

Llandysilio Church in Wales School



Governors Report to Parents For the Academic Year 2022/2023

This is a Report from the Governors to you, the parents, to inform you of the work we have been doing over the last academic year and of the plans we have for the future.

We hope you find this report interesting and informative and feel encouraged to continue your valued support toward the school.

Sometimes I think that Powys Education Authority think that only big schools are best. I for one think that a good school can come in many shapes and sizes and as I look back on the successes of our children this year it would seem I'm right.

In June our Bookslam group came home winners from a Wales wide competition in Aberystwyth. As governors we were all so very proud of the children and extremely grateful to the staff and helpers who worked so hard to make the video so enthralling and who clearly motivated the children.

Llandysilio staff and children alike recognise the importance of the fight against waste and global warming and with the Eco committee being awarded the Green Flag this commitment has been recognised.

A Year 6 pupil won the competition to design a new logo to launch the New Curriculum for the Welshpool Cluster of Schools.

The school prides itself on our links to the Church and its wonderful when we can take children to our beautiful church to enjoy Harvest festival, Easter services and Christmas celebrations.

It's a sad reflection of the times when Harvest festival donations are going to food banks. We must all be grateful for what we have, help where we can and acknowledge that we may all need help at some time.

During this year we welcomed Bill Lee and Claire Richards to the Governing body. How lucky are we! Both are committed to our school, proactive and very approachable.

Our Governing body is strong, robust and has an excellent mixture of talents to navigate any challenges we face.

To Friends of Llandysilio school my sincerest thanks for all your hard work in fundraising and supporting all the children in our school.

In what is a very uncertain time for everyone now the security that being part of a local school community is ever more important to children and adults alike.

My sincerest best wishes

Karen Clewlow

The Governing Body

The Governing Body has a specific role in the life of the school. This role covers:

- Decisions on school policies.
- Shared responsibility for the management of the school.
- Advising and supporting the Head teacher and staff.
- Ensuring the school meets the needs of the pupils.
- Determining how the money is spent.
- A link between the school, the L.E.A and the community.

The members of the Governing Body as of July 2022 were:

Name and Position Held	Category	Term of Office
Head teacher Amanda Williams Llandysilio C in W School Powys SY22 6RB 01691830339	Headteacher	-
Chair Karen Clewlow	LEA Governor	February 2026
Vice Chair Viv Holloway	Community Governor	6 th November 2026
Bill Lee	L.E.A Governor	30 th November 2025
Mrs Sarah Hall C/O Llandysilio School	Staff Governor	14 th September 2023
Mrs Carol Hughes C/O Llandysilio School	Teacher Governor	10th September 2023
Gwen Dixon	Foundation Governor	October 2024
Arwel Jones	Minor Authority Governor	31 st August 2023
Ian Hodgkiss	Parent Governor	13 th March 2026
Claire Richards	Parent Governor	13 th March 2026
Hannah Guntrip	Parent Governor	19 th September 2023
Mike Lloyd	Foundation Governor	4 th January 2025
Clerk to the Governing Body Jill Austin C/O Llandysilio C in W School Powys SY22 6RB 01691830339		

Parent Governors are elected by other parents.

Teacher Governors are elected by teaching staff at the school.

Staff Governors are elected by non-teaching staff at the school.

Community Governors are elected by the Governing Body.

LEA Governors are elected by the Local Authority.

School Prospectus

A copy of the revised School Prospectus is available for inspection at the school and on the school's website. There are no significant changes from the previous version.

Governor Meetings

The full Governing Body meets at least once every term and subsequently through a series of committees.

No travelling or subsistence were claimed by the Governors.

Governor Roles and Responsibilities

It was unanimously agreed by the Governors that responsibilities for the various Committees would be as follows (July 2022):

Staff Dismissal	Mr I Hodgkiss, Mr E A Jones, Mrs V Holloway
Pay Policy	Cllr E A Jones, Mr M Lloyd
Pay Appeals	Mr I Hodgkiss, Mrs H Guntrip, Mrs Clewlow, Mrs G Dixon
Performance Management	Mrs K Clewlow, Mrs V Holloway, Mr M Lloyd
Admissions	Mrs K Clewlow, Mrs V Holloway, Mrs Dixon, Mrs A Williams
Data	Mr I Hodgkiss
Pupil Discipline/Exclusion	Mrs V Holloway, Mr I Hodgkiss

Areas of Governor Responsibility were agreed as:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Named Governor</u>
Training link	Mrs V Holloway
Data	Mr I Hodgkiss
Literacy	Mrs C Richards
Numeracy	Mrs C Hughes
Foundation Phase	Mrs S Hall
Key Stage 2/Transition	Mrs C Hughes
ICT	Mr I Hodgkiss
ALN	Mrs H Guntrip
R.E	Mrs G Dixon
Child Protection	Mrs K Clewlow
Health & Safety	Cllr EA Jones
Equal Opportunity	Mrs K Clewlow
P.E	Mr I Hodgkiss
Eco- School	Mrs S Hall

During the year school policies were reviewed.

Meetings with Parents

The Governing Body welcomes meetings with parents. Parents may request up to 3 meetings a year, however there must be a 50% commitment from parents to attend.

Calendar



2022 – 2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Autumn Term 2022		
Monday 5 September to Friday 28 October	Thursday 1 September ¹ Friday 2 September ¹	40 days
Half Term – Monday 31 October to Friday 4 November		
Monday 7 November to Wednesday 21 December		33 days
Spring Term 2023		
Monday 9 January to Friday 17 February		30 days
Half Term – Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February		
Monday 27 February to Friday 31 March		25 days
Summer Term 2023		
Monday 17 April to Friday 26 May		29 days
Half Term – Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June		
Monday 5 June to Friday 21 July	Monday 24 July ¹	35 days

Non-pupils days: there will be two further non-pupil days, agreed on a cluster basis. Please check your school website for these dates.

Good Friday:	Friday 7 April 2023
Easter Monday:	Monday 10 April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday:	Monday 1 May 2023
Spring Bank Holiday:	Monday 29 May 2023
Royal Welsh Show:	Monday 24 July to Thursday 27 July 2023

¹ Although Powys identifies non-pupil days for all of its schools, schools are able to vary these on a catchment basis. It is therefore recommended that in addition to consulting the Authority's school calendar, you also check the school calendar published by your local school as this will include any local variations.

Financial Statement 2021/22

Income

LEA Budget £330,944

Expenditure

Staffing £317,911

Curriculum £14,401

Premises £33,101

Total £365,413

Net Surplus Brought Forward £32,451

Reserve Carried Forward £13,856

Description of School – Church in Wales
 Voluntary Controlled
 Primary School
 Language Category – English

Classroom and Staff Structure

Mrs Amanda Williams	Headteacher
Mrs Jen Pryce	Class Teacher, Year 5/6 – 2 days
Mrs Sian Rogers	Class Teacher, Year 5/6 – 3 days
Miss Clare Jones	Class Teacher, Year 3/4 – 4 days
Mrs Carol Hughes	Class Teacher, FP– 5 days
Mrs Lesley Leese	Teaching Assistant/Mid-day Supervisor
Mrs Sarah Hall	Teaching Assistant/Mid-day Supervisor

Mrs Jill Austin	School Secretary
Mrs Val Davies	Cook/School Cleaner
Mrs Julie Wolvey	Breakfast Club Assistant
Mrs Katy Humphreys	Breakfast Club Assistant
Mrs Katy Humphreys	School Cleaner
Mrs Robinson	Piano Teacher
Mr Leese	Drum/Guitar Teacher

The Governing Body is appreciative of all staff and their hard work. They are all members of a team, which helps the whole school to run smoothly. Due to Covid restrictions this year we have not been able to utilise the help we are so grateful for from parent volunteers especially with reading and transporting pupils to sporting events.

The Curriculum

Llandysilio C in W School provides a stimulating learning environment within a caring and Christian atmosphere, where children are encouraged to develop to their full potential.

The school is on a journey to the new Curriculum for Wales 2022. This curriculum focuses on four purposes:

‘Ambitious, capable learners’,

‘Enterprising, creative contributors’,

‘Ethical, informed citizens’ and

‘Healthy, confident individuals’ who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

The curriculum has six areas of learning to achieve these purposes:

- Expressive Arts
- Health and Well-being
- Humanities
- Languages, Literacy and Communication
- Mathematics and Numeracy
- Science and Technology

Healthy Eating and Drinking

Foundation Phase children have free milk daily. All children have access to fresh water.

Numbers on Role

	Sept 2020	Sept 2021	Sept 2022
Reception	5	6	8
Year 1	14	6	7
Year 2	11	15	6
Year 3	10	11	14
Year 4	5	9	10
Year 5	8	5	10
Year 6	9	8	5

TOTALS	62	60	60
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Attendance

Children are admitted in the September in the year of their fifth birthday provided that the school has sufficient resources of staff, accommodation and equipment. They normally transfer to High School in the year in which they attain their eleventh birthday.

8 pupils left at the end of the summer term 2022 - 4 went to Welshpool, 3 went to Llanfyllin and 1 went to The Marches.

There is wheelchair access to the school and two disabled toilets and one with changing facilities.

Additional Learning Needs Policy

The school's provision of Additional Learning Needs complies with the Code of Practice.

Mrs Hughes is the Additional Learning Needs Coordinator (ALNCo). Children with special needs are mainly taught in class with support from teaching assistants. If a child is withdrawn it is to specifically work on a particular teaching and learning experience with a teacher or TA.

Mrs Karen Clewlow is the nominated Governor with responsibility for ALN.

Sport

We still were challenged by the impact of Covid this year but we were able to increase the sporting opportunities for the learners. Swimming lessons restarted. Parents were given the option for a outdoor and adventurous residential for the learners or a day of activities, it was agreed that a day of activities would be the preferred option. We were very fortunate to have a full day of activities at Red Ridge Centre.

We were able to restart our after-school football club in the summer term with the support of Llanymynech Junior Football Club Coach.

Language Category

English Medium

Toilet Facilities

Llandysilio C. in W. School has toilet facilities in the following areas:

Main Building - 2 Toilets

2 Disabled Toilets (one with changing facilities)

1 Staff Toilet

Class 2 - 2 Toilets

Class 3 - 2 Toilets

Breakfast Club

The school operates a breakfast club between 8am and 8.35am. Children need to be in breakfast club by 8.20a.m where they have a nutritious breakfast and activities. The cost of breakfast club is £1.50 daily.

Health & Safety

Health and Safety matters are regularly reviewed through inspection.

Risk Assessments are completed for each visit. We adhere to the correct adult: pupil ratio.

Security Arrangements

Parking by the main school gate is strictly prohibited.

Children arriving in school will be supervised from 8.30 a.m. onwards. Parents are reminded that children are unsupervised before this time.

School Premises

Teachers, Governors, Parents and Children ensure that the school grounds are cared for.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES DURING 2021 - 2022

School held an eisteddfod to celebrate St David's Day, we were still not in a position to invite parents to participate due to Covid restrictions.

During the year pupils enjoyed a variety of activities including.

- Collective Worship with Darren Mayor
- Charity Fundraising – Children in Need
- Christmas Dinner
- World Book Day activities
- Football Club
- Safer Internet Day

PARENTS

Reporting to Parents

Open evenings were held during the year. Initially these were held virtually (phone calls) but returning to face to face meetings in the spring term. Each pupil received a written report in the summer term.

PTA

Friends of Llandysilio School

Treasurer: Helen Pierce

Team support: Bev Mainwaring, Claire Richards, Margaret Stokes, Emily Griffiths, Rebecca Allen,

Due to restrictions with meeting up face to face, the welcoming of new parents to FoLS was put back until February 2022. With a handover/ belated AGM held in April 2022 at the community hall, Llandysilio.

Unfortunately the meeting concluded without a new Chair in position. Rebecca Allen was not able to continue with the commitments as Chair because of her working hours. Although standing down, is available for any future advice and support if needed.

It was decided that fundraising for the school would still be taking place with a collective and enthusiastic group of parents from April 2022. Events to be organised as a team and from there a Chair may volunteer.

Fundraising to date:

October 2021 Fundraiser:

Halloween School party, pumpkin competition and raffles raised: £253.50

Christmas Lucky Labels 2021:

Raised: £300

Easter Trail 2022(Our first event on school grounds since the pandemic)

Raised: £165

The school lottery, Dragon Bags 2 school continues to make steady consistent funds for the school in between events being organised.

It has been a positive start to September 2022. Fols fundraising has a re- branding and eye-catching Facebook page. Promoting fresh new ideas to raising money. There is a strong continued support for the school which is now engaging with new families for the future.

The funds raised this year will be used to pay towards updating more IT equipment and replacing all the Interactive Whiteboards. The school are also looking at replacing lots of small sports equipment, as well as paying for extra experiences and treats for the children to enjoy such as transport to the pantomime.

Links with the Community

The school has strong links with St. Tysilio Church, our weekly assemblies with Mrs Dixon have been able to return to face to face. The school is very proud of its reputation within the community. The school continues to promote its links with the community and is very aware of its role in the life of the village and wider area. Class 3 worked with local businesses in the summer term during their enterprise project.

The school also maintains its strong links with Welshpool and Llanfyllin High Schools. Parents attend the open evenings at both schools before their child is due to move up to High School; following this the pupils attend induction days at the end of their last term in Year 6.