

Community Focused Schools

Did you know...

32% of children in Wales live in relative income poverty?

This can have an impact on:

Language and literacy skills



33%

of children with speech, language and communication needs live in areas of high social disadvantage.

School attendance



-7.3 percentage points

is the difference in school attendance in Wales between those eligible for free schools meals and those who are not.

GCSE attainment



29.3 percentage points

lower A* to C grades in 2024 to 2025 for children in Wales eligible for free school meals than those who are not.

Community Focused Schools are a crucial part of our work to **tackle the impact of poverty** on educational attainment.



Community Focused Schools can help tackle the impact of poverty on educational attainment by:



Supporting strong links between schools and families to better support children's learning, aspirations and attendance.



Supporting families to help their children with their learning at home and improving the home learning environment.



Encouraging conversations about learning.



Offering connected learning opportunities between home, school and the community.



Helping to lessen the impact of the pandemic on learning.



Providing high quality Early Childhood Play, Learning and Care (ECPLC).



Working together with the community.



Providing links to wider support services ensuring easier access for families and children.

For more information see the **Community Focused Schools guidance**