

Governors Annual Report to Parents



Message from our Chair of Governors

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This has been one of the most challenging school years in my time serving as Chair.

The Governing Body and Staff at Ysgol Y Waun have risen to the challenge of COVID-19 to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of our children.

As a school we have followed Welsh Government, Public Health Wales and Local Authority guidance diligently.

The Governing Body have continued to manage the school by holding virtual meetings each term.

Amongst the many challenges we have faced, school staff have successfully implemented online home learning and key worker provision in school across three lockdown/ school closure periods.

We would not have achieved this without the commitment of our dedicated staff and tremendous support from parents and carers, the staff have been exemplary in all they have done, the children have been their priority and despite risks to themselves they have continued to provide teaching in whatever way is possible.

Thank you all!

I would like to finish by saying an enormous thank you to our fantastic pupils who have worked so hard and have made staff and governors very proud. I know that Mr Roberts and all school staff missed you and were pleased to see you return in March 2021 after 4 months of school closure!

A special mention has to go to our Y6 pupils, who have missed out on so much over the past 2 years. Every effort has been made to make the last few weeks of term very special for them! We wish you all the best in the future and thank you for the time you spent with us!

The following report will provide you with a summary of school developments and achievements over the past 12 months at Ysgol Y Waun.

Best Wishes,

Frank Hemmings

Chair of Governors

COVID-19 restrictions have made it impossible to hold the 'annual parents meeting' to discuss this report but we would appreciate your feedback by email. Please send your comments/ questions to: HemmingsF1@hwbcymru.net
Thankyou

2020/ 2021

GOVERNING BODY 2020—2021

CLERK TO THE GOVERNING BODY—MRS C. POVEY

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STAFF GOVERNORS

MR J. ROBERTS — HEAD TEACHER

MRS A. ROBERTS — TEACHER

MRS K. JAMES—TEACHING ASSISTANT

PARENT GOVERNORS

MRS J. FAWCETT—JONES

MR C. BACHE

MRS K. PRICE

MR A. KNOPP

LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS

MRS J. ALLEN

MR F. HEMMINGS—CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

MR T. EVANS

COMMUNITY GOVERNORS

Mrs D Evans

MRS L. JONES

MRS G. JONES—DEPUTY CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

NUMBER OF PUPILS ON ROLL: 341

HEAD TEACHER: MR J. ROBERTS

TEACHER	CLASS	YEAR	SIZE
MRS A. ROBERTS	BEECH	6	22
MRS J. LINES	SILVER BIRCH	6	23
MR A. MORROW—POWELL	CEDAR	5	27
MISS B. GRIFFITHS	EBONY	5/6	21/1
MISS S. PRICE	CHERRY	3/4	17/14
MRS T. THOMAS	PINE	3/4	15/12
MRS N. EDWARDS	SYCAMORE	3/4	15/12
MISS B. CORNFORD	HAZEL	1/2	14/13
MRS N. MORGAN	WILLOW	1/2	13/15
MRS L. MCCUNNELL/ MRS L. ROWLANDS	JUNIPER	1/2	14/16
MRS E. HUGHES	MAPLE	R	29
MRS L. GREEN	ELM	N	42

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra Curricular activities, including clubs, have not been possible for the majority of the academic year—due to COVID-19 restrictions.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Educational visits have not been possible for the majority of the academic year. Walks in our local area, trips to Chirk Castle and RAF Cosford all took place between May and July 2021.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER 20—JUNE 21 93.74%

AUTHORISED ABSENCE 5.69%

UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE 0.5%

COMMENTS

AUTHORISED ABSENCES INCLUDE SICKNESS/ MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS AND ABSENCE RELATING TO COVID-19 (ISOLATION)

EXCLUSIONS

THERE HAVE BEEN NO FIXED TERM EXCLUSIONS IN 2020/ 21.

FRIENDS OF YSGOL Y WAUN

Many of our usual events have been cancelled this year in response to COVID-19 restrictions and periods of school closure.

Friends did manage to raffle a signed Welsh Football Team Shirt and raised £530 in June 2021.

SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE ON 01/ 04 / 20	£21'635.39
INCOME	£19'797.21
EXPENDITURE	£30'173.68
CLOSING BALANCE ON 31/ 03/ 21	£11'258.92

SCHOOL BUDGET

OPENING BALANCE	-£38'629.00
EMPLOYEE COSTS	£1'253'630.22
PREMISES COSTS	£70'952.03
TRANSPORT COSTS	£61.40
SUPPLIES	£25'394.95
CLOSING BALANCE	£97'138.49

ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS UPDATE



Dear Parents,

My name is Natalie Edwards and I have the privilege of being the ALNCo (Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator) at Ysgol y Waun School. This means that I have the overall responsibility for ensuring that all children with ALN (Additional Learning Needs and Disabilities) are well provided for and supported within the school. I also teach a Year 3/4 class and in September 2021 will be teaching in our 'Resource Provision'.

At Ysgol Y Waun School, it is our vision and mission to try and ensure that all children have access to a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum so that they can reach their full potential. This is no different for children who have additional needs and we pride ourselves on ensuring that children with ALN are as well supported as possible and cared for within our setting. Our school is a warm, caring and happy place and we believe that we have much to offer those children with ALN. We believe we have a good ALN record and our children make very good progress through targeted support and intervention. Also, we regularly liaise with outside agencies to help ensure that all children's needs are being met.

If you have any queries or concerns about any issues concerning ALN, please do not hesitate to speak to either myself or your child's class teacher. If you wish to speak to me, if possible will you contact the school office on Monday - Friday mornings. If this is not convenient, I can also be contacted at the end of the school day.

Kind regards,

Natalie Edwards

School Accessibility and the School Equality Plan

Ysgol Y Waun prides itself on providing an environment which is accessible to all pupils regardless of educational and/ or physical needs.

We have an 'Equality Policy' and 'Action Plan' which is reviewed by our Governing Body. Actions detailed within the plan aim to provide all pupils with 'equal access' to school opportunities.

SCHOOL PRIORITIES 2020/ 21

To develop speaking & listening skills when pupils start school.

Mrs Green, our nursery teacher, has used the Wellcomm speech & language toolkit to assess each pupils' speech and language skills. The toolkit provides activities designed to support children and to help them make progress.

To develop a 'nurturing schools' environment, putting children at the centre of what we do.

All teachers and higher learning teaching assistants have assessed every pupil across the school to determine their level of educational/ social and emotional level of need—in order to work out what additional support, if any, they need to achieve their potential.

To pilot new national curriculum projects in preparation for the new Welsh Curriculum.

Every classroom has developed 5 ways to wellbeing practises where pupils take part in activities with a specific focus on:

Giving/ taking notice/ being active/
connecting/ learning.

Teachers to introduce a new marking system where pupils self/ peer assess their work against learning intentions.

Pupils are taking more ownership of their learning and are checking to see that they have met the learning intentions for each lesson.

Our maths and English coordinators have also collected in books to check for consistency in marking across the school—giving feedback to teachers to help them improve!

IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT

New School Lift—Lloyds Lane

A new lift has been installed at Lloyds Lane that allows full access to the first floor classrooms. All of the windows surrounding the lift were also replaced with modern alternatives.

Forest Schools Classroom—Lloyds Lane

Mr Powell was released in April 2021 to develop a new forest classroom area, to the rear of the 3G pitch. Both Mr Powell and Mrs Thomas have been teaching Forest Schools Activities to pupils whilst completing their 'Forest Schools Practitioner' training.

New Early Years Childcare Facility

Plans for a new Early Years Childcare Setting are now with the planning department. COVID-19 has slowed the process down significantly but we hope that this new facility, which will house Chirk Playgroup and Rainbows Nursery Plus, will be ready for use in 2021/ 22.

WELSH LANGUAGE

Welsh is taught as a second language throughout the school.

NATIONAL CURRICULUM ASSESSMENTS—UPDATE

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent school closures and the disruption to the school system this caused, Welsh Government removed the expectation to report outcomes for Y2 pupils and levels for Y6 pupils in both 2020 and 2021.

Parents will still receive an **'end of year report'** for their children in July 2021 and **'virtual parents meetings'** were held in May 2021.

TARGETS SET BY THE GOVERNING BODY

The target setting process for Y2 pupils (outcomes) and Y6 pupils (levels) did not take place in either 2020 or 2021.

The target setting process for **school attendance** did not take place in either 2020 or 2021.

SCHOOL CATEGORISATION 2021

The process by which schools underwent categorisation ceased in January 2019.

Our current support category is rated **'GREEN'** which indicates that we need very little support from our challenge adviser (3 visits per year).

Our capacity to improve has been rated **'A'** indicating that the school is well equipped to make further improvements.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/ 22

Wed 1st September 2021 - Training Day for Teachers (1)

Thursday 2nd September 2021 - Training Day for Teachers (2)

Friday 3rd September 2021 - School Opens for Autumn 1st Half Term

Friday 22nd October 2021 - School Closes for Autumn Half Term Holiday

Friday 1st November 2021 - School Opens for Autumn 2nd Half Term

Wednesday 22nd December 2021 - School Closes for Christmas Holiday

Thursday 6th January 2022 - Training Day for Teachers (3)

Friday 7th January 2022 - Training Day for Teachers (4)

Monday 10th January 2022 - School Opens for Spring 1st Half Term

Friday 18th February 2022 - School Closes for Spring Half Term Holiday

Monday 28th February 2022 - School Opens for Spring 2nd Half Term

Friday 8th April 2022 - School Closes for Easter Holiday

Monday 25th April 2022 - Training Day for Teachers (5)

Tuesday 26th April 2022 - School Opens for Summer 2nd Half Term

Monday 2nd May 2022 - School Closed for May Bank Holiday

Friday 27th May 2022 - School Closes for Summer Half Term Holiday

Monday 6th June 2022 - School Opens for Summer 2nd Half Term

Tuesday 19th July - School Closes for Summer Holidays

Wednesday 20th July 2022 - Training Day for Teachers (6)

DESTINATION OF SCHOOL LEAVERS—JULY 2021

34 PUPILS WILL JOIN YSGOL **DINAS BRAN** IN SEPTEMBER 2021

2 PUPILS WILL JOIN YSGOL **RHIWABON** IN SEPTEMBER 2021

8 PUPILS WILL JOIN **ST MARTINS** SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2021

COMMENTS

Pupils joining Denbighshire and Wrexham schools were able to attend a transition day on Monday 5th July. Unfortunately Shropshire schools cancelled their transition arrangements due to last minute changes to COVID-19 restrictions.

School Plans and Policies

All schools have policies and procedures in place which ensure that they run safely and effectively.

The Full Governing Body and supporting committees meet termly to review policies with priority given to statutory policies. Policies are available, upon request, from the school office.

Links within our Community

Our governing body prides itself on excellent links between school and the local community. Annual events include:

- Visiting speakers including Reverend Mat and PCSO Kim
- Links to charities including Hope House and Oswestry Foodbank
- School choir performing for Chirk Court residents and Chirk hospital residents
- Visits to St Marys for Christmas Concerts
- Attendance at Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Lights switch on
- Links with local shops including the SPAR, COOP and TESCO
- Very good relationship with Freedom Leisure who allow pupils to use the 3G pitch during school hours
- Summer & Christmas Fair organised by the Friends of Ysgol y Waun

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the above mentioned events/ links were suspended in 2020/ 21

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

For more information regarding the day to day running of the school you can request a copy of the school prospectus. You can request a copy by emailing:

mailbox@ywaun-pri.wrexham.sch.uk

or by downloading the prospectus from our school website at:

www.ysgolywaun.co.uk

