



Waun Wen Primary School

Annual Governors' Report to Parents 2021 – 22

Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents

Welcome to this year's annual report to parents. This report outlines the key events for the school year 2021 – 22. The school year started with a slow return to normality after the pandemic restrictions and ended with an excellent report from Estyn inspectors. The Governing Body would like to thank the head teacher and all the staff for their hard work and dedication that led to this result. We would also like to thank all parents for their continued support. We appreciated so many of you turning up for the meeting with inspectors and showing how much you support the school. The partnership between home and school is vital for any child to succeed and the support that you, as parents show, helps to make this school such a lovely place for everyone.

Members of the Governing Body are so pleased to be able to visit the school in person again.

Lynwen Barnsley

Chair of Governors

Members of the Governing Body 2022 – 23

Category of Governor	Name	Term of Office
Headteacher	Mrs C Nicklin	
Chair of Governors	Mrs L Barnsley	26/10/25
LA (Local Authority) Representatives	Mrs L Barnsley Mrs J Berndt Miss H Lawson	26/10/25 02/08/24 22/10/24
Community Representatives	Mr J Lee Mrs C Willett Mrs C Ward	26/02/25 25/09/26 01/06/26
Parent Representatives	Mrs T Hixson Mrs H Yeates Mrs K Bevan Vacancy	05/02/24 26/04/26 26/04/26
Teacher Representatives	Miss B Roberts	26/02/25
Staff Representatives	Mrs A Green	26/02/25
Clerk to the Governors	Miss H O'Callaghan	

School's Vision Statement and Aims



Vision Statement – our aim is for every child to feel happy, safe, and secure in our school where they are valued and respected by all.

School Aims

As a school we aim to provide a happy and secure environment in which:

- ✓ All children are treated equally irrespective of gender, race, creed, or disability.
- ✓ Every child to achieve his/her full potential.
- ✓ As an inclusive school, we employ teaching and learning strategies for the benefit of all pupils.
- ✓ We strive to foster an enjoyment for learning by encouraging our children to have positive and independent attitudes to their learning.
- ✓ We encourage children to enjoy learning, have positive attitudes and be independent
- ✓ All children to believe in themselves, have confidence and high self-esteem.
- ✓ We expect all children to show respect for themselves, others and for property.
- ✓ We will ensure that all children are made aware of and are proud of their heritage and culture.
- ✓ We encourage positive discipline and manners and strive to **HAPPILY ACHIEVE TOGETHER**

Estyn Inspection June 2022

The school had an excellent Estyn inspection in June 2022. The inspectors recognised all the hard work that goes on in Waun Wen. They recognised that Waun Wen is a happy school where children enjoy coming and feel safe and valued. They could see that children make strong progress in their learning because they are well supported by all staff, who understand their needs and make sure that every child makes progress. Inspectors recognised the strong relationships between school and parents and how the school tries to involve parents at every opportunity.

Some notable quotes from the report

“As they move through the school, most pupils, including those who are eligible for free school meals, those with additional learning needs and those with English as an additional language, make strong progress from their starting points.”

“Most pupils have high levels of well-being across the school and demonstrate respect for each other, their school, and their community. They understand that they are cared for well and have a caring attitude towards others.”

“All pupils settle quickly to work and are conscientious. Most pupils collaborate well with one another. They sustain concentration in lessons, persevering with tasks when completing more challenging work.”

“All staff have warm and positive working relationships with pupils. They support those who are less confident, or are new to English, to settle quickly and encourage them to contribute to lessons very effectively.”

The recommendations from inspectors were to improve the physical environment of the school, in particular the playground and the toilets. The Governors and Mrs Nicklin are working with the Local Authority to address all the issues that were identified.

You can read the full report on the school's website

<https://www.waunwenprimaryschool.co.uk/estyn-and-performance-data/>

Staff – 2022 - 23

Teaching Staff
Mrs C Nicklin (Headteacher)
Miss B Roberts (Deputy Headteacher)
Mrs A Churchill (ALNCo)
Mrs J Lewis
Miss L Ashford / Mr J DeKerchove
Mrs R Meredith
Mr D Rowe
Miss C Steel
Mr S Jones
Miss J Mead
Mrs L Rees
Mrs C Ratcliffe
Support Staff
Teaching Assistants
Miss C Lewis
Miss F Burns
Miss L Mauchline
Mr L Williams
Miss M Collins
Mrs M Hayles
Mrs F Siddika
Miss E Barnes
Miss L Delloy
Mrs L Jones
Mr C Meager
Mrs A Green (Pastoral Support Officer)
School Office Manager
Miss H O'Callaghan
Caretaker
Mr C Rees
Lunchtime Supervisors
Mrs M Isaacs
Mrs Y Evans
Mrs D Spiller
Mrs K Richards
Breakfast Club Supervisors

Miss C Lewis
Miss L Mauchline
Mrs M Hayles
Miss L Delloy
Education Welfare Officer
Mrs Emma Mackenzie

School Term and holiday dates 2022/23

Term	Term begins	Mid-term holiday begins	Mid-term holiday ends	Term ends	Total days
Autumn 2022	Monday 5 September	Monday 31 October	Friday 4 November	Friday 23 December	75
Spring 2023	Monday 9 January	Monday 20 February	Friday 24 February	Friday 31 March	55
Summer 2022	Monday 17 April	Monday 29 May	Friday 2 June	Monday 24 July	65
Total					195

School Budget Overview

In accordance with the requirements of the Educational Reform Act 1988, here is the statement of total net expenditure for the financial year 2020/2021

SCHOOL: WAUN WEN PRIMARY SCHOOL			
STATEMENT OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURE 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR			
	Delegated Expenditure	Non-Delegated Expenditure	Total Net Expenditure
	£	£	£
Teachers Salaries	622,784	6,956	629,740
Salaries	413,366	22,219	435,585
Other Employee Costs	391		391
Premises	21,170		21,170
Transport			0
Supplies & Services	115,365		115,365
Recharges	93,650	350	94,000
Gross Expenditure	1,266,726	29,525	1,296,251
Grant Income	-463,255		-463,255
Other Income	-17,541		-17,541
Gross Income	-480,796	0	-480,796
Net Expenditure	785,930	29,525	815,455
RESERVES:			
		£	
FINAL FORMULA ALLOCATION:		793,981	
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE:		785,930	
TRANSFER TO / (FROM) RESERVES:		8,051	
OPENING BALANCE ON RESERVES 01/04/21		133,013	
CLOSING BALANCE ON RESERVES: 31/03/22		141,064	

Destination of School Leavers

Last year the children leaving from Year 6 moved to variety of secondary schools including Pentrehafod, Bishop Gore, Olchfa, Dylan Thomas, Bishop Vaughan and Morriston.

Policies

Governors regularly check that all statutory policies are in place and on the school website so that they are accessible for parents/carers, external agencies, and other stakeholders. This year the Performance Management, Lock-Down, Safeguarding and Child Protection, Charging and Remissions and e-safety policies have been reviewed and updated.

Additional Learning Needs

The school has 5 children who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs and 93 children have been identified as having additional learning needs and are in receipt of an Individual Education Plan. This number fluctuated through the year as we moved onto the new ALNET system with some pupils being supported through Universal Provision and some pupils transferring onto Individual Development Plans (IDPs). Each plan is written with targets specifically set to address the child's areas of needs.

Children's progress is carefully monitored and referrals to outside agencies made wherever further advice is needed.

Agencies currently working with the school are Speech and Language Therapists, Behaviour Support Teacher, Autistic Outreach Workers, Occupational Therapists, CAMHS, Exchange Counselling.

The school is currently working to implement the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal Act Wales system introduced by the Welsh Government. There is information for parents about changes in Swansea on the school website.

<https://www.waunwenprimaryschool.co.uk/aln/>

Flying Start

Little Petals Flying Start is based in the school building and offers children from 2 years of age 2-hour sessions. The Flying Start staff liaise with the school staff to ensure transition to school is as smooth and possible and offers the child the best possible start.

Teaching and Learning

Waun Wen Primary is a caring school valuing every child. Our ethos is to make sure every child is happy, feels part of the school community and reaches their potential. The staff develop strong relationships with the children and there is a warm and welcoming atmosphere in the school which has been commented on by visitors. Mutual trust is a vital part of the relationships within the school and the staff are dedicated, enthusiastic and hard-working. All successes are celebrated and all children are encouraged to take a full part in school life.

The Governing Body's Curriculum Committee meets regularly to discuss the School Development Plan and to monitor the priorities. The focus on developing oracy and vocabulary is going well, the new maths scheme is making an impact and the strategies for developing well-being are being successfully used by the children.

School Development Priorities for 2022-23

- Address health and safety issues identified during Estyn inspection.
- Continue to design and implement the New Curriculum and introduce the new RVE/RSE curriculum.
- Continue to enhance ALN (Additional Learning Needs) and wellbeing throughout the school.
- Continue to improve standards in literacy and mathematics.
- Develop assessment processes within the school, in line with the new curriculum.

These priorities have been determined through extensive self-evaluation by staff and governors and are building on the good work already done in the school.

The priorities will be addressed through a variety of strategies and techniques and incorporated into a new broad, balanced curriculum. The new curriculum is shaped by the recommendations in Successful Futures the Donaldson Report and will be developed considering the needs of our school and our pupils.

Healthy Schools

Waun Wen Primary is a Healthy School and promotes healthy eating and drinking. Children in the Foundation Phase have milk and fruit daily and Key Stage 2 pupils can buy fruit every day. All children receive a water bottle at the beginning of the school year and are encouraged to drink water during the school day. School dinners are cooked on site and the children are also taught about healthy lifestyles during lessons.

The 10-week course in healthy cookery for parents has been very successful. The older children who joined their parents for the sessions really enjoyed it.

Provision for Sport

The children can play a variety of sports. Last year sports offered were football, tag rugby, street dance and yoga. Staff provide extra-curricular sport and clubs are always well attended.

Community Links

We have been working hard to promote the school and make it an important part of the community. We work closely with our partner primary schools and have strong transitional links with Pentrehafod Comprehensive School. Transition also is planned from Flying Start to Nursery, from Nursery to Reception and from the Foundation Phase to key stage 2.

The school also works closely with Ebenezer Church and members of the Waterfront Church visit regularly to join in Acts of Worship. There are also links with City Church in Dyfatty. Pre-pandemic pupils regularly visited St Mark's Nursing Home for reading and craft activities, and although visits are still not allowed, children are keeping in contact with the residents there. The school has strong links with Brynhyfryd Library and the Community PCSO visits the school regularly and supports activities in the community.

Children are regularly using the park for outdoor learning.

The Pop-Up shop is running every fortnight and has been very successful.

Welsh Language

No children currently attending this school come from a Welsh speaking home. Welsh is taught as a second language throughout the school and on a daily basis.

The Cylch Cymraeg are involved in the Siarter Iaith and promote the speaking of Welsh around the school.

Toilet Facilities

The children have access to adequate toilet facilities which are cleaned on a daily basis. The toilets in most areas of the building need updating, a point that was picked up in the inspection. Refurbishment is planned to take place in July 2023.