

Pupil Development Centre

What We Do

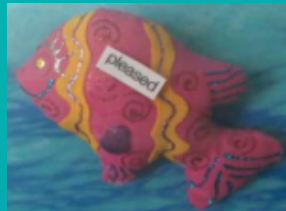
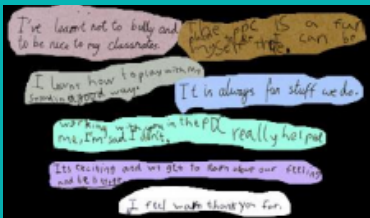
The PDC initiative gave each primary school a financial allocation targeted to prevent permanent and fixed-term exclusions of pupils. Schools were, and remain, free to use their funds as they think fit, in the best interests of their particular pupils. However, the PDC initiative did encourage them to:

- Identify and equip a dedicated room for the teaching of emotional and social skills
- Identify and train a member of staff to coordinate the activities of their PDC
- Make sure that all children could have access to the PDC, even though children with particular emotional or social difficulties would be most likely to be referred to work there
- Make sure that pupils with particular difficulties work alongside pupils who can provide positive role models.

Mission Statement

“To teach children a range of personal strategies for developing healthy self-esteem and self-awareness so that they can be resilient and confident and be able to manage their behaviour and social difficulties in order to improve their learning opportunities in and out of school.”

A holistic approach supporting children with their personal, emotional and social development



Our Core Aims

The PDC initiative has come to have two core aims:

- 1) to work with pupils who have particular emotional, social and behavioural difficulties so that pupil exclusions from primary schools are kept an absolute minimum
- 2) to develop the emotional and social skills of all primary pupils in Southwark, on the understanding that:

- If you feel good, you learn more effectively (“feel good, learn good”)
- Positive personal identity is central to self-confidence and self-esteem.

The PDC Hub

The PDC network has its hub at Summerhouse which offers particular and focused help for individual pupils with emotional, social and behavioural difficulties, through both in-reah and out-reach work

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