



ST NINIAN'S HIGH SCHOOL

School Policy No 7

PUPIL SUPPORT GROUP (PSG)

1. AIMS

- 1.1 To help each individual to achieve his/her full potential.
- 1.2 To support a child and his/her parents who is/are experiencing difficulties of any nature.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To operate as a local inter-agency forum, which is able to intervene at the earliest opportunity.
- 2.2 To draw on the best amalgam of joint professional skills and resources.

3. RATIONALE

As St Ninian's High School has a policy of a positive approach to discipline and behaviour the PSG will operate in conjunction with staff, pupils, parents and, where necessary, other members of the family and appropriate outside agencies.

4. METHODS OF ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 The PSG will have representation from SMT, Guidance, Learning Support and Network Learning Support, Psychological Services, Community Education, EBD, Social Work and Health.
- 4.2 The PSG will meet at scheduled times throughout the school year.
- 4.3 Parents and the designated pupil/s will be contacted requesting their child's/children's participation with the PSG.
- 4.4 Year Group DHTs and the appropriate Guidance teacher may refer a pupil after consultation with the PSG coordinator who will prioritise referrals. Referrals will only be accepted after other strategies seem to have failed.
- 4.5 Parents and pupils will be invited to meet the PSG.
- 4.6 When the referral has been accepted, the appropriate Guidance teacher will obtain reports from the pupil's teachers. The Guidance teacher will make a summary report to the PSG, including the history of the manifestation of problems and the strategies previously used.



- 4.7 The PSG will suggest further strategies and Guidance staff will provide this information verbally to the appropriate teaching staff. Parents will be informed of the suggestions made and their consent requested to implement the strategies.
- 4.8 Minutes of Meetings will be distributed to all PSG members. They will include a brief summary of background information, strategies discussed and necessary Action Points. This information will also be distributed to the appropriate members of the SMT.

5. STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Other members of staff and students may observe meetings as part of staff development. They will not be allowed any input to the meetings and will only be allowed to observe on the agreement that all discussions are confidential.

6. TARGETS

To make St Ninian's High School a more supportive and inclusive establishment for pupils, parents and staff, general target dates cannot be set as some pupils' problems may be perceived to be more profound than others, however individual targets may be set, taking into account all relevant information.

7. EVALUATION

- 7.1 There will be regular reviews for all pupils referred to the PSG. There will be a review at the end of each session for each pupil.
- 7.2 Examples of success criteria, e.g. if a pupil remains in mainstream secondary, a pupil's problems diminish or the PSG and all concerned, believe that problems no longer exist.

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