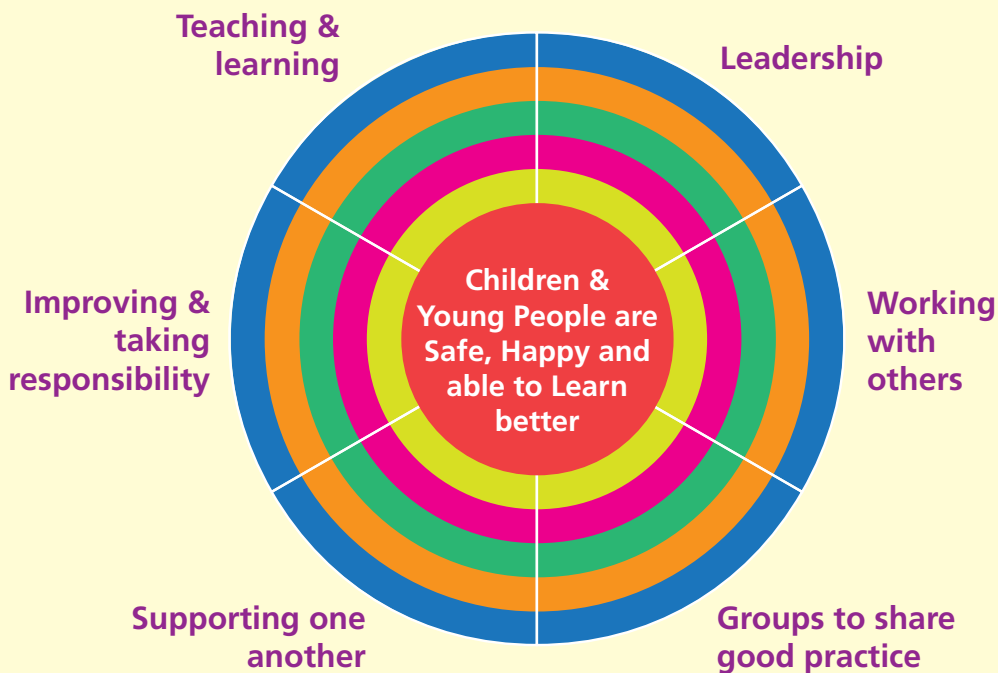


'School Effectiveness' – What does it mean for You?



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The Welsh Assembly Government has been chosen by the people of Wales to help everyone to have the best chances in life. They want all schools in Wales to be safe and happy places where children and young people can do their best and learn lots of things in different ways. We think this happens best where government, local councils and schools are working together. The pizza below shows how your school can be a really good school. This is called the School Effectiveness Framework.



You - the pupils



Your Classroom



Your School



Your Local Council



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Important themes



You – the pupils – have a very important part to play in making your school a better place to play and learn. Here are some ways that you can be involved in each bit of the “pizza”:

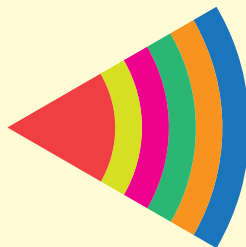
Leadership

- Take on responsible roles – e.g. on the school council, eco-committee, healthy schools, anti-bullying group
- Tell your Headteacher and Governors about your ideas for making changes in your school
- Make sure your school takes on things that are really important to you – such as Fair Trade and the Environment



Working with others

- Work with adults to solve problems such as bullying, healthy food and the school environment
- Talk to staff about what you would like to learn and how you think you learn best
- Have a say on what you think should be included in the Home-school agreement
- Take part in out of school clubs and groups to make a difference



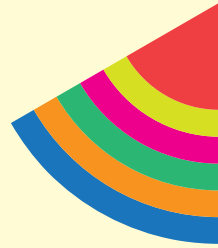
Groups to share good practice

- Carry out surveys and questionnaires so that staff understand what your views and experiences are
- Share information about what's going well in your school through assemblies, web-sites and newsletters
- Talk to your local young people's council
- Make links to other schools to share information about what's going well



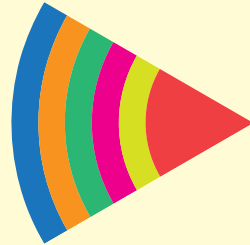
Supporting one another

- Work with staff to help pupils who have problems learning
- Get involved as a playground pal or peer supporter
- Run lunch-time clubs such as an eco-club or an international club
- Get involved in out of school clubs and activities



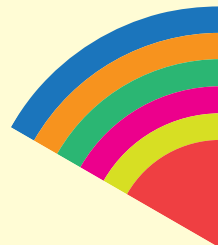
Improving & taking responsibility

- Find out pupils' ideas about how your school can be improved, and then vote on them
- Talk to the Headteacher and Governors about your ideas and how they can be taken forward
- Tell pupils about how things are going and what you've achieved



Teaching & learning

- Help to collect pupils' views about what they are learning and how they like to learn
- Train to help other pupils to learn
- Help to appoint staff in your school

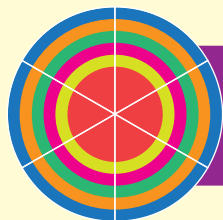


What can you do now?

- Tell your friends about the School Effectiveness pizza, and how they can be involved in making your school a better place. You can do this in lots of ways – for instance through assemblies, posters and notice-boards, newsletters, web-sites, and TV screens in school.
- Talk to your Headteacher and find out whether your school is working on the School Effectiveness Framework. Ask him / her how pupils can be more involved in improving your school through the school council and other pupil groups.
- Let us know how pupils in your school have been involved in each piece of the 'pizza', so that we can share your ideas and achievements with others.

There are lots of projects inside and related to the Welsh Assembly Government working for children and young people – for instance Participation (including School Councils), School Effectiveness, Appetite for Life, and Funky Dragon. For more information or examples of what pupils have done in other schools, go to the following web-sites: The School Effectiveness web-site (www.sefwales.co.uk/) and the School Councils Wales web-site (www.schoolcouncilswales.org.uk)

We would love to receive your comments, questions, experiences and ideas. Please send these to: SEF@wales.gsi.gov.uk



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We look forward to hearing from you!



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