

Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School

Prospectus 2022-23



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nheulu Dduw"



TRELAWNYD VOLUNTARY AIDED CHURCH IN WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Annwyl Rhieni,

Croeso /Welcome to Ysgol Trelawnyd V.A. School, we look forward to establishing a happy and successful association with you during the coming years. For many of you, this may be your first contact with our school and hopefully this prospectus will provide much of the initial information you require.

Our 2015 Inspection report stated that the school's current performance is 'good' due to the progress pupils make, the skills they develop and their achievement by the time they leave the school. Inspectors also judged the school as 'a welcoming community with an inclusive ethos where staff value every child.'

Prospects for improvement at the school were judged to be good because the school has purposeful leadership and leaders are responsive to local and national priorities. Inspectors stated that governors have a sound understanding of the school's strengths and areas for development and that the school works well with a good range of partners to improve standards and wellbeing.

We are very proud of our school and look forward to welcoming new pupils and their families. Should you require further information about the school or wish to arrange a visit please phone us on 01745 570171.

Yours sincerely- Yr eiddoch yn gywir,

Mrs G Johnson - Chair of Governors

Miss M L Parsons - Head Teacher



Our mission statement and aims for this year:

Trelawnyd V.A. School

Working together in God's family

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Our Ethos Statement

Recognising its historical foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principals of the church in Wales, and in partnership with the church at parish and Diocesan levels.

The school aims to serve the community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages and understanding of the meaning of significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all of its pupils.

In 2021-22 we aim to...



Trust, respect and forgive others in God's family.

Read, use your imagination and be creative when learning



Enjoy learning, challenge ourselves and take risks.

Listen to each other be an amazing talk partner and friend.



Always ask questions, be cooperative and contribute to our Society.



We speak with and encourage others to be the best that they can be.



Nurture our minds and spirituality.

Yearn to be healthy and look after our bodies, school and world.

Don't give up and keep improving in all areas of learning.



School context

The school is set in a beautiful location below Gop Hill in Trelawnyd and commands views over the local countryside. The Victorian buildings have been preserved whilst remodeling and a sympathetic extension provides an attractive and practical space for learning.

To explore our school further, watch our virtual school tour: <https://www.thinglink.com/scene/1468656918829465602>

We are a predominantly a English medium primary school.

We teach Welsh as a second language to all pupils weekly and pupils use and hear Welsh throughout their daily activities. Less than 20% of teaching is through the medium of Welsh.

The school has an important place in the local community and has a strong link with Llanasa Parish Church, a part of the Bryn y Mor mission area. Pupils attend the school from a wide catchment area; many parents opt to send their children to Trelawnyd if they wish them to have a church school education.

The school is affiliated to the Diocese of St Asaph and the main focus of religious education is Anglican, however all classes study other world cultures and religions.

In order to make our school a successful and happy place we have agreed aims that underpin all the work of the school. Pupils and parents are aware of the school aims and they form the basis of our school code within which pupils work each day.

We operate an equal opportunities policy that encompasses all that we do, and we believe in equal opportunities for all.

Parents, pupils and teachers sign a home school agreement, which guides everyone towards working within the aims and codes of the school.



We teach Mathematics and English discretely and this is where pupils build up their knowledge and skills which can then be applied across the curriculum. Read, Write Inc, Talk for Writing and Inspire Maths are the foundations for developing learners' skills.



Religion, Values and Ethics is an important element of the curriculum, as is Welsh second language and these subjects are taught regularly every week.

The six areas of learning include PE, personal and social education as well as global citizenship and outdoor education. We believe that we offer pupils a good, holistic education which will equip them for lifelong learning. We want them to enjoy their time at school, develop confidence and resilience and be active, thoughtful members of our school and wider community.



Our learners have developed 'learning powers' which they use each day to ensure they are trying their best and are always ready to learn.

We provide an inclusive curriculum, as necessary to allow all pupils, including those with additional learning needs, to make good progress in their learning.



Welsh is taught weekly at school in Welsh second language lessons for pupils from Nursery upwards. Pupils learn to speak simple words and phrases, they read simple information and they write to communicate about themselves and other themes in Welsh. Pupils' achieve a good standard of basic Welsh by the time they leave our school.

Religion, Values and Ethics is taught weekly either discretely or through links with topic work and pupils are taught about values, important people, sacred places, festivals and celebrations. We also take part in challenges and activities set by the Bishop at St. Asaph Diocese.



Time is set aside in the curriculum for a daily act of collective worship for pupils from Reception upwards who join together for 15 minutes daily. The worship is led by all teachers each week, and this is enhanced by regular visits from our Vicar, and other speakers.



The themes followed link to Christian values, events in the church year and Bible stories. Class services are shared with parents throughout the year.

Each term pupils prepare to take part in a service where they present items linked to the festivals of Harvest, Christmas and Easter. Parents and members of the community are invited to join us in celebrations and events, regularly at school, including Fairtrade Coffee Morning.

Organisation of learning

Currently the morning sessions consist of language, mathematics and basic skills. During the afternoon, pupils are taught through pupil centered topics where science and technology, humanities, health and wellbeing, expressive arts and Welsh and Spanish language activities are introduced.

- Pupils aged 3 to 5 are taught in the Early years class by Miss Parsons and Mrs McNamara.
- Pupils aged 6 and 7 are taught in the Year 1 and 2 class by Miss Hughes.
- Pupils aged 8 to 9 are taught in the Year 3 and 4 class by Mr Williams.
- Pupils aged 10 to 11 are taught in the Year 5 and 6 class by Mrs Bayliss.

Pupils are taught mainly in their own class groups to allow learning to be focused for the range of their age and ability.

The teachers of all classes are very experienced at teaching the particular age range and are able to plan and set targets for pupils to make maximum progress during their time in that class. Learning is supported and developed by teaching assistants who are trained to support pupils in the age range in which they work. They are able to help pupils to learn the key skills and develop their knowledge and understanding during ongoing activities.

We have teaching assistant support in each class to help pupils with their learning. We also have support staff for individual pupils who have additional learning needs.

Please see the 'Who's who?' page, later in the prospectus to familiarise yourself with staff members.

Class sizes are currently in the range of 20-25 pupils per mixed age class however this can rise depending on the sizes of particular year groups.

As we are a small school all staff get to know pupils in their class quickly and build up excellent learning relationships with them that are maintained as pupils move through the school.

Pupils arrive at school from 8.40 am when they can come in, tell their news, chose their reading books and practice spellings, the register is taken at 8.55 am.

All pupils in the infant and junior classes are offered a daily healthy snack and drink.

Infant break time is at 10:10 and Juniors at 10:30am.

Lunchtime is from 12- 1pm.

During the afternoon pupils work through with a flexible break until 3.05 pm for infants and 3.20 pm for juniors.

After school activities run until 4 pm on Monday-Thursday.



The wider curriculum

As well as the taught curriculum we try to encourage pupils to learn as widely as possible during their time with us at school.

Each year we hold a variety of theme days and weeks, including: Fairtrade week, Welsh Week and our Eisteddfod, Dydd Miwsig Cymru, Water Day, Spirituality Day, Science day. We also receive annual visits from companies such as 'Tales from Wales'.

These are often planned and supported by the Ethos, Eco and School Councils and are excellent experiences which learners cherish and enjoy.

We work with other local, rural schools for a range of collaborative projects.

Pupils are taught good eating habits, manners, how to play appropriately and how to make friends during lunchtimes.

At lunchtimes pupils are cared for by two lunchtime supervisors who help them with eating and monitor and guide their play activities.

After school we provide a range of clubs for developing a variety of skills such as sports, crafts, drama and digital competency.

Pupils have the opportunity to represent school at sports if they show commitment to the sport and a good attitude.

When possible, we take part in sports projects and competitions arranged between local schools and businesses across the county.



Pupils across the school are given opportunities to develop their leadership abilities by becoming elected members of the school, eco and ethos councils, elections take place once a year.



Junior pupils are given the opportunity to be playground buddies who help to look after the pupils and encourage a variety of games.

We are a recognised school in the Welsh Healthy Schools network scheme, and we are also a fair-trade school. We hold the Eco Schools Platinum flag award of which we are very proud.



Our Ethos Council regular holds free uniform swap shops, where parents can donate or choose from a range of pre-loved uniform.

We are also working well towards our Aur Cymraeg Campus target.

All of these schemes allow for ongoing learning for all pupils about health, fitness, being environmentally friendly, encouraging positive attitudes and fairness.



Once a week we have a violin teacher who comes in to teach groups of junior pupils who demonstrate an aptitude for and interest in playing an instrument.

We encourage pupils to take part in our school eisteddfod where they can sing and recite in Welsh; we also take part in dance and drama projects that are provided by the local authority.



Each Christmas we involve pupils from Reception upwards in a Christmas production or singing concert which is put on for parents, families and the community.

We have great links with the Village and Community Council and enjoy taking care of our school grounds and our local environment.



We believe that learning in the outdoor environment is very stimulating and that it provides excellent opportunities for developing creative thinking and positive skills and attitudes.

Each class has designated time to use our 'Junkyard' resource- a collection of loose parts which are used to support lessons and independent learning.

Early years pupils have opportunities to learn in our outdoor area regularly, alongside the Year 1 and 2 pupils; the area has a number of resources that allow pupils to plan and take part in activities that develop confidence, teamwork, practical skills and thinking skills.

Junior pupils also have regular outdoor lessons.

Likewise, Junior pupils are encouraged to take part in a residential stay at a Youth Hostel for 2 days and one night in Year 3 and 4 where they take part in problem solving and team activities.

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 attend a residential course near the Brenig reservoir for 2 nights where they join with other local small schools to take part in outdoor activities and make new friends.

Homework is an essential part of the wider curriculum and pupils from reception onwards are given tasks to complete at home with the support of their parents.

In the Reception they learn letter sounds and reading.

Reading, spelling and maths homework are set weekly for all pupils from Year 1 upwards on the seesaw app.

We hope that parents will see how important regular homework is in developing pupils' skills and attitudes.

Pupils have access to online programmes: HWB, Teach Active and RMEasimaths, to further develop their skills at home.



Care, support and guidance

At Ysgol Trelawnyd V.A. School we have a number of comprehensive systems in place to support and care for your child as they move through the school. Parents are invited to a Foundation Phase induction with their children for an introduction to all aspects of school for new pupils and parents. Key information is shared regularly with parents via the seesaw app.



Teachers are on hand whenever needed to help you with any questions or worries you may have, and the head teacher is always happy to help with any problems that may arise.



After your child has settled into school a statutory on entry assessment will be made of their skills and abilities and targets will be set with you to move them on in their learning. This process is continued right through school and as pupils reach the end of Year 2 national tests are used to check their progress and to help to inform the targets.

If your child has difficulties in any areas, we have a programme of basic skills support that runs throughout the school where teachers and teaching assistants will work through areas of difficulty with pupils to establish the learning.



The focus of the basic skills programme is mainly English and Maths. For more able pupils we plan extension activities to challenge them further.

All pupils have an individual pupil profile of their learning achievements which is added to as they progress through the school, evidence is kept of pupils work in a variety of aspects as they move from class to class. Through the computerised profile and pupils class work we are able to monitor progress made against the progression steps for learning.



These levels are reported to the Welsh Assembly and to you as parents to inform you of your child's achievement.

At the end of each school year all teachers write a full report for each child in Nursery to Year 6 to inform parents of strengths and areas for development for the coming year.

If pupils have additional needs such as speech and language difficulties, behaviour difficulties or learning difficulties of any kind we create individual development plans for them. These plans are very closely monitored and reviewed and advice and support is sought from relevant agencies outside of the school such as speech therapy, occupational therapy and specialist learning support. We support pupils with dyslexia and one of our full-time teachers and a teaching assistant are trained in meeting the needs of pupils with dyslexic type difficulties.

The school's provision for pupils with additional learning needs is set out in full in our additional educational needs policy, which is available from school. The school supports any looked after children by monitoring their progress very carefully and having a designated teacher to promote their educational development.

In each class, activities are planned through the personal and social education curriculum to help your child's personal, social and emotional development. Pupils are encouraged to share successes and worries and to solve problems by talking, listening to others and using their learning powers.

All children learn about healthy relationships.

All pupils have Relationships and Sex Education which is appropriate to their age and follows the Code set by Welsh Government.



Our behaviour policy has clear guidelines for supporting pupils with behavioural problems and through this and our anti-bullying policy we aim to ensure that all pupils are safe and happy at school. We believe in a firm framework of rules and expectations and pupils are rewarded for keeping the school code. Our behaviour policy is based on praise and motivation. In the event of significant poor behaviour, exclusion may be used for a fixed period of time or permanently if necessary.



Staff, Governors and volunteers are DBS checked and work to agreed guidelines for working with children.

All staff are trained in child protection and are aware of procedures to be followed in the event of concerns. We have two fully trained first aiders on our staff and also other staff are trained in emergency first aid. We have a comprehensive policy for administering medicines, dealing with head injuries and other medical issues.



Ysgol Trelawnyd V.A. School fully recognises the contribution it makes to child protection. We recognise that high self-esteem, confidence, supportive friends and good lines of communication with a trusted adult helps to safeguard pupils. Therefore, we as a school endeavor to establish and maintain an ethos where children feel secure and are encouraged to talk and know that they are listened to.

Tiny Tots Day Nursey run our before and after school club on site. Children can arrive from 8am and have breakfast and they can be cared for from the end of the school day until 6 pm daily where they are given a healthy hot meal. The club also runs during the school holidays and on staff training days throughout the year apart from bank holidays. Prices are competitive and the club has had excellent CSIW reports and is a happy and caring environment for our pupils.



The toilets are sufficient for the number of pupils and they are maintained by staff throughout the day. All snacks and drinks provided by the school are in line with the guidelines set out by the Welsh Assembly Government.

As a parent we try to keep you informed of school activities. Newsletters are sent out regularly via seesaw and letters are sent regarding trips and specific activities as needed.

The Parent Teacher association (PTA) also send letters regarding fundraising activities. Newsletters and other information can be accessed on our school website on trelawnydvaschool.weebly.com the website gives an e-mail link to the Head teacher for any queries, concerns or suggestions.

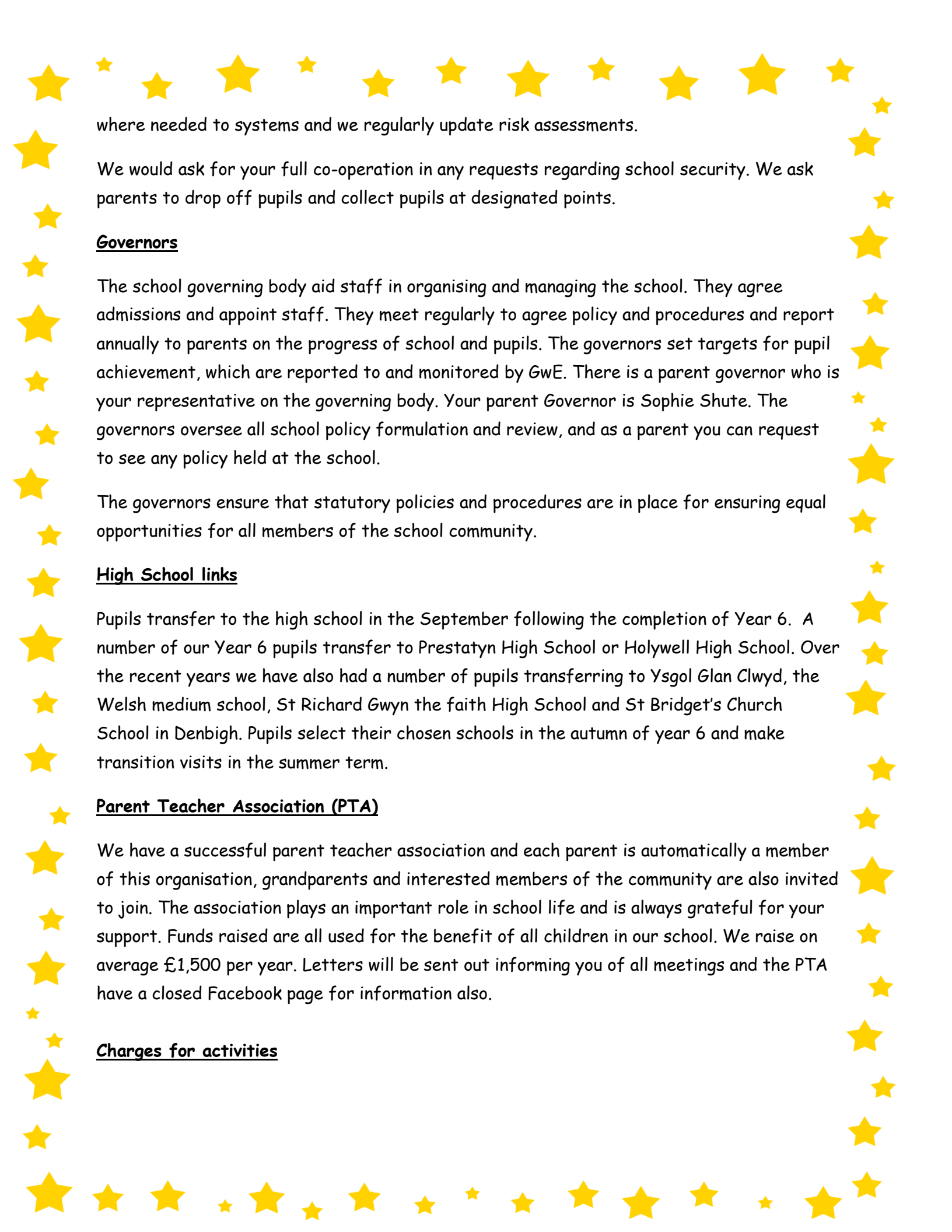
We also have a closed Facebook page and use the seesaw app that can only be accessed by parents to post pictures and information showing what pupils have been doing in school during the week.

Target setting meetings are held for all parents in October and February There is also an option for any parent or guardian to arrange a meeting with the teacher to discuss their child's end of year report. Informal meetings are held with individual parents as and when questions or concerns are raised during the year.

Free school meals will be provided for pupils whose parents receive Income Support, Income Based Jobseekers Allowance, Immigration Asylum Seekers Allowance, Employment Support Allowance (Income Related), Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) (subject to review by the Welsh Assembly Government.) If you feel that you are eligible for this service, please speak to the school secretary who will help. Pupils on free school meals may also receive remission and support for the cost of residential trips and school uniform as appropriate. Free School Meals are available for all Reception aged children from September.

School security is very important and we work with our health and safety governor to monitor security for pupils and staff who are working here and we make improvements





where needed to systems and we regularly update risk assessments.

We would ask for your full co-operation in any requests regarding school security. We ask parents to drop off pupils and collect pupils at designated points.

Governors

The school governing body aid staff in organising and managing the school. They agree admissions and appoint staff. They meet regularly to agree policy and procedures and report annually to parents on the progress of school and pupils. The governors set targets for pupil achievement, which are reported to and monitored by GwE. There is a parent governor who is your representative on the governing body. Your parent Governor is Sophie Shute. The governors oversee all school policy formulation and review, and as a parent you can request to see any policy held at the school.

The governors ensure that statutory policies and procedures are in place for ensuring equal opportunities for all members of the school community.

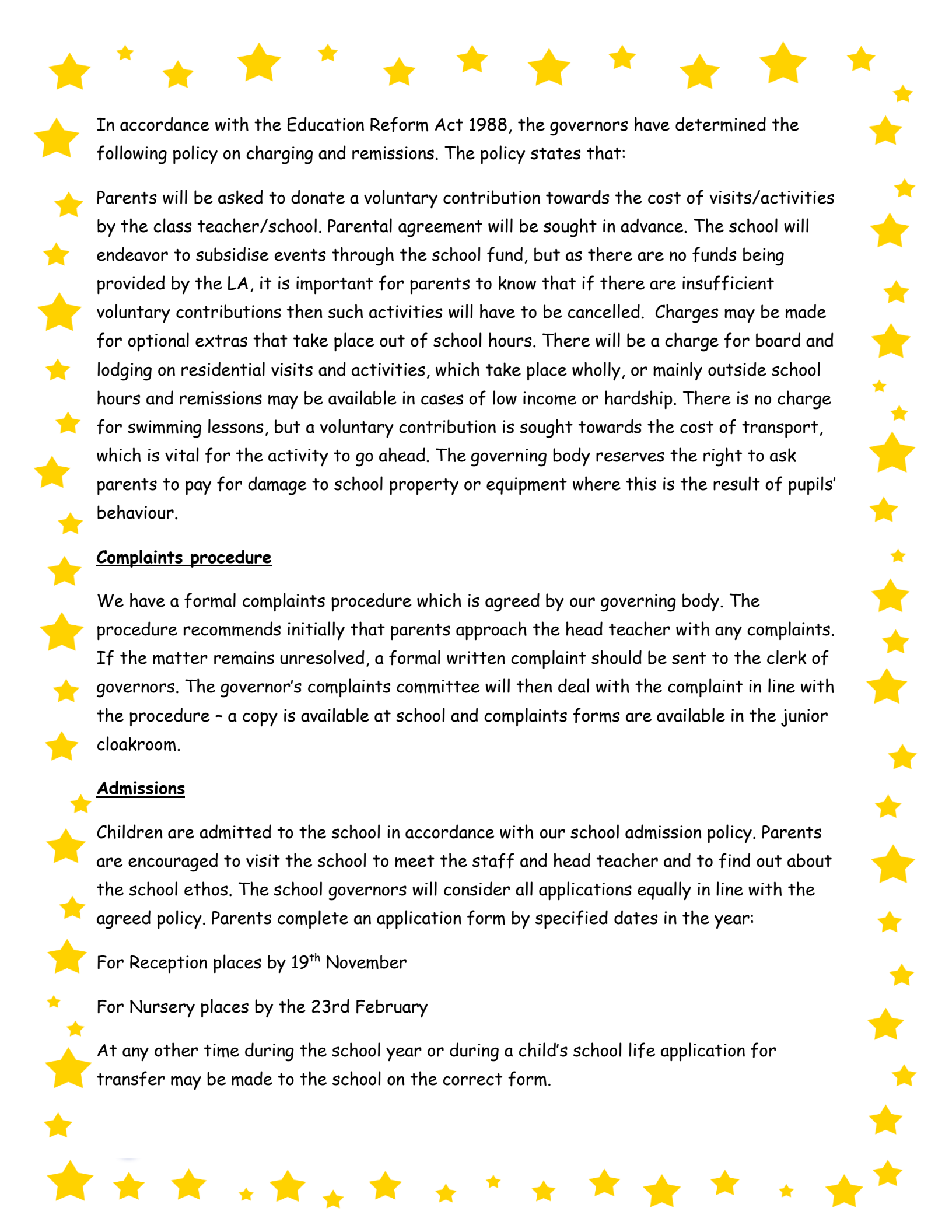
High School links

Pupils transfer to the high school in the September following the completion of Year 6. A number of our Year 6 pupils transfer to Prestatyn High School or Holywell High School. Over the recent years we have also had a number of pupils transferring to Ysgol Glan Clwyd, the Welsh medium school, St Richard Gwyn the faith High School and St Bridget's Church School in Denbigh. Pupils select their chosen schools in the autumn of year 6 and make transition visits in the summer term.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

We have a successful parent teacher association and each parent is automatically a member of this organisation, grandparents and interested members of the community are also invited to join. The association plays an important role in school life and is always grateful for your support. Funds raised are all used for the benefit of all children in our school. We raise on average £1,500 per year. Letters will be sent out informing you of all meetings and the PTA have a closed Facebook page for information also.

Charges for activities



In accordance with the Education Reform Act 1988, the governors have determined the following policy on charging and remissions. The policy states that:

Parents will be asked to donate a voluntary contribution towards the cost of visits/activities by the class teacher/school. Parental agreement will be sought in advance. The school will endeavor to subsidise events through the school fund, but as there are no funds being provided by the LA, it is important for parents to know that if there are insufficient voluntary contributions then such activities will have to be cancelled. Charges may be made for optional extras that take place out of school hours. There will be a charge for board and lodging on residential visits and activities, which take place wholly, or mainly outside school hours and remissions may be available in cases of low income or hardship. There is no charge for swimming lessons, but a voluntary contribution is sought towards the cost of transport, which is vital for the activity to go ahead. The governing body reserves the right to ask parents to pay for damage to school property or equipment where this is the result of pupils' behaviour.

Complaints procedure

We have a formal complaints procedure which is agreed by our governing body. The procedure recommends initially that parents approach the head teacher with any complaints. If the matter remains unresolved, a formal written complaint should be sent to the clerk of governors. The governor's complaints committee will then deal with the complaint in line with the procedure - a copy is available at school and complaints forms are available in the junior cloakroom.

Admissions

Children are admitted to the school in accordance with our school admission policy. Parents are encouraged to visit the school to meet the staff and head teacher and to find out about the school ethos. The school governors will consider all applications equally in line with the agreed policy. Parents complete an application form by specified dates in the year:

For Reception places by 19th November

For Nursery places by the 23rd February

At any other time during the school year or during a child's school life application for transfer may be made to the school on the correct form.



John Wynne Trust

The John Wynne Trust offers a bursary for prior students of Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School to support their higher education (college or university). Students must have attended Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School for a minimum of three years. For further details please contact Mrs J Jones: 01745 570171.

Session times

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| Nursery | 8.55 am- 11.30 am | |
| Infants | 8.55 am-12.00 pm | 1pm-3.05 pm |
| Juniors | 8.55 am-12.30 pm | 1pm-3.20 pm |

Who's Who at Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School?



Miss Parsons
Headteacher/
Early Years Teacher
Child Protection Officer



Mrs Bayliss
Senior/ Year 5 & 6 Teacher
First Aider
Child Protection Officer



Mr Williams
Year 3 & 4 Teacher
First Aider



Miss Hughes
Year 1 & 2 Teacher
Health and Wellbeing Lead



Mrs McNamara
Early Years Teacher/
ALNCO



Mrs Richards
HLTA/ Support Worker
Child Protection Officer



Ms Whalley
Support Worker



Mrs Roberts
Support Worker



Ms Cummings
Support Worker



Mrs Pilkington
Pastoral Support



Mrs Hoggarth
Pastoral Support



Mrs Alder
Lunchtime Supervisor



Mrs Hughes
Caretaker/
Lunchtime Supervisor



Mrs Williams
Lunchtime Supervisor



Mrs Jones
Secretary/ Caretaker

