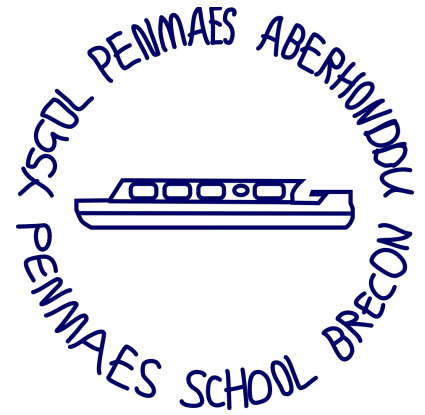




Ysgol Penmaes





Admissions Policy

This is a Powys adopted policy

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed as detailed in the school's policy review cycle. It may also be necessary to review and amend it sooner to reflect both local and national changes.

Ratified by Governing Body	Signature	Date
Headteacher: Angharad Bryn-Jones		19.4.23
Chair of Governors: Clancy Brett		19.4.23
Next review date: April 2024		

Admissions for Pupils with Special Educational Needs or Additional Learning Needs

Special Schools

Ysgol Penmaes provides specialist and bespoke learning opportunities and environments for learners between the ages of 3-19 who have severe and complex learning difficulties.

Nearly all of the learners attending Ysgol Penmaes are classed as having Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD), Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) and complex Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). In addition, many learners will have co-morbid conditions that impact on them as learners, such as, Communication and Interaction Difficulties, Emotional and Social Difficulties, Sensory, Physical and Complex Medical Needs.

Ysgol Penmaes aims to provide a broad and balanced curriculum that includes developing and implementing specialist and individualised programmes of learning. In addition to this Powys County Council has a satellite provision of Ysgol Penmaes sited at Crossgates Primary School. This is to ensure equity of special education provision across the county.

Criteria for Admission to Special School

Access to special school falls outside the standard admissions arrangements for mainstream schools, Powys County Council remains the admissions authority and determines the admissions arrangements:

- Learners who live in Wales and attend one of the Powys' special schools are required to have a Statement of Special Educational Needs or local authority maintained Individual Development Plan as a prerequisite to entry; learners who live in England but attend a special school will have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). In exceptional circumstances, learners may be admitted while the relevant document is prepared;
- Learners will only be admitted into a special school if they meet the entry criteria for that school;
- Learners will normally be admitted into a special school in September, although there may be admissions throughout the school year due to learners transferring from other local authorities. There may be other exceptional circumstances that mean an earlier admission is necessary;

And

- Admissions will be decided by the local authority's Powys Inclusion Panel (PIP) through the Tyfu platform. No commitment to admission can be given until PIP has met to discuss each individual case and a formal admissions offer is sent.

Visits to Ysgol Penmaes

Ysgol Penmaes welcomes visits from prospective parents and carers of learners who may require a special school placement. However, a visit to Penmaes does not guarantee a placement. All placements as outlined above are agreed at the PIP panel. It is always best to seek advice from

the Powys Additional Learning Needs (ALN) team in regards to whether a visit should be arranged or not.

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