

Welcome

to

Ysgol y Lawnt



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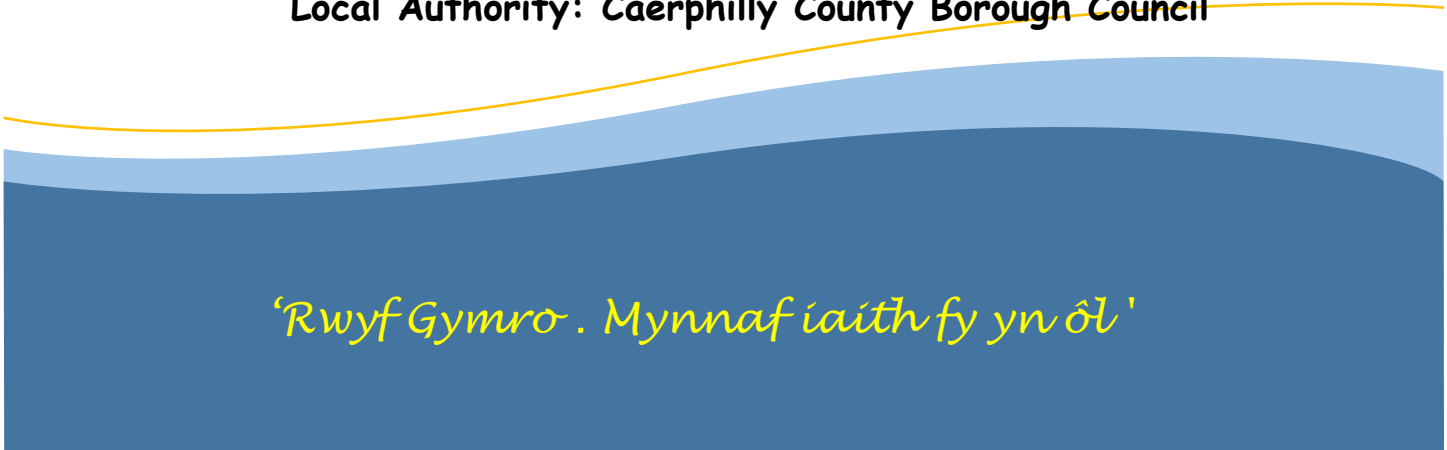
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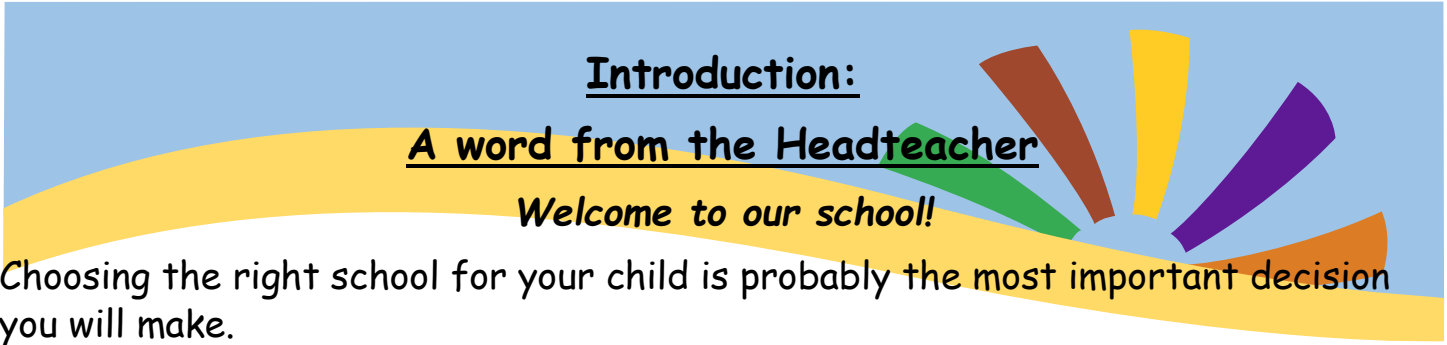
Headteacher: Mrs.Sharon Davies

Chair of the Governing Body: Mrs Christine Chater

Local Authority: Caerphilly County Borough Council



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Introduction:

A word from the Headteacher

Welcome to our school!

Choosing the right school for your child is probably the most important decision you will make.

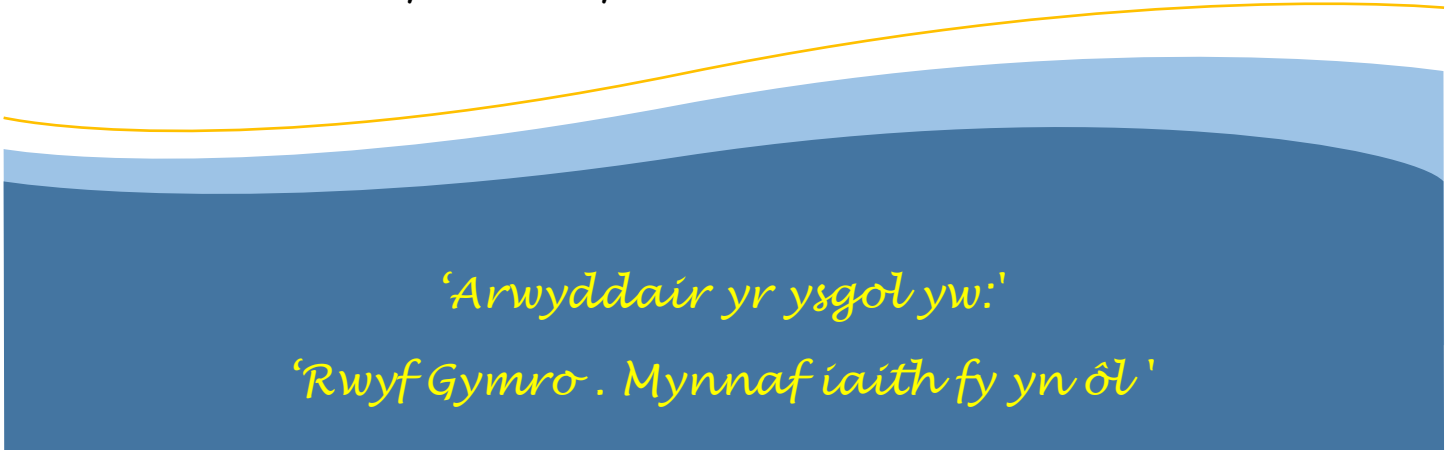
Ysgol y Lawnt is a caring, happy and friendly environment where the education and happiness of your child are always our priorities.

Ysgol y Lawnt is located in the centre of the town of Rhymney at the upper end of the Rhymney valley. The school provides Welsh medium education for children who come from a number of villages to the north of Bargoed town and extends from Butetown to Deri. Caerphilly is the local education authority (LEA). The school moved to this location in 1992 occupying a building and site that once belonged to the local iron master. The site is extensive with grounds that include numerous play areas, places to sit, grassed areas and a forest.

Currently, there are 191 pupils aged between three and eleven on roll, with the majority coming from the town of Rhymney itself and buses transporting pupils from neighbouring villages. Pupils are divided into eight classes. Around 96% of the pupils come from homes where English is the main language.

Since the school was last inspected in 2014, we have won a range of awards, including Platinum Eco School status and Fairtrade Status. We have also won a Sustrans bronze award. We have achieved the Silver award in the Language Charter - Si-rarter iaith.

In 2018, we came second across Wales in the Enterprise Troopers for developing the entrepreneurship skills of our pupils. We opened our Clic a Chlonc Café in 2017 on the school site and pupils of all ages receive the opportunity to become young inspirational entrepreneurs by choosing a product to create and sell in the café. The Café develops research, creative, language, numeracy and communication skills of our pupils during these activities. Parents and the wider community attend events held on Thursday and Friday at Clic a Clonc Café.



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At Ysgol y Lawnt, pupils

- ♦ Are good listeners
- ♦ Are honest and tell the truth
- ♦ Are kind and don't hurt each other's feelings
- ♦ Respect all property
- ♦ Treat each other as we would like to be treated

Our mission

As a school we will

- ♦ Help your child achieve the highest standards, through the medium of Welsh
- ♦ Help your child be confident and happy, and encourage him/her to participate in all activities
- ♦ Encourage your child to take pride in their achievements
- ♦ Ask your child to be well behaved and acquire self discipline
- ♦ Expect your child to respect everyone in the community

Ysgol y Lawnt is a school which

- ♦ Is committed to high achievement for all pupils
- ♦ Is highly regarded in our local community
- ♦ Works in close and effective partnership with all parents
- ♦ Mirrors the Welsh dimension positively in all aspects of school life
- ♦ Is committed to continuous improvement, development and training for all

Mrs. Sharon Davies
Pennaeth

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Ysgol y Lawnt School Admissions Policy

Parents are invited to contact the school to arrange a visit during school hours, not only to see the headteacher and staff, but also to sample the working atmosphere of the school. However, this doesn't guarantee space.

Pupils will be admitted to our Nursery part-time in the September following their third birthday, the school also admits pupils to school in January and April following their third birthday.

School facilities

The school uses its funding creatively and has a comprehensive stock of resources. There are two dedicated libraries of resources, and all three phases of progress have outside classroom access ideal for outside learning opportunities. The Governing Board has invested heavily in ICT resources to ensure that all children with access to the latest technology this includes digital resources for all classes.

The school grounds and wider community are ideal for outdoor and community learning, including the experiences of Forest Schools. The playgrounds to the rear of the building are used effectively for lessons and clubs. In 2020 a wild-life area was developed especially for outdoor learning. This area was developed in partnership with Groundworks Caerphilly.

Working with families

At Ysgol y Lawnt we have full confidence that parents are the first and most important educators of our pupils.

Each parent receives a home/school agreement at the start of their child's journey at Ysgol y Lawnt. The agreement covers the school's expectations of the important role parents play in their children's education and progress.

The agreement provides a framework for developing a close and effective relationship between school and home; it clearly outlines the basic intentions of the school and our expectations of a role parents play to enable us to ensure that a child's time at Ysgol y Lawnt is happy and successful.

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Open Days and Evenings

We invite parents to meet with classroom teachers termly. The meetings are an opportunity to discuss pupils' progress and attainment, as well as celebrating other talents the children enjoy. The time is used to review individuals' educational or behavioural targets, and to agree new ones when appropriate.

We invite the children's parents and extended families to open days, curricular activities, concerts, services, fundraising activities and much more.

Our café plays a vital role in developing our connection with the families and friends of Ysgol y Lawnt. Parents are invited to the café to support classroom business initiatives, as well as every Friday morning where parents have the opportunity to develop digital and Welsh language skills.

Community Engagement



Ysgol y Lawnt works very closely with parents, encouraging them to attend meetings and events hosted by the school. The school has a proactive PTA that organises a wide range of activities throughout the year which is very well supported.

We invite people from the local and wider community to the school to share their expertise with pupils, including local ministers, parents and former pupils.

As a school we support community events, including fundraising events for local charities and concerts. Many connections have been established and developed in our community, including the old people's home, local businesses, the Church, the Chapel and also the nearby English Primary Schools. We also work closely with our local Cylch Meithrin, with 'Mudiad Mwy' providing childcare every afternoon for our Nursery pupils since September 2018.

The emergency services play a vital role in the life of the school with the Fire services coming to the school to speak to pupils and support in our open afternoons. We have the support of the community police in traffic management and PC Smith our Community Police Officer provides lessons each term to a wide range of classes.

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Homework

Parents play a key role in children's homework. We kindly ask parents and guardians to ensure that work is returned to school on time and that books are kept in a suitable condition. Parents are given bilingual guidance for each task to enable them to understand and support their children in their tasks. There is also a place for parents to note their comments about tasks and the child's response to them.

In Spring 2020, home learning arrangements were further developed providing Cross curricula learning opportunities on 'Hwb' and the 'Purple Mash' learning platforms.

Conduct and disciplinary process

Ysgol y Lawnt children are encouraged to be friendly, kind to each other, and to reflect their enjoyment of the education they receive. If you as a parent have any concern, please let the classroom teacher know as soon as possible. This allows us to intervene early and support effectively if necessary. The structure of our behaviour policy is based on the development of self-control in our pupils.

'Reward the Positive' is at the heart of our behaviour policy, and this is implemented to our three key values, namely:-

Y 3 'C'

Cymreictod - Welshness

Cyfrifoldeb - Responsibility

Cwrteisi - Courtesy

Pupils learn that they have a choice of how to behave, and that there are consequences to the behaviour.

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Bullying

Our school aims to create a safe and homely school for every individual.

We do not tolerate bullying of any kind in our school. Parents will be notified immediately if there is any evidence of bullying. If your child shows any concern about the causes of bullying, please report it to the school as soon as possible.

The school's anti-bullying policy is available on the school's website or from the office.

Attendance and Punctuality

Only by attending school on a daily basis do children make progress. If a child is unable to attend school we ask parents to notify the school before 9.00am. If this does not happen, the school will initially contact parents by text and then call home by 10:00am in the morning to ensure the child is safe.

If the school has a concern about a child's attendance they would contact the Education Welfare Officer.

Our pupils are welcomed into the school at 8.40 am to start lessons at 9:00am prompt. They are very welcome to attend our breakfast club which is open from 7:45am to 8:30pm.

It is vital that they are in school regularly and on time. We place great emphasis on taking advantage of every opportunity to provide a world-class education... every minute counts!

Attendance Data

Blwyddyn	2014 / 15	2015 / 16	2016 / 17	2017 / 2018	2019 / 2020	2020 / 2021	2021 / 2022	2022 Medi - Hydref
Attendance %	93.84%	92.76%	92.54%	91.52%	91.92%	89.20%	87.08%	90.01%
Authorised	5.05%	6.51%	7.16%	7.12%	7.04%	9.64%	11.55%	9.36%
Unauthorised	1.11%	0.37%	0.30%	1.36%	1.03%	1.12%	1.37%	0.37%

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Any questions...?

What if you have a problem?

If you have a concern about anything at school please contact us immediately. We are happy to arrange a convenient time for you to meet with classroom teachers to discuss concerns.

If you want to meet the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher, usually one of them will be available for a short chat before school starts in the morning or immediately at the end of the day. However, for major issues that need to be discussed in more detail, you will need to make an appointment.

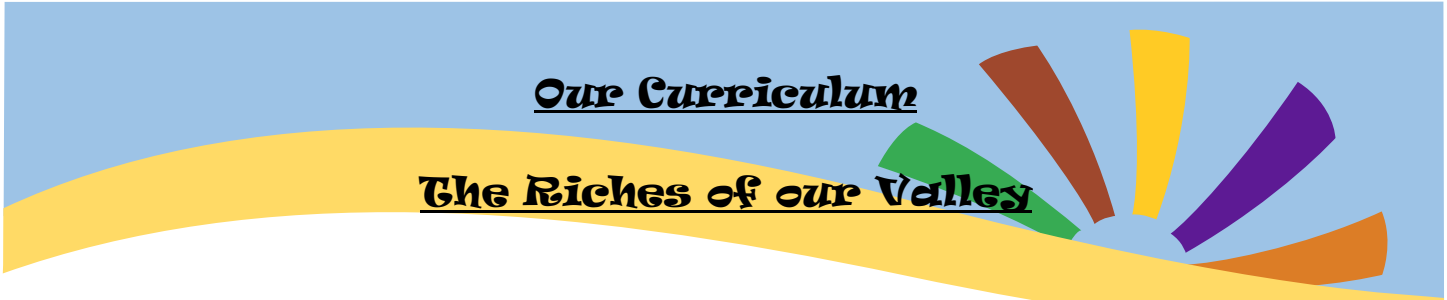
While the school is confident that it is able to successfully deal with difficulties, we recognise that from time to time issues arise when external advice is required. The LEA has* put together robust processes to deal with parental complaints. Find out more on the authority's website if you want to go down this route.

**How will I receive information about
my child's progress?**

Detailed information about your child's progress is shared during open evenings. You will have the opportunity to agree your child's individual targets in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy, and these will be closely monitored during the year. You will receive a detailed written report on your child's attainment during July, which you will have the opportunity to discuss more closely with classroom teachers.



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Our Curriculum

The Riches of our Valley

Ysgol y Lawnt offers a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum that stimulates the academic, moral, spiritual and social development of all children.

All Pupils at Ysgol y Lawnt learn through rich experiences based on the requirements of our New Curriculum - The Riches of our Valley.

The Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Competence Framework aims to ensure that there are opportunities for pupils to develop their literacy, numeracy and digital competence skills in all aspects of learning. Each pupil has personal targets and parents' evening is held termly to discuss pupils' targets, performance and development.

We encourage pupils to speak Welsh in all aspects of school life. When a child starts school, your child will be immersed in the Welsh language, where both Welsh and English are spoken until your child becomes increasingly confident to communicate in Welsh.

Additional Learning Needs

We contact parents if a child has specific needs, or we notice a change in their personality / behaviour. The school has a range of school-based policies in place. Parents are welcome to view these on request.



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What about after school clubs?

The school hosts a variety of lunchtime and after school clubs. These vary from term to term during the year. Parents are notified of available clubs at the start of each season.

School staff offer pupils a wide range of opportunities within lunchtime and after school clubs. These include:-

Clwb Eco / Cyngor Ysgol / School Eco/Council

Pencampwyr digidol / digital leaders

Dreigiau / Welsh Dragons

Celf/art

Clwb Olympaidd / Olympics club

Pêl droed / football

* Côr/Choir

Traws Gwlad / Crodd country

Is there a school uniform?

Yes, there is a simple dress code. We feel there are a number of benefits to school uniforms, including creating a sense of family and community, as well as fostering an atmosphere of pride and belonging. There are a number of different combinations available to you:

Red or dark green sweatshirt with or without school logo

Red or dark green cardigan with or without school logo

Polo shirt -red or dark green with or without school logo

Grey trousers / Grey skirt

Summer dress- green or red chequered dress

Black-shoes

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PE kit

Shorts or black tracksuit
White t-shirt
Trainers

We kindly ask that you state your child's name on each item of clothing.

What happens during school assemblies?

All children participate in morning worship on a daily basis. At Ysgol y Lawnt there is clearly a Christian element in assemblies that follow themes to reflect the social, cultural and moral beliefs of the school; the significance of Christianity in Welsh traditions is also emphasised. Parents have the right to take children out of services and from Religious Education lessons. If you are considering doing so, please contact the Headteacher to agree health and safety arrangements for protecting your child.



Services are of course also an opportunity to celebrate the achievement of classes and individuals, as well as opportunities to invite guests to school to talk to children. In weekly services we celebrate our three C:- Welshness , Responsibility and Courtesy throughout the school. We reward every success - both within and outside the school.

What School Committees are available ?

We believe strongly in the voice of the pupil at Ysgol y Lawnt and many successful committees exist. These include The School Council, Eco Committee, Dragons, Apsters, Mini PTA, Lunch Crew and Learning Detectives.

Each class from year 2 to 6 elects two members to be school council. This ensures that pupils' voices are strong within the school, and that all pupils influence school-wide issues such as the environment, behaviour, play times and fundraising. School councillors have a responsible role, and minutes of meetings are kept, to be shared and governors held annually.

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What is the Governing Board?

Ysgol y Lawnt has a very supportive board of governors, led by Mrs. Christine Chater. The governors meet regularly to discuss the management and needs of the school. Raising standards is at the heart of every meeting, and the governors visit the school and undertake learning journeys as part of the self-appraisal process. They meet as a whole board and as sub-committees to discuss the funding, health and safety, standards and curriculum.

Members of the Governing Board

Aelod	Rôl
Mr.Christine Chater	Cadeirydd / chair person
Mr.William D Evans	Is Gadeirydd / vice / chair person
Mrs. Jill Morris	Cymunedol/ Community
Mrs. Claire Ingram	All/LA
Mrs. Katherine Hallam	Rhiant/Parent
Mrs. Catrin Flanagan	Rhiant/Parent
Ms Katie Godfrey	Rhiant/Parent
Ms Abbey James	Rhiant/Parent
Mrs Samatha Theophilus	Rhiant/Parent
Mrs. Joanne Vest	Cyd-ethol / co-elect
Mrs. Sharon Davies	Pennaeth / Heateacher
Miss. Katherine Scott	Dirprwy / Deputy Headteacher
Miss. Natalie Field	Staff

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What if my child has additional learning needs?

The school offers equal opportunities to all individuals.

If there are specific educational or behavioural needs with your child you will have the opportunity to meet with the classroom teacher to discuss them. Parents have a very important role to play in formulating targets for individual plans (independent development plans), and constantly evaluating the targets.

Time will be allocated during open evenings to agree on the specific targets and on strategies to enable your child to meet these with the classroom teacher and additional educational needs coordinator.

We also recognise pupils who are 'More Able and Talented' (MAT). Pupils are grouped appropriately and work is set to challenge each individual. The Special Education policy is available to you at the school office. Ysgol y Lawnt staff are trained and have a good understanding of pupils with autism.

Will my child receive sex education at school?

During the Summer Term, year 6 pupils will receive sex education lessons. Parents have a right to see any material shared with children. In addition to that parents have the right to take their children out of lessons. If you want further information please contact the Headteacher.

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Will my child be able to participate in competitive sports?

The school provides opportunities for pupils to compete in internal and external competitions. Activities are varied depending on children's age and term. The school has various sports teams, such as football, netball and cross country, and we compete in Urdd tournaments against other schools. You are very welcome to come and support us.

What happens when my child leaves Ysgol y Lawnt?

The school recognises the importance of a successful transition between all classes, and from school to school. Every effort is made to ensure that there is an effective transition between classes, and that teachers are working closely to ensure steady progress.

The school has a very close relationship with Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymney.

Successful and effective transition strategies are in place between the two schools, with project links with teachers from the Rhymney Valley in the Summer term as well as transition visits for groups of learners throughout the year. Pupils spend at least two days at their new school to familiarise themselves with new teachers and peers.

Does the school have a website?

Yes the school has a website: <http://www.ysgolylawnt.co.uk/contact.asp>

We have further developed our use of the "Hwb" learning platform in school and for home learning tasks.

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Medication

The school has a number of staff qualified in First Aid, so that first aid can be administered for minor injuries at school. If a pupil is taken ill, parents will be contacted with the intention of the child returning home as soon as possible. If a child needs to be sent to hospital, parents will be notified immediately.

It is essential for parents to inform the school of where they can be contacted in an emergency.

You will be asked to share this information when your child is admitted to school and this will be updated annually thereafter as well as emergency contact details for yourself and others who may be able to help in an emergency. Parents are asked to report any specific health problems to the school their children may have. From time to time, medical and dental examinations are arranged by the School of Health Service. Parents will be made aware of this and treatment would not be administered without consent.

We cannot allow any child* to bring medication to school, or ask a member of staff to store or administer any medications (except children suffering with asthma or allergies). In some cases, special arrangements may be made after discussions between the parents and the Headteacher.

A little bit more about our school!

General information

Raising money for activities

We kindly ask you to contribute towards the costs of visits. However, no child will be excluded from a visit if parents do not contribute. For residential visits such as Llangrannog, the opportunity is given to pay over a period of time. Parents who are finding it difficult to find funds should speak to the headteacher for further advice.

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Dinner Money

Phasing out Primary Free School Meals for the youngest children from September 2022.

As part of the Co-operation Agreement, the Welsh Government and Plaid Cymru have announced plans and funding to offer free nutritious school meals to all primary school pupils in Wales by 2024.

Please see the timetable below for the introduction of this scheme - please note that this is subject to HMS days for each school:

Gwybodaeth ar Brydau Ysgol am ddim i holl blant Ysgolion Cynradd (UPFSM) Grŵp Blwyddyn	Ystod Oedran Year groups	Dyddiad Cychwyn Disgwyliedig UP-FSM Free school meals will be issued on the dates noted.	Sylwadau	Systemau Talu Arlwygo www.upay.co.uk
Meithrin / Blwyddyn 2	3 - 4 oed 6 - 7 oed ✱	7 Tachwedd 2022 7th November 2022	Bydd pob disgybl oedran meithrin cofrestredig sy'n mynychu ysgol a gynhelir am o leiaf ddwy sesiwn a ariennir (ar ddiwrnod penodol) yr wythnos yn gymwys i gael pryd ysgol am ddim pan fyddant yn bresennol ar y diwrnodau hynny.	Hyd at 07/11/2022: Y dull talu a ffafrir am brydau ysgol yw ap UPAY. Cysylltwch â'ch ysgol am ddulliau talu eraill. O 07/11/2022: gall rhieni lawrlwytho'r ap, i weld beth gafodd eu plentyn i ginio
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School Term dates

Autumn Term 2022

Term starts on Friday 2 September 2022
Half Term starts on Monday 31 October 2022
Half Term ends on Friday 4 November 2022
Term ends on Friday 23 December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Term starts on Monday 9 January 2023
Half Term starts on Monday 20 February 2023
Half Term ends on Friday 24 February 2023
✱Term ends on Friday 31 March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Term starts on Monday 17 April 2023
Half Term starts on Monday 29 May 2023
Half Term ends on Friday 2 June 2023
Term ends on Friday 21 July 2023

School timetable

Morning Sessions:

Lesson 1 > 9:00—10.15 am

Lesson 2 > 10.35—11.30 am

Afternoon sessions:

Lesson 3 > 12.35—2:00pm

Lesson 4 > 2:15—3:30pm



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Ysgol y Lawnt Staff

Enw	Swydd	Cyfrifoldebau
Mrs Sharon Davies	Pennaeth	MA2- Lles ac agweddau at dysgu MA5 – Arweinyddiaeth a Rheolaeth
Miss Katherine Scott	Dirprwy Bennaeth	MA1 – Dysgu – Safonau a chynnydd mewn dysgu a medrau. Arweinydd CC3
Mrs Kirsty Watkins	Pennaeth Cynorthwyol	MA3 – Addysgu a phrofiadau dysgu Arweinydd CC2
Mrs Cari Kinnear	ALNCo	MA4 – Gofal, cymorth ac arweiniad MA5 – Arweinyddiaeth a Rheolaeth
Miss Rebecca Noakes	PL	MA3 - Addysgu a phrofiadau dysgu Arweinydd CC1
Mrs Bethan Dalmas Jones	Athrawes	Arweinydd digidol / Siarter Iaith
Miss Hannah Poulton	Athrawes	Arweinydd Mathemateg / Addysg Gorfforol
Mrs Susan Powell	Athrawes*	Arweinydd Dyniaethau
Miss Laura Pearce	HLTA	CAPh
Miss Janice Davies	Athrawes	CAPh
Mrs Danielle Rudd	Cynorthwydd dysgu	Meithrin yn y bore / Arweinydd Mudiad Mwy ar safle'r ysgol pob prynhawn
Miss Demi Llewellyn	Cynorthwydd dysgu	Meithrin yn y bore / Cynorthwydd Mudiad Mwy ar safle'r ysgol pob prynhawn
Mrs Lisa O'Brien	Cynorthwydd dysgu	Arweinydd Tric a Chlic / Human Givens / 1:1 ADY
Miss Rebecca Donovan	Cynorthwydd dysgu	Cynorthwydd dosbarth
Miss Natalie Field	Cynorthwydd dysgu	Cynorthwydd dosbarth / 1:1 ADY
Miss Dilys Powell	Cynorthwydd dysgu	Rhaglen Ymyrraeth / Arweinydd yr Urdd / Cyngor Ysgol /Eco
Miss Jessica Burton	Cynorthwydd dysgu	Cynorthwydd dosbarth 1:1 ADY
Mr Jordan Reed	Cynorthwydd dysgu	Cynorthwydd dosabrth 1:1 ADY
Miss Jessica Samuels	Cynorthwydd dysgu	Cynorthwydd dosabrth 1:1 ADY
Miss Megan Vest	Cynorthwydd dysgu	Cynorthwydd dosabrth 1:1 ADY
Mrs Joanne Vest	Ysgrifyddes	Prif ddyletswyddau swyddfa
Mr Jonathon Williams	Gofalwr	Cynnal a chadw / iechyd a diogelwch / glanhau
Mrs Gillian Llewellyn	Cogyddes	Prif Cogyddes
Mrs Mary Francis	Cogyddes	Cogyddes
Meryl	Cogyddes / glanhawraig	Cogyddes/ glanhauwraig
Jodie	Glanhawraig	glanhau
Ian	Glanhawr	glanhau
Kevin Griffiths	Swyddog Iechyd a diogelwch	Iechyd a diogelwch x 1 waith y mis

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Transport

If the children live more than a mile and a half from the school, free transport is arranged through the Transport Officer in Caerphilly.

School Safety

Pupils and staff are safe on our school premises. This is ensured through security fencing and the necessity for all visitors to sign in and out at the school's head office. The school site and buildings are being monitored with CCTV.

School Toilet Facilities

Pupils have access to modern toilet facilities around the school, including disabled toilets. These are cleaned and replenished daily.

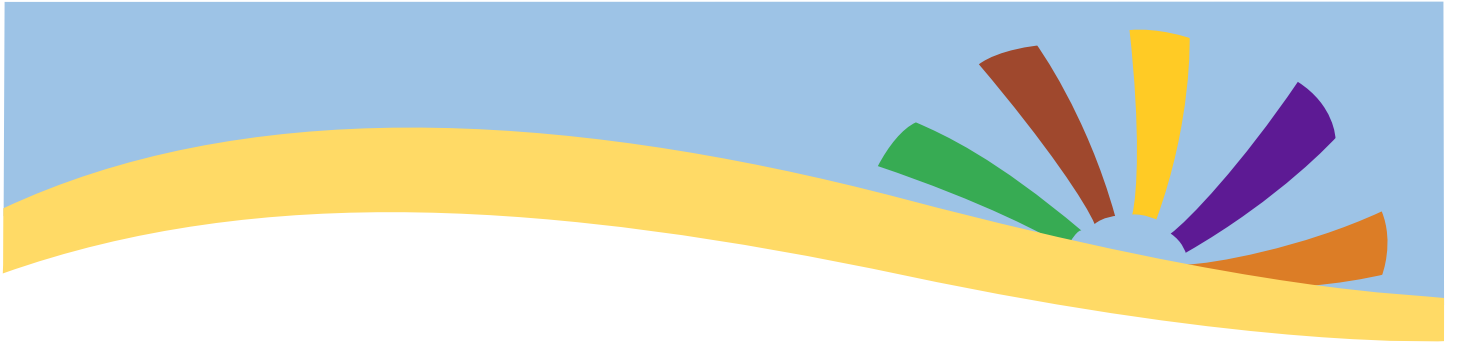
Equal Opportunities

The school offers equal opportunities to all pupils including ALN, disabled and MAT ensuring that all possible aspects of the curriculum will be open to them. They will be treated sensitively and fairly.

Full details can be found in our 'Equal Opportunities', 'More Able and Talented' and 'Extra Learning Needs Policies' available at school from the Headteacher



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