

Ysgol Fabanod

Cwmaber

Infants School



Board of Governors Annual Report to Parents 2018 - 2019



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A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carer

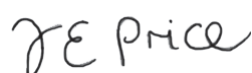
On behalf of the governing body it gives me great pleasure to present the 30th Annual Report to Parents for the academic year 2018 - 2019.

Once again, we celebrate a school of ambitious, capable learners, enterprising, creative contributors, ethical, informed citizens and healthy, confident individuals

Thank you for all your support and I would particularly like to thank my dedicated staff, who always place the needs of the pupils first.

Finally, on behalf of the Governors can I also thank the volunteers and friends of the school who do so much to enhance the learning experience of our children.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely,



J. E. Price (Mrs)
Pennaeth / Headteacher



Annual Reports to Parents

This report is a summary of the steps taken by the Governing Body in discharge of its functions since the last report to parents in Autumn Term 2018. Much of the content is statutory e.g. financial information and statistics.

The full governing body meets at least once a term, whilst a number of sub- committees meet as needed. A copy of the minutes of all Governing Body meetings is retained by the EAS and by the school which are available for your inspection, if required.

Parents have the right to request a meeting with the governing body up to three times a year.

Full details can be obtained from

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-03/statutory-guidance-to-the-governing-bodies-of-maintained-schools-in-wales-regarding-the-duty-to-hold-meetings-with-parents.pdf> or from the school. As there were no requests, no meeting was held under Section 94 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.

Parents Meeting

Governors are responsible for the management of the school legislation and policies of the Local Authority. The Governing Body under the Local Management School (LMS) now has fully delegated powers, which means the Governing Body acts like a “Board of Directors” in a business.

The full Governing Body meets at least once a term. The Headteacher provides regular detailed reports for discussion with the Governors concerning a wide range of issues such as staffing, curriculum development and pupil matters.

To ensure we carry out delegated duties efficiently, Governors have attended appropriate training.

The Governing Body

Name	When Appointment Ends	Type of Governor
Cllr M. Stretch	May 2022	Community Governor appointed by the Community Council
Mrs S. Price	February 2020	Community Governor appointed by the Governing Body
Mrs C. Lewis	May 2022	Community Governor appointed by the Governing Body
Mrs. J. E. Price	Ex officio	Headteacher
C.B Cllr J. Taylor Chairperson	August 2020	L.A. Representative
C.B Cllr L. Binding	November 2019	L.A. Representative
Mr K. Brace	July 2021	L.A. Representative
Mrs V. Foley	February 2022	Parent
Mrs N. Davies	October 2022	Parent
Dr R. Davies	February 2020	Parent
Mrs M. Rahman	January 2021	Parent
Miss H Sansom	February 2023	Staff Representative
Miss S Davies	May 2022	Teacher Representative

C.B. Cllr J. Taylor – Chairperson c/o Cwmaber Infants’ School. Mr Carl John - Clerk to the Governing Body c/o Governor Support Team, Tredomen House Ystrad Mynach, CF82 7WF

Financial Statement

Outturn Budget 2018 - 19

Staffing Costs	£ 440,011
Premises Related	£ 62,384
Supplies and Services	£ 28,982
Service Level Agreements	£ 22,989
School Development Plans	£ 1,683
Total	£ 556,049

The Helping Hands Committee generously donated money for resources. Pupils and staff raised money for various different charities throughout the year. No travel or subsistence allowances were paid to members of the governing body.

The section 52 statement provided by the local authority can be found at <https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/My-Council/Strategies,-plans-and-policies/Education/Section-52-budget-statement> or ask at the school.

Performance

The following shows the results of our Year 2 pupils in June 2019

	Language, Literacy and Communication			Mathematical Development			Personal and Social Development			Foundation Phase Indicator		
	School	L A	Wales	School	L A	Wales	School	L A	Wales	School	L A	Wales
Outcome 5	94	87	82	94	89	85	100	95	92	94	85	80
Outcome 6	47	36	32	50	37	32	75	59	57	39	29	

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Attendance

September 2018 - July 2019

Including Nursery and Reception

	Sessions	%
Attendances	21751	94.7%
Authorised absences	1093	4.8%
Unauthorised absences	118	0.5%
Possible attendance	22962	100%

Excluding Nursery and Reception

	Sessions	%
Attendances	37343	93.2%
Authorised absences	2351	5.9%
Unauthorised absences	390	1.0%
Possible attendance	40084	100%

Attendance Target for 2019 - 20: 95%

Parents are politely reminded that if their child is absent from school, it is necessary to inform the school in writing or by telephone of the reason for the absence – preferably on the first day of the absence.

An illness, medical appointment, family holiday etc., is recorded as an authorised absence. If no explanation is received by the school then an unauthorised absence is recoded in the register – this category includes holidays of more than two weeks in any given academic year.

All pupils should be on the premises at least five minutes before the official starting time of 9am. The support of parents / carers on this front is appreciated, because children persistently arriving late in school lose a great deal of valuable educational time. Late arrivals also disrupt the teaching groups they are involved with as these have invariably started on their daily routines.

Destination of School Leavers

We have no pupils aged 15 or 16 on whom to report.

Targets Agreed with Local Authority for 2019 - 2020

- All eFSM pupils to achieve Outcome 5 FPI in June 2020.
- Boys to close the gap in Outcome 6 PSE
- eFSM pupils attendance target 91.3%

Community Links

- Health Visitors, the school nurse and hearing therapist attend the school to carry out various checks on the pupils.
- Our choir took part in the Aber Valley Christmas Tree Festival, a fundraising concert for the Nexo project and sing to residents in Abermill Nursing Home.
- Father Edward has been coming in weekly to take assemblies.
- The Fire Service and Local Police Officers visit regularly to talk to the children on keeping safe and about people who help us.
- The Kerbcraft programme and the wonderful team of volunteers work with Year two children to ensure that they are kept safe and aware of the dangers of the road. We also run a walking bus, during "Walk to School" week, which is a great success and ends with the children attending the breakfast club.
- Parents / carers and grandparents came to help us learn in open mornings after our assemblies.
- The Helping Hands Committee organise the Christmas Fayre, the Easter disco, cinema nights, discos and the Summer barbecue.
- Our class assemblies and Christmas Nativity plays are very popular with children and well attended by parents and grandparents.

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Community Links Cont. . .

- The excellent Year Two Leavers' Assembly is always an emotional time, saying goodbye to pupils.
- In the Autumn Term, Year Two visit Beulah chapel for "Christmas Wrapped Up".
- Pupils represent the school at the Senghenydd Memorial Service.

School Visits

- Two of our Chief Executives visited the Millennium Centre in Cardiff Bay. They met with the Children's Commissioner for Wales as part of the Super Ambassador Training.
- Pupils in Reception, Year One and Year Two attended the pantomime in Blackwood Miner's Institute, whilst Nursery pupils and their parents enjoyed a magic show in school.
- A team of pupils attended the finals of the Lego competition in the Eden Centre.
- In the summer term, the whole school visited St Fagan's.

Extra - Curricular Activities

(In addition to those in "Community Links")

This year we have run the following after school, before school and lunchtime clubs: Sports, French, Creative, Gardening, "Wake and Shake", Gardening, Expressive Arts, Cooking, Computers, Choir and Football.

We also have a very successful Breakfast Club.

Policies

Policies are generally adopted in line with Local Authority guidelines. Copies of all policies are available from the school

Term Dates and Session Times

2019 - 2020

	Start of Term	Half Term	End of Term
Autumn 2019	2nd September	28th Oct - 1st Nov	20th December
Spring 2020	6th January	17th - 21st February	3rd April
Summer 2020	20th April	25th - 29th May	20th July

Session Times

Start- 9.00 a.m. | Lunch break-12.00 – 1.00 p.m. | End of Day- 3.15 p.m.

Nursery a.m. sessions

9.00 – 11.30 a.m.

School Prospectus

School Prospectus is given to all new parents / carers when they enter the school.

The school prospectus is available from the school upon request.

Organisation

The Foundation Phase is implemented across the school. Work is differentiated in each class to maximise children's learning. Additional support is given in Literacy and Numeracy, as needed.

Children with additional needs are supported according to the level of funding provided by the school budget and the Local Education Authority Inclusion services.

In consultation with CCBC, the school has been in the practice of addressing the requirement of the DDA. The Governing Body ensures all arrangements are in place for the admission and access for disabled pupils and visitors. All necessary steps are taken to make sure that disabled people are not treated less favourably.

Language

Cwmaber Infants' is an English-medium school.



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Use of Welsh Language

All pupils are taught through the medium of English. Welsh is taught as a lesson throughout the school and is used incidentally during the day, e.g. for instructions, counting etc. On Wednesdays, we have a Welsh assembly, when the story is in Welsh or related to Welsh culture and the songs are in Welsh. The Welsh Advisory teacher comes to take lessons with staff and pupils.

Toilet Facilities

There are sets of toilets for both boys and girls in both areas of the school and in nursery. In addition, there is a disabled toilet and shower room for use by pupils or by adult visitors. There are three staff toilets. All toilets are cleaned daily.

Healthy Eating

Healthy eating is promoted through snack time, discussions about packed lunches, display boards, and our excellent school dinners. Parents are given information about healthy lunchboxes. Pupils have access to a water dispenser. We are a "Healthy School" and have achieved the NQA Award for Healthy Schools. Our assemblies were described as "sector leading".

Thank You

The Governing Body would like to thank all parents / carers, the Helping Hands Committee, the non-teaching and teaching staff for their continued commitment and support.



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