



Governors' Annual Report to Parents
Autumn Term 2020

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

Governing Body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Tonyrefail

This report is a summary of the steps taken by the Governing Body in the discharge of its functions since the last report was published.

1. Clerk to the Governing Body

The Clerk to the Governing Body is Mrs Gaynor Davies, Ty Trevithick, Abercynon, Mountain Ash, CF45 4UQ.

2. Chairperson of the Governing Body

The Chairperson of the Governing Body is Mr A Gould c/o the Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Tonyrefail, Martin Crescent, Tonyrefail, Porth, CF39 8NT

3. Members of the Governing Body

The following people are currently members of the Governing Body.

Name	Category of Governor	Appointed By	Retirement Date
Mrs G Edwards Miss B Griffiths Mrs H Prosser	LEA	Council Members	23/10/2022 23/09/2023 19/11/2023
Mr A Gould Mr L Owen Mrs D Walters	Community Governors	Governing Body	19/11/2022 20/11/2021 13/10/2024
Mr M Butler Mr S Davies Mrs B Fletcher Mrs A Phillips	Parent	Parents	19/11/2022 19/10/2022 10/02/2024 3/11/2024
Cllr J Abbott	Minor Authority	Town/Community Council	31/08/2023
Miss C Hughes	Teacher	Teaching Staff	09/10/2021
Mrs S Jones	Staff	Non-Teaching Staff	23/09/2024

Mrs N Downes	Headteacher		
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When fully constituted this governing body is made up as follows

LEA Representatives	3
Parent Governors	4
Staff Representative	1
Headteacher	1

Community Governors	3
Teacher Governor(s)	1
Minor Authority (if applicable)	1
Total	14

4. **Resolutions**

There were no resolutions passed at the last meeting.

5. **Election of Parent Governors**

The next election of parent governors is due to take place on 19/11/2022
If, however, any Parent Governor(s) resign before this date arrangements will be made for an election to be undertaken at the appropriate time.

In line with Welsh Government Guidance there are currently no election of parent governors being undertaken. This will be undertaken when the situation normalises.

6. **School Performance Data**

This information is not available due to the pandemic restrictions.

7. **Financial Statement – Period Covered 2019 – 2020**

Enclosed, as appendix A is a copy of the school's financial statement for the Financial Year 2019/20.

8. **School Prospectus**

The School Prospectus is updated annually to include any changes required by the Welsh Assembly Government or other related bodies. A copy of the prospectus is generally issued to parents whose children are starting school for the first time or transferring from Infant to Junior school or Junior/Primary to Comprehensive School.

9. **School Development Plan**

Governors are responsible for drawing up (in conjunction with staff) the School Development Plan. The plan identifies the direction the school will take, over a three year period, in delivering the curriculum. The plan is regularly monitored and revised to take account of progress made and any changes to curriculum requirements.

Cynllyn Datblygu YGG Tonyrefail 2020-2021 YGG Tonyrefail 2020-2021 School Development Plan		
BLAENORIAETH 1 PRIORITY 1	Parhau i godi lefelau llythrennedd yn yr ysgol	Continue to raise standards in literacy throughout the school
BLAENORIAETH 2 PRIORITY 2	Sicrhau Llês Emosiynol Disgyblion a Staff	Ensure the Emotional Wellbeing of Pupils and Staff
BLAENORIAETH 3 PRIORITY 3	Gwreiddio Cwricwlwm Cymru yn gadarn drwy'r ysgol	Embed Curriculum for Wales firmly throughout the school
BLAENORIAETH 4 PRIORITY 4	Datblygu Dysgu Cyfunol	Develop Blended Learning
BLAENORIAETH 5 PRIORITY 5	Parhau i Ddatblygu Dysgu Digidol	Continue to develop Digital Learning Skills

School Achievements

- *Year 5 (2019-2020) won first place nationally - for their Spring Bulb Project with the National Museum of Wales. We are extremely proud of their achievement.*
- *Won £1,000 for being one of the top 10 entries across Wales in Llaeth y Llan / Village Dairy competition for imaginatively recycling their yoghurt pots by building a model of Conwy Castle. The Eco Council will decide on which projects the money will be spent.*
- *Successful in our bid to win a £ 250 sports grant from RCT. The money has been spent on buying new tennis and rugby equipment for the school.*
- *Successful in our Meccano 'CO-LAB Design Challenge' and received Meccano resources to use during Stem activities.*

10. Use of the Welsh Language – Communication

Welsh is the official language of schoolwork, and the children are taught in a completely Welsh environment. Our aim at Ysgol Gymraeg Tonyrefail is to ensure that all pupils, whatever their nationality, ability, religion or cultural background, receive a wide and balanced curriculum that is differential and purposeful. English is taught formally to pupils from Year 3 onwards. All

Easter Monday 5 April 2021

May Bank Holidays Monday 3 May 2021
Monday 31 May 2021

Any closure(s) for election purposes are to be balanced during the academic year.

Significant Dates:

The Welsh Assembly Government may decide to allocate additional INSET days, schools will be informed of these at the appropriate time.

Start and Finish Times

Due to Covid 19 there is a staggered timetable for start and finish times for different classes, this is to ensure that there is a reduced number of pupils and parents accessing the school at a given time.

13. Community Focused Schools

A community-focused school is one that: 'provides a range of services and activities', often beyond the school day, to help meet the needs of its pupils, their families and the wider community. Across Wales many schools already provide some community services including adult education, study support, ICT facilities and community sports programmes'.

The development of community-focused schools is not just a short-term project or initiative, but a real opportunity for schools and communities to work together in new ways for the future benefit of children, young people and adults.

At our school we have:

- Breakfast Club
- Wraparound and after school care service provided by Flourish Cymru
- Cylch Meithrin Cwm Elai on site which is a Flying Start and a Registered Education Provider

Afterschool Club for the Foundation Phase

- Tuesday – Yr Urdd

Afterschool Clubs for the Junior Department:

- Tuesday – Yr Urdd
- Wednesday – Clwb Digidol
- Thursday – Clwb Creu

Close links with the following groups in the community:
Cylch Meithrin Cwm Elai & Ysgol Llanhari – Transition Days

Supporting Charities

The school supported the following charities during the 2019-20 academic year

- MacMillan - £347.57
- Save The Children- £97.02
- Children in Need £210
- Sport Relief - £111.95

14. Review of School Policies

The school has a large number of Policy documents covering both curriculum and non-subject areas. These documents are constantly reviewed/revised by staff/governors to incorporate changing trends and legislation. Further information is available by contacting the Headteacher during school time. The Safeguarding Policy was updated in the Autumn Term.

15. Additional Learning Needs

The School's Policy for the Assessment of and Provision for, pupils with additional learning needs is summarised as follows:

The School's policy for the identification, assessment and provision for pupils with Additional Learning Needs is consistent with the requirements of the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice for Wales issued by the Welsh Assembly Government in January 2002.

The School's Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator (ALNCo) works closely with all other members of staff to ensure that individual educational plans are developed and implemented to meet the needs of pupils, appropriate to those who require them.

The ALNCo also liaises with all members of staff, to ensure that the progress of all pupils is regularly monitored and assessed and to ensure that each pupil reaches his or her potential.

During the 2019-20 academic year, on the date of the PLASC census:

15 pupils were on School Action/Early Years Action.

10 pupils were on School Action Plus/Early Action Plus (including those with Notes in Lieu).

0 pupils were undergoing Statutory Assessment.

2 pupils had statements of Special Educational Needs.

During the 2019-2020 financial year £36,059 was allocated to meet the requirements of pupils with Additional Learning Needs. In addition, the Local Authority provided additional support for 10 pupils at the School Action Plus stage.

16. Access for Disabled Pupils

The governing body is mindful of the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1995 and The Special Needs and Disability Act (SENDA) 2005 in drawing up the School Development Plan/Post Inspection Action Plan, and the day to day operation of the whole site.

The school is committed to ensuring that all pupils are able to participate in the school curriculum and (where they desire) in activities such as after school clubs, leisure/sporting events and educational visits. All aspects of accessibility, including access to written information are included in the planning process.

The Authority has in place an Accessibility Strategy and in line with this strategy has had an audit of the school site undertaken, as part of an Authority wide brief, to identify any potential barriers and (ultimately) improve the access to the school.

17. Fabric of the Building & Provision of Toilet Facilities

YGGTonyrefail moved to our current site in November 2018. The building is generally in a good state of repair. School yards are scheduled for resurfacing work which was postponed in April 2020 due to Covid 19.

All washroom facilities are monitored and cleaned daily or as required during the day by the school cleaners and caretaker. Due to Covid 19 all toilets are cleaned regularly during the day.

Key Stage 2 pupils, Upper Foundation Phase Classes have shared toilets adjacent to their classrooms.

The Meithrin has a toilet adjacent to the classroom and the Reception class toilets is in close proximity to the classroom.

There are toilets situated in the main school corridor and adjacent to the reception are, these include 2 toilets for the disabled.

18. Target Setting

This information is not available due to the pandemic restrictions.

19. Attendance Information

This information is not available due to the pandemic restrictions.

20. Admission/Transition Arrangements

The County Borough Council is the Admissions Authority for all schools (other than Church schools where the schools governing body is the admissions authority) within the Authority's boundary. The schools admission arrangements are, therefore, operated in line with the Authority's policy on school admissions which is contained in the publication Starting School book.

The book is made available to parents at the point of their application for their child's admission to school. The contents of this book can also be accessed online on the Authority's website.

Pupils will usually remain in the school until they complete year six and then transfer to secondary school. This school is a feeder school for Ysgol Llanhari, however, pupils may apply to attend any secondary school they choose subject to compliance with the Authority's admissions policy.

21. School Leavers

28 pupils moved on to Secondary Education at the end of the Summer Term 2020

The pupils at the school visit Ysgol Llanhari regularly throughout Year 6 as part of their transition programme and once in year 5. Year 6 were able to visit Llanhari once before the lockdown period due to Covid 19. A transition programme was shared online with Year 6 pupils.

22. Sporting Aims and Achievements

Sporting activities were impacted due to the pandemic lock-down. In a normal year pupils take part in numerous sporting activities throughout the year including: swimming and basket-ball lessons for all KS2 pupils, boys and girls football, rugby and basketball teams have competed in numerous tournaments, and in the RCT and Urdd Cross Country Competition. Sporting activities also take place in afterschool clubs, training workshops, outdoor learning, School Sports Day, Team Building Skills.

We have two RCT Bronze Sport Ambassadors who help arrange sporting activities within the school.

23. Healthy Eating

We promote healthy eating within the school and we only allow children to bring fruit/ vegetables and a still drink or water to have during playtimes. Key Stage 2 pupils are responsible for the running of the fruit shop in school and they sell a variety of fruits. We have achieved the 5th step in the Healthy Schools accreditation.

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PROVISIONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2019/2020

<u>EMPLOYEE COSTS</u>	<u>Total Spent</u>
TEACHERS (including Headteacher/Supply/Reading support)	£427,249
MANUAL WORKERS (Caretaker/Supervisory Assistants/Cleaners)	£54,765
A.P.T. + C (School Clerks/Nursery Nurses/School Aides)	£160,463
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<u>PREMISES RELATED</u>	
REPAIRS TO BUILDING/SITE, (INCLUDING GROUNDS MAINTENANCE/SECURITY)	£12,042
ENERGY	£18,175
RATES	£23,359
WATER	£2,605
CLEANING MATERIALS	£1,393
<u>SUPPLIES, SERVICES AND OTHER EXPENSES</u>	
SCHOOL EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE	£22,088
POSTAGE	£140
TELEPHONES	£1,396
INSURANCE	£24,409
CLERKING GOVERNING BODY/FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL	£6,842
USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES	£2,351
MISCELLANEOUS	£3,401
TOTAL:	<u>£760,678</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£106,469
MISCELLANEOUS	£21,896
TOTAL	£128,365

