

PORTFIELD SCHOOL & SATELLITE CENTRES



POLICY DOCUMENT FOR SCHOOL COUNSELLING SERVICE



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Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed annually unless changes of circumstances or legislation requires it to be amended earlier.

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Headteacher

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Chair of Governors

Date:



School Counselling Service

Mission Statement

Working together Learning together Achieving together

At Portfield School we strive to

- Create a happy, safe, supportive and stimulating learning environment
- Value everyone
- Develop everyone's personal, social, emotional health and wellbeing
- Promote relevant academic and vocational skills
- Meet individual needs through an imaginative and flexible approach
- Enable all learners to achieve their full potential

The School Counselling Service is a professional, confidential and universal therapeutic service available to children and young people in Pembrokeshire. The service is an organisational member of the British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists (BACP) and operates in line with the BACP Ethical Framework for Good Practice in Counselling and Psychotherapy.

The recently introduced School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 includes provision for school-based counselling and in line with the *Statutory guidance to Welsh local authorities on the provision of independent counselling services* the School Counselling Service in Pembrokeshire provides counselling for:

- registered pupils who receive secondary education at:
 - schools maintained by the authority
 - other schools in its area (e.g. independent schools)
- registered pupils who are in Year 6 of their primary education at:
 - a school maintained by the authority
 - other schools in its area
- young people in its area between the ages of 11 and 19 who are not being educated at school.

The School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 also states that in securing provision of an independent counselling service regard must be given to:

- (a) The principle that the service is to be independent of –
 - (i) the governing body or other proprietor of a school at which a person to whom the service is provided is receiving education, and
 - (ii) the management of a school at which a person to whom the service is provided is receiving education;

Referral to the Service

In line with the School-based Counselling Services in Wales – a National Strategy issued in April 2008, the service offers one to one therapeutic counselling support for pupils. Counselling will be offered to those pupils who require support in relation to transition issues that have an emotional health component.

In addition, the service offers counselling to pupils whose attendance is of concern and who may benefit from therapeutic support.

At Portfield School, parents can request referral to the Counselling Service by signing a letter of consent. Pupils of secondary age are able to self-refer to the counseling service. Parents/Carers are fully informed.

Teaching staff may also identify those pupils with attendance, transition or other issues

Additional Support:-

Please contact school on: 01437 762701 for further details

The School Counselling Service is an organisational member of the British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists (BACP). In addition, all school counsellors are individual members of the BACP and work within its Ethical Framework for Good Practice in Counselling & Psychotherapy. The School Counselling Service is part of the Inclusion and Wellbeing Team within Pembrokeshire County Councils' Children and Schools Directorate. The Inclusion and Wellbeing Team is managed by the Programme Manager for the Development of Integrated Services.

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