

Ysgol Dyffryn Iâl
Summary Governors' Report to Parents
2021-22



"Gweithio gyda'n gilydd oll



"Working together in harmony."



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A Note from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Many of you will not know me personally as I am not a parent but I have enjoyed first being a governor then Chair of Governors for the last two years, undoubtedly two of the most challenging years the school has ever had to face.

I am a retired Headteacher who has lived in Bryneglwys for 30 years. Pre- pandemic I did have the pleasure of doing little teaching in Dyffryn-lal. This enabled me not only to see how well the school is led by Huw Rowlands and how hard his staff work but also to get to know some of the older children.

Alongside all the other governors we are proud to help Huw realise his vision to make the school one of the best in Denbighshire and it is obvious to anyone visiting the school what a happy, safe place it is. The children are so well behaved and obviously enjoy learning in the environment created for them by all who work there.

As I said previously leading and managing a school through a pandemic was never on anybody's job description and I hope you agree with me the staff team at our school did an excellent job attempting to minimise the disruption for all the children.

It is my pleasure to commend this Headteacher's Report to Governor's to you.

Kind regards,

Pat Downes,
Chair of Governors,
Ysgol Dyffryn lâl.

The Governing Body

Governors help provide the best possible education for pupils at school. Their main role is to raise standards and to monitor progress against targets that have been set.

The role of the governing body at Ysgol Dyffryn Ial is a partnership between Governors and the Headteacher. Governors are like a Board of Directors and make decisions about how the school is run. Governors are appointed to help the Headteacher and Staff of the school:-

- Decide what is taught
- Set standards of behaviour
- Interview and select staff
- Decide how the school budget is spent

School Governors have legal duties, powers and responsibilities. They can only act together, as a governing body, they cannot act individually.

The present Governing body members are as follows:

Name	Governor Type	Term Ends
Mrs. Pat Downes (Chair)	Community Governor	21/2/2022
Ms. Karen Bellis (Vice Chair)	Local Authority Governor	27/06/2021
Mr. Martyn Walsh	Foundation Governor	11/10/2022
Mr Brian Reed	Foundation Governor	15/10/2023
Mr. Stewart Sheer	Local Authority Governor	7/3/2023
Mr. Mike Griffiths	Parent Governor	11/10/2022
Mrs Claire Livingstone	Parent Governor	1/12/2023
Mrs. Shurrelle Jones	Staff Governor	10/1/2024
Mrs. Ruth Barber	Teacher Governor	1/9/2022
Mr. Huw Rowlands	Headteacher	Ongoing
Lisa Morton	Community Governor	12/3/2022
Parent Governor Vacancy	Parent Governor Vacancy	Parent Governor Vacancy

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End of Key Stage Statutory Assessment Results

Due to Covid -19 the Welsh Government stated that Schools did not have to publish or give end of key statutory assessment results and data.

Attendances and Absences 2020-21

Due to Covid -19 the Welsh Government stated that Schools did not have to publish attendance and absences data.

Moving forward every school, by law, has to register pupils twice a day; first thing in the morning at the start of the school day, and again in the afternoon session. If a pupil fails to attend or arrives late they can be marked as an absence for that session.

If a pupil of compulsory school age is absent, the register must show whether the absence was authorised (acceptable) or unauthorised (where no acceptable reason is given for absence). Only the school can approve the reason for absence.

- There will be a Fixed Penalty warning for 5 days unauthorised days.
- There will be a Fixed Penalty for 10 days or more unauthorised days

The Governing Body agreed to adopt and implement Denbighshire County Councils policy on unauthorised absences.

Sports and Extra Curricular Arrangements

At Ysgol Dyffryn Iâl we aim to involve children in as many activities as possible. We praise and encourage the children for their activities outside as well as within school. During the school day we provide the following activities for the children: Football, Netball, Rugby, Gymnastics, Dance, Squash, Cricket, Rounders, Athletics and Outdoor Education.

The school offers a range of after school clubs for children. This could not take place without the commitment of all the teaching and non-teaching staff at the school. We also welcome parents who offer valuable help and expertise.

Clubs include Gymnastics. Due to COVID-19 extra-curricular clubs haven't been able to run. Clubs we have offered and will offer will be: Art & Craft, Games, Football, ICT, Cookery, Sewing and Gardening

Residential trips before Covid-19 and in academic year 2021-22 will include:

Year 3 & 4 completing a 2-day residential trip to Pentellicymer.

Year 5 & 6 completing a 3-day residential trip to Glanllyn

Year 5 & 6 will visit Cardiff for a 3 day residential trip in 2022-23