



ANNUAL GOVERNORS' REPORT TO PARENTS 2019-20

Issued: 4th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer / Rhieni a Gwarcheidwaid Annwyl,

On behalf of our whole team at Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of our school in what has been a year of two halves. Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School continues to be a happy and successful school and that is only achieved by all stakeholders; parents, staff, pupils and Governors working together.

It continues to be a privilege to be leading Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School. We have a fantastic team here and wonderful pupils who all help to ensure that our school is the best place to learn. We build on the firm foundations you have already created in your child's early years and enjoy working with you to maintain that momentum. We work hard to help children develop a love of learning and strive to provide a rich and broad curriculum. Above all we want your child to be happy, to feel secure and enjoy coming to school.

Following school closure on 20th March the School developed and adopted a Distance Learning Strategy using our digital learning platform SeeSaw. I am in full admiration of the School Staff team who worked selflessly to support our pupils through this challenging time and I am truly grateful for their generosity of spirit and commitment to our Ethos 'Working Together'.

The Governing Body recognises the importance of maintaining the inclusive and supportive school ethos which has been created at Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School. We will be working closely with Miss Parsons and the rest of the staff to ensure that whatever challenges may arise at a local, national and indeed global level, our school will continue to move from strength to strength.

Finally, it is our firm belief that it is every child's entitlement to receive the best education possible and it is our very real intention, of all the staff and the governors of Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School, to provide that standard of education for your child. We are looking forward to the year ahead. School is currently preparing for the new curriculum and is ensuring, as always, that pupil wellbeing is central.

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Pennaeth / Headteacher

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Governors meetings

Governors met twice each term to monitor the activities of the school. The minutes of Governors' meetings are available at school for any parent/guardian or interested party to view. Items discussed during 2019-20 included the School Development Plan, the new Curriculum for Wales and Additional Learning Needs transformation.

Composition and terms of office of the Governing BodyFoundation Governors

Chair - Mrs G Johnson	office ends	Sept 2020
Vice Chair - Mr D Ellis	office ends	June 2020
Mrs J Roberts	office ends	Sept 2021
Mrs R Wright	office ends	Sept 2022
Mr J Furneaux	office ends	Oct 2022
Mrs P Bagguley	office ends	April 2020
Vacancy	office ends	
Mrs Joyce Hawkins	office ends	Oct 2022
Ms Tracey Manchester	office ends	Oct 2022
Reverend David Lewis	office ends	ex-officio

Rev J Harvey supported the Governing Body from January 2019

Other Governors

Parent Governor - Mr Dave Gladwin	office ends	Oct 2022
Community Council Governor - Mr D Ellis	office ends	June 2020
Teacher Governor - Mr C Williams	office ends	Aug 2020
Headteacher - Miss M Parsons	office ends	N/A
Clerk to the Governors	Mrs L Evans	N/A

Policies

All statutory policies have been reviewed and copies of these are available on the school website and upon request. A number of policies have been updated in light of Covid-19 during the year and copies of all relevant policies are available on request from the Headteacher.

Please contact the school with any other queries that you may have.

Finance

Governors have not claimed expenses this year. The school budget for 2019-20 was used to provide sufficient teaching and support staff levels, to enhance Digital Media provision and improve the School library. The spending plan is monitored by the Finance Committee, in conjunction with the designated LA officer.

Sample activities undertaken by members of the Governing Body during 2019-20

Eco Council

Governors have supported actions by the Eco Council to improve the school grounds and encourage more learners to garden for pleasure.

Growth Mindset

Governors support the development of learners Growth Mindset skills and undertook a school-based workshop based on the principles.

Welsh Second Language

Governors are involved in judging the singing and reciting in the school's annual Eisteddfod; this is also used to monitor standards.

Creative Schools

Governors shared the success of the Creative School project.

School Resource Management and Safety

The Diocese has supported funding for internal repairs and improvements. Fire drills and safety checks are carried out on a regular basis but were suspended during the closure period; issues are reported to Governors, the Diocese and the Local Authority for action.

Curriculum Committee

Governors have monitored aspects of curriculum provision throughout the first half of the year. Governors are aware of current developments with regard to the new Curriculum for Wales and the Additional Learning Needs transformation bill.

The School Curriculum

The school is a Voluntary Aided Church in Wales School and is part of the Diocese of St Asaph. We are a predominantly English medium primary school. We teach Welsh as a second language to all pupils.

We support the concept of lifelong learning, recognising that both adults at school and children learn new things every day. We maintain that learning should be a rewarding and enjoyable experience for everyone. Through our teaching we seek to equip children with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to be able to make informed choices about the important things in their lives. We recognise that people learn best in different ways and we aim to provide a rich and varied learning environment that supports children in developing their skills and abilities in a range of ways, in order to achieve their full potential.

Through our teaching we aim to develop pupils who are:

Ambitious, capable learners ☐

Enterprising, creative contributors ☐

Ethical, informed citizens ☒

Healthy confident individuals

We teach learners through curricular topics which cover a broad range of themes (Humanities, Expressive Arts, Science, Health and Wellbeing) over the course of a year. The curriculum is designed to allow opportunities for learners to develop their literacy and numeracy skills in a range of contexts incorporating the Digital Competency Framework. Each topic starts with an interesting visit or activity and ends with a presentation of work to parents and Governors.

There are opportunities to be creative, to solve problems and to work both independently and collaboratively. New digital technologies and ICT are integral to most themes. We teach Mathematics, English, RE and Welsh discretely and additionally through cross curricular topics and themes; pupils build up their knowledge and skills to apply them across the curriculum.

Religious Education and Welsh (Second Language) are an important element of our curriculum. The wider curriculum includes PE, personal and social education as well as global citizenship and learning in the outdoors.

We believe that we offer learners a broad, balanced education which will equip them well for lifelong learning. We want them to enjoy their time at school, develop confidence and be active members of our school and wider community.

Arrangements are made to adapt the curriculum as necessary to allow all learners, including those with a Statement of Educational Need, to make good progress in their learning.

Welsh Language / Yr Iaith Gymraeg

It is important that the children of Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School are taught Welsh as a second language. It enriches their knowledge and understanding of the culture and heritage of Wales. It develops their personalities and ability to contribute to the community giving them a sense of place and identity.

The aims of teaching Welsh at Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School are to develop knowledge, understanding and skills within an integrated programme of speaking and listening, reading and writing; to create a Welsh ethos which promotes opportunities for children to enjoy the rich heritage of Wales and to offer children opportunities to perform and compete in Welsh during the School Eisteddfod.

We are working towards the Silver Campus Cymraeg Award.

Progress since the last inspection

In line with Welsh Government repurposing of schools, we have continued to act as a hub, working collaboratively with other schools, for pupils of key workers to attend. We have used a variety of staff to develop and strengthen connections between the school and the home and as part of this have developed a tiered approach for regular contact with all learners. This has been through phone calls to parents, phone calls to pupils and also individual responses when needed e.g. paper work packs and letters.

All our staff have shown resilience and flexibility in their ability to react in a very short time to the environment within which they are now working and the experiences the pupils have received from distance learning have been rich and varied. All our staff have enhanced their digital skills in order to support and promote the Distance Learning (DL) offered – this has included, for example how to set work on google classrooms or seesaw, how to respond remotely to pupils' work,

how to use various applications within the Hwb platform in order to ensure that learning is interesting, engaging and fun.

During this time of national curriculum suspension, all staff have had the opportunity to identify the learning priorities for our school and as a result, design learning and experiences to meet the needs of our learners and in line with the Four Purposes of Curriculum for Wales. All our staff have had to develop a good understanding of what effective distance learning should look like and have had to adapt their plans accordingly in order to ensure the best experiences for our pupils.

As a school we have identified barriers and challenges with distance learning and worked hard to overcome these e.g. through upskilling our staff with digital learning, delivering paper copies of work or providing devices where needed. Learner voice has also increased over this time as learners have been able to have greater choice and input to their work and the school has responded to feedback to adapt provision when appropriate.

School prospectus

A new prospectus is being developed by the School and Ethos Councils.

School Links with the Community, Business and Industry

Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School is keen to promote links with local businesses and other organisations within our community and benefits greatly from their support. We have strong links with Prestatyn High School and liaison meetings take place between teachers from cluster schools in a number of areas each year including – English, Welsh, Mathematics and Science. Pupils visit Prestatyn High School throughout the year to meet other children who will be attending the school. We aim to ensure a smooth transition for our Year 6 pupils as they move to their retrospective high schools. Transition activities include a mix of social and educational activities.

All teachers work within the Holywell cluster of schools on a range of school development projects: digital learning, Creative Schools, using SeeSaw for tracking and assessment and to develop approaches for the new Curriculum for Wales. Years 5 and 6 collaborated Prestatyn High School for the Turning Point dance project about World War 2. Cycle training in the early autumn for Y5 and 6.

The School and Eco Councils plan and organise events to raise funds for charities that we regularly support including Fairtrade, Children in Need, Comic Relief, Save the Children and Save the Family. Pupil councils lead events to enable the whole school to work collaboratively on a common goal e.g Spirituality, water conservation. The Ethos Council shared new resources creating a mindfulness basket for all learners to use and organised Collective Worship outside to celebrate aspects of Christianity and other faiths. Learners particularly enjoyed using powder paint during the Holi service.

Children have many opportunities to listen to a wide range of speakers from various agencies including our community police liaison officer and local clergy and visitors of other faiths.

Community / Arts

Learners have hosted a range of charitable events through School, Eco and Ethos Council activities and workshops. Learners have participated in singing events for the local Friendship Club and at Lido Grange, Prestatyn. Years 3 and 4 worked alongside two other schools in a Creative Arts project funded by the Arts Council of Wales. This developed children's knowledge of using multiple Apps: animation, Welsh language,

music, green screen and art apps to create and share their project. Training was delivered to teachers and teaching assistants. Ysgol Trelawnyd hosted a full Digi-squad day for two other schools.

Sporting Aims and Achievements

Sport plays an important part in school life. Children participate in a variety of team games as an integral part of the PE curriculum. Opportunities are provided for those in Key Stage 2 to benefit from the work of qualified sports coaches. All children are included within these sessions and we aim to ensure that each child finds a degree of personal success and enjoyment. We are also mindful of the need to help children to keep fit and active.

Extra-curricular activities

Pupils have had opportunity to participate in the following clubs during the Autumn and Spring terms: Cooking, Craft, Chess, Games, iMovie and Debate Club. Pupils have had opportunities to visit Loggerheads, Nant BH and St Asaph Cathedral.

Meetings with parents

Target setting meetings were held for all parents in October and February, most parents attended. There were no end of year reports due to school closure from 20th March 2020. Informal meetings were held with individual parents as and when questions or concerns were raised during the first half of the year. During the closure period, teachers were available to support learners and parents daily via our SeeSaw online platform. Reports were sent to parents via SeeSaw in the summer term with an overview of children's progress, effort and attainment.

Provision of Toilet Facilities

The school provides sufficient toilets for the number of pupils on roll. These toilets are cleaned on a daily basis, with extra checks carried out at lunchtime. For the period of Check in, Catch up and Prepare facilities were cleaned hourly throughout the day.

Healthy Eating and Well-being

We aim to support and promote health and well-being. The development of healthy lifestyles is of importance in our school. Children take part in a range of activities to ensure that they feel safe.

All members of staff and Governors receive annual Child Protection training. The school continues to have a robust safeguarding and child protection procedure in place, including safer recruitment.

We have a good PSHE curriculum addressed through class sessions, assemblies and circle time. In surveys children highlight very positive attitudes to school life and report that they feel safe and happy at Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School.

School lunches are provided by Newydd Catering Services and we actively encourage parents to supply pupils with a healthy packed lunch, where school dinners are not taken. Pupils are encouraged to bring with them a piece of fruit for break time and all pupils have regular access to water in their classes.

Foundation pupils receive milk during their morning break. Fizzy drinks, chocolate, sweets or foods high in fat and salt are not encouraged by the school. All snacks and drinks provided for the Foundation Phase are in line with the guidelines set out by the Welsh Government.

School performance

There is no comparative data for 2019-20

Listed for English, Maths and Science are the overall percentages of pupils who achieved the expected level (Level 4 or above). The core subject indicator (CSI) is the percentage of pupils who gained L4 or above in all three subjects.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
English	100%	90%	86.8%	92.3%	No data
Maths	100%	90%	86.8%	92.3%	No data
Science	100%	90%	86.8%	92.3%	No data
C.S.I	100%	90%	86.8%	92.3%	No data

Attendance rates by whole school and classes 2019-20

Target 2019-20	Actual 2019-20 (to March 2020)		Target 2020-21
96%	93.9%		96%
Class	Total	Authorised absence	Unauthorised absence
N/R	93.5%	6%	0.4%
Years 1 and 2	94.1%	5.5%	0.4%
Years 3 and 4	93.7%	5.3%	1.0%
Years 5 and 6	94.4%	5.3%	0.3%

Parents are reminded not to take holidays in school term time

DATES AND SESSION TIMES 2019-20 (until 20th March 2020)

Autumn term	Open – 2 nd Sept	Close - 25 th Oct
	Open - 4 th Nov	Close – 20 th Dec
Spring term	Open - 6 th Jan	Close – 14 th Feb
	Open - 24 th Feb	Close – 3 rd Apr
Summer term	Open - 20 th Apr	Close – 22 nd May
	Open – 2 nd Jun	Close – 20 th Jul

Session times:

Nursery	8.55 am- 11.30 am	
Infants	8.55 am-12.00 pm	1.00 pm-3.05 pm
Juniors	8.55 am-12.05 pm	1.00 pm-3.20 pm

Total teaching time: 22 hours/week for FP and 23 hours 45 minutes/week for KS2

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