

THE SUNFLOWER ROOM



LLANIDLOES SPECIALIST SEN CENTRES (PRIMARY)

INTRODUCTION

The North Powys Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Service is based on a hub and spoke principle with Ysgol Cedewain (Newtown) and Brynllwarch Hall School (Kerry), forming the hub and specialist centres forming the spokes. The specialist centres, located in the Llanidloes and Machynlleth areas, included within the Llanidloes catchment area, together with specialist centres within other catchments of North Powys, will serve as the spokes.

ROLE AND FUNCTION

The specialist centre will:

- a) provide intensive periods of effective teaching in partnership with the mainstream teachers, included in the school, to support learners with Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD), Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD), Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD), and Speech, Language and Communication Difficulties (SLCD);
- b) provide an area resource in relation to SEN;
- c) make appropriate provision for a maximum of 12 learners with SEN in order to assist their access to mainstream education;
- d) provide high quality advice and support to the staff of other mainstream schools within the catchment area;
- e) provide a focal point for specialist provision for the Local Authority in placement of learners with SEN in the catchment area;
- f) provide a catchment base for SENCo forums/ALN consultations;
- g) offer an SEN-friendly approach within the centre and support an SEN-friendly approach across the school;
- h) provide outreach to the other primary schools within the catchment area in order to support improved provision for learners with SEN, both on a school-wide basis, and in respect of specific learners;

- i) to provide outreach to support learners with significant learning difficulties who are attending Early Years settings located in the Llanidloes. In addition, the centres will be able to admit for a period of assessment and intervention, pre-school learners who are attending Early Years settings within the locality. These admissions will be part-time and for a period of 6 weeks at a time, subject to review.

ROLE WITHIN LLANIDLOES C.P SCHOOL

The Specialist centre provides an intensive period of support for pupils with MLD, SLD, SpLD and SLCD. The goal for the centre is to integrate the pupils back into the mainstream setting, after they have reached a consistent level of independence, that will enable them to cope within a class setting, e.g. standardized scores of 85 to 90. Once back within the class setting the children continue to gain support from the Specialist Centre as outreach.

The Specialist Centre provides a base of support that caters for the needs of the individual child academically, and when the need arises with pastoral support. The Specialist Centre gives children the opportunity to receive specialist support from a base within their own school and community, therefore allowing children to continue in a mainstream setting.