



Ysgol y Dderi

FULL ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS 2019-2020

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Introduction

Welcome to the 2019-20 Ysgol Y Dderi Annual Report to Parents in what has probably been the most disrupted and challenging year that the school and indeed all schools across Wales and beyond have ever faced! The Covid-19 pandemic that resulted in a nationwide lockdown in March was unforeseen and therefore unplanned and presented challenges to so many sectors, not least education.

But staff and pupils at Ysgol Y Dderi have risen to these challenges. Learning quickly moved online with work being set through Microsoft Teams, staff have maintained contact with pupils and parents through telephone calls, e-mails and online lessons (through Teams) and though non-traditional, I hope pupils and staff can be feel proud of their achievements throughout the year.

Annual General Parents Meetings

There was no call for a Governors' meeting to be held with Parents in accordance with section 94 of the School Standards and Organization (Wales) Act 2013 during the 2019-20 academic year.

See the details below outlining the requirements of holding an annual meeting.

Section 94 of the Schools Standards and Organization (Wales) Act 2013 (the Act) makes important changes to the previous legislative arrangements regarding Annual Parents'/ Governors' Meetings. It provides new arrangements where parents may request a meeting with a governing body.

However, parents will need to satisfy four (4) statutory requirements to call a meeting, namely:

- (i) the parents of 10% of registered pupils, or the parents of 30 registered pupils (whichever is the lowest) must sign a petition requesting a meeting;
- (ii) the purpose of the meeting must be to discuss matters regarding the school;
- (iii) the maximum number of meetings parents may request in any school year is three (3);
- (iv) there must be enough school days left in the school year to allow for a meeting.

Additionally:

- (a) the meetings must be held within a 25 day period;
- (b) the 25 day period begins on the day after receiving the petition, but does not include any days that are not school days;
- (c) if another meeting needs to be held due to a different petition, the 25 day period will not begin until the day after the other meeting has been held;
- (d) there must be enough days left in the school year to hold the meeting within the 25 day period;
- (e) meetings will be open to all parents of registered pupils at the school, the Headteacher and anyone else who is invited by the governing body;
- (f) notification of the meetings to parents must include the date, time and venue, as well as the matter or matters to be discussed.

Ysgol y Dderi Governing Body 2019-20

<i>Number of current Parent Governor vacancies</i>	1
<i>Date(s) of the upcoming Parent Governor vacancy(ies)</i>	N/A

Clerk to the governors: Ceredigion County Council Education Department, Canolfan Rheidol, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, SY23 3UE.

Chair of Governors: Mrs Philippa Davies DaviesP288@hwbcymru.net

Enw / Name	Categori (e.e. ALI / Cymunedol / Rhiant) Category (e.g. LA / Community / Parent)	Dyddiad Gorffen / Expiry Date
Mrs Philippa Davies	Parent	05/11/2020
Mrs Bethan Griffiths-Payne	Community	29/03/2021
Cllr Odwyn Davies	LA	09/05/2021
Ms Rhian Jones	Teacher	28/3/2021
Miss Lilian Jones	Parent	13/11/2023
Ms Sheila Pugh	LA	03/09/2023
Rev Elizabeth Arnold-Davies	LA	17/01/2022
Mrs Rhiannon Tansley	Parent	30/09/2023
Ms Helen Duffee	Community	03/02/2023
Cllr Heather Holgate	Community	30/06/2021
Mrs Jennifer George	Staff	09/11/2023
Mrs Heini Thomas	Headteacher	Ongoing

Financial Report 2019-20

<u>CYFLAWNIAD ARIANNOL 2019/20</u>		<u>FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2019/20</u>
Mae'r Awdurdod Addysg Lleol newydd gau'r cyfrifon am y flwyddyn ariannol a ddaeth i ben ar 31 Mawrth 2020. Dangosir isod sut y daethpwyd at y cyllid a benodwyd i'r ysgol.		The Local Education Authority has recently finalised the closure of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020. The total funding for the the school has been derived as set out below.
Dyranriad Cyllid Gwreiddiol yn ôl Fformiwla	445,420	Formula Funding Initial Allocation
Niferoedd Disgyblion	0	Pupil Numbers
AAA	(3,647)	SEN
Y Dreth Annomestig	(77)	National Non-Domestic Rates
Cau Ysgol	0	School closure
Addasiad Arall	181	Other Adjustment
Dyranriad y Gronfa wrth Gefn heb ei Defnyddio	0	Allocation of Unutilised Contingency
Dyranriad Cyllid Diwygiedig 2019/20 yn ôl Fformiwla	441,877	Revised 2019/20 Formula Funding Allocation
Gwariant Net	460,246	Net Expenditure
Amrywiant	(18,369)	Variance
Llog ar y Gweddillion	0	Interest on Balances
Gwarged / (Diffyg) - 1 Ebrill 2019	19,617	Surplus / (Deficit) - 1 April 2019
Gwarged / (Diffyg) - 31 Mawrth 2020	1,248	Surplus / (Deficit) - 31 March 2020

Pupil Development Grant

During 2019-20, the Pupil Development Grant has been used to support specific pupils needs, and for the provision of a Teaching Assistant to run intervention groups such as Catch-up, Dyfal Donc, Sensory Circuits, SATPIN and Trandep.

Allowances or subsistence costs for the Governing Body

No members of Governing Body received any costs for travel or subsistence during 2019-20 for any functions relating to the governance of the School. I would like to thank the members of the Governing Body for their time, commitment and diligence during the academic year.

Donations to the School

No donations were made to the school during the 2019-20 academic year.

Building links between the School and the Community

Ysgol y Dderi is an important part of the area we serve. The school makes consistent use of local facilities such as Lampeter Leisure Centre, Lampeter Swimming Pool, and local Churches and Chapels. The School has organised a number of excursions this year, including to the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth Arts Centre, Pumlumon Mountain and the Tinopolis Television Studios among others. All residential excursions were cancelled this year due to the closure of all schools due to Covid-19.

There has been strong support from the community for this year's events, such as the Harvest Services and Christmas Concert. A number of events were held during 2019-20 to raise funds for charity and raise awareness for good causes.

The school has also maintained strong links with schools in other European countries this year, through working with schools from Slovenia, Latvia, Greece and Italy, funded by Erasmus +. 15 teachers from these countries visited the school in the autumn term. A visit of pupils was planned later in the year and pupils from Ysgol Y Dderi were due to visit Slovenia however both these events were cancelled due to Covid-19.

Parent-Teacher Association / Friends of the School

Ysgol y Dderi has an active and committed PTA, and we would like to thank all involved for their considerable efforts with fundraising and events this year. This has included:

- Halloween Event
- Christmas Hamper Raffle
- Magic and Mexican evening

In addition, events have been held to ensure close links between the school and parents, including:

- PTA meetings;
- Open evenings in the autumn and spring terms;
- Christmas concert;
- Meetings for parents/guardians of children starting school in the spring term;
- Meetings between parents/guardians of pupils receiving additional support;
- On letters to parents the Headteacher notes 'if you have any concerns regarding your child's education please contact me immediately.'
- The School operates an open-door policy to parents.

Use of the building/campus by the Community

The school building is used by several local groups including: Merched y Wawr, Bro'r Dderi Young Farmers' Club, Cymdeithas yr Henoed and the Community Council.

Links with the police

Police officers work closely with the school and contribute positively to Personal and Social education activities including online safety, stranger danger and firework safety.

Opportunities to share Good Practice with schools and establishments

The school was invited to share best practice at Estyn's South Wales headteachers event in Cardiff at the end of the summer on the aspect of Exciting Learning Experiences and as a result we were invited to share best practice with the headteachers of Powys during their termly conference in the Autumn. We have also been visited by teachers from Welshpool Primary School and Bro Banw Primary School to share best practice.

We have worked closely with the Institute of Education, Trinity Saint David in offering training opportunities for six student teachers during the year.

Mrs Heini visited School 21 in London as part of a group of headteachers from Ceredigion developing oracy in the classroom. Miss Caryl and Miss Rhian visited Ysgol O M Edwards, Llanuwchllyn to see how they have developed Science and Technology as a pioneer school.

Pupils Destinations at the end of Year 6 for 2019-20

Pupils at the end of Year 6 normally progress to Ysgol Bro Pedr Secondary. This year, three pupils went on to Bro Pedr and four to Ysgol Henry Richard. Ysgol y Dderi has a positive partnership with several local secondary schools, including Bro Pedr, Aberaeron Secondary and Henry Richard, and engages with bridging activities arranged by the heads of Year 7. Due to the disruption caused by Covid-19 much of the programme has been delivered online this year. The governing body would like to wish the very best to all Ysgol y Dderi pupils who have progressed to their secondary education this year.

School language category

Ysgol y Dderi is a Welsh-medium School.

- Welsh is the main medium of education in the Foundation Phase and at Key Stage 2, in every aspect of curricular and extracurricular activity. English is introduced to all pupils in Year 3.
- Welsh is the principal language of communication between staff and pupils in the school.
- Welsh is promoted in every aspect of the Ysgol y Dderi's activities.
- Ysgol y Dderi ensures that pupils can use Welsh in all curricular and extracurricular activities.
- Pupils who are latecomers to the school have the opportunity to attend the Language Centre organized by the Education Authority at Canolfan y Felin, Felinfach.
- Pupils transfer to the secondary schools in the area where there are ongoing opportunities to continue to develop their use of Welsh.

Reviewing Policies and school strategies

School Policies are reviewed on a regular basis in order to ensure the best outcomes and provision for pupils. During 2019-20, the following school policies were reviewed:

- Child Protection
- Performance Management
- ERW Pay Policy
- Charging
- Complaints
- Curriculum
- Data Protection
- Health & Safety
- Pupil Discipline (& Anti-Bullying)
- Sex Education
- Additional Learning Needs
- Disciplinary, Conduct, Staff Capability and Grievance Procedure
- Stress Management
- Admissions
- DBS/Safe Recruitment Policy
- Dignity at Work Policy
- Educational Visits Policy 2018
- Healthcare Needs Policy
- Inclement Weather/Disruption to Service Policy
- Leave of Absence Policy
- Looked After Children Policy
- Managing Organisational Change in Schools Policy
- Premises Management Policy
- Preventing Extremism Policy
- Partnership Agreement 2018-2021
- School Transgender Guidance
- School Toilets Policy
- Sickness Absence Management Policy
- Social Networking and E-Safety Policy
- Stress Management Policy
- Substance Misuse Policy
- Sustainable Development
- Welsh in Education Strategic Plan
- Whistleblowing Policy
- Whole School Food and Fitness Policy

A list of the policies that have been adopted and reviewed can be seen in the minutes to Governors' meetings. Copies of the policies can be acquired from the school.

Actions following review of policies

The developments are monitored regularly in termly Governors' meetings.

Term Dates for the year 2020-21

Term	Begin		End
Autumn 2020	Thursday 3 September 2020	Half Term Monday 26 October 2020 - Friday 30 October 2020	Tuesday 22 December 2020
Spring 2021	Monday 4 January 2021	Half Term Monday 15 February 2021 – Friday 19 February 2021	Friday 26 March 2021
Summer 2021	Monday 12 ^t April 2021	Half Term Monday 31 May 2021 - Friday 4 June 2021	Friday 16 July 2020

Days closed for INSET

1 & 2 September 2020 and up to 4 additional dates.

Session times

	KS2	Foundation Phase (Years 1 and 2)	Foundation Phase Reception	Nursery
School start	9.00	9.00	9.00	9:00
Morning break	10.30 – 10.45	10.30 – 10.45	10.30 – 10.45	10.30 – 10.45
Dinner	12.00 – 1.00	11.45 – 1.00	11.50 – 1.15	11:45-13:00
Afternoon start	1.00	1.00	1.15	
Afternoon break	2.20 – 2.30	2.20 – 2.30	2.20 – 2.30	
Home time	3.30	3.30	3.15	13:00

Changes to the school Handbook

The handbook is reviewed and updated on a termly basis. A copy of the handbook is available on the school website or from the Headteacher.

School Activities & Facilities

Sport and Extracurricular Activities

The School offers a varied range of activities in all aspects of Physical Education, and offers pupils the opportunity to develop a range of skills at all levels.

Curriculum and teaching arrangements

The school operates as an establishment that shares good practice and provides innovation in teaching and learning. The quality and variety of learning experiences provided for the pupils throughout the school is very important to us. A broad and balanced curriculum is offered which meets all statutory requirements. Teachers continue to review the curriculum in light of new developments. A strong focus is placed on developing communication, numeracy, ICT and thinking skills.

Work has also begun on preparing for the new curriculum, due to be implemented in Wales in 2020 however the pandemic has extended this timeline. The children have designed four characters which reflect the four core purposes of the new curriculum for all pupils which are:

- Ambitious, capable learners who are ready to learn throughout their lives.
- Enterprising, creative contributors who are ready to play a full part in life and work.
- Ethical, informed citizens who are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.
- Healthy, confident individuals who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

Additional Learning Needs

The school makes every effort to ensure that all pupils feel that they are an integral part of school life and work and that they achieve their potential as individuals. The school reviews the Additional Learning Needs policy on a regular basis in order to ensure suitable support for pupils. Ysgol y Dderi has achieved the Learning with Autism School award this year with staff, governors and pupils taking part in accredited training activities.

Pupils with disabilities

The school campus has been adapted and is reviewed regularly in order to provide easy access for pupils with disabilities. Ramps have been placed to facilitate access to classes and careful planning has achieved the inclusion of pupils with disabilities fully in the school curriculum.

Toilets

Toilet provision is adequate for the number of pupils registered at the school, and currently being reviewed. These facilities are cleaned daily.

Maintenance

Ysgol y Dderi operates on ongoing programme of maintenance.

Safety

The school's insurance policy allows pupils to be on school grounds from 8.45 onwards (Breakfast Club 8.00-8.45). In the afternoons, children in the Nursery will leave at 13:00, Reception at 15:15 and other pupils will leave at 15.30. Before this time, parents or guardians are expected to inform the office at the main entrance of their presence. Caution is required when parking in front of the school. Safety is very important to the pupils, the Governors, the Senior Management Team, the School Council and staff, and we ask that all parents and visitors to the school are careful and respectful of others at all times.

Building safety developments

The School grounds are regularly maintained to ensure safety.

Breaking in

There were no cases of breaking into the school during the 2019-20 academic year.

Healthy Eating & Drinking

The school promotes pupils' health and is keen to promote healthy eating and drinking options. Healthy school meals are provided daily, and pupils are encouraged to eat healthy packed lunches at lunchtime. The fruit shop is open daily for Foundation Phase pupils, and there is always drinking water available for pupils, and every pupil is encouraged to bring a plastic bottle in order to refill it during the day. A number of Healthy Eating, Drinking and Living Activities have been undertaken, including activities in the School Garden, where pupils grow fruit and vegetables and then sell them to parents and the community through 'Co-op y Dderi'.

I hope you have enjoyed reading about Ysgol y Dderi's progress and activities during 2019-20. Please don't hesitate to contact the Headteacher if you require any further information about the school.

The Governing Body would like to express our thanks to everybody who has contributed to the success of the school, its pupils, staff and community during the 2019-20 academic year. As stated at the beginning of this report, it has been a very unusual year with a steep learning curve for both teachers and pupils to teach and learn remotely but has been handled with the same professionalism, high standards and attention to detail that is normally exhibited at Ysgol Y Dderi. Your support is vital in supporting our children's future and the unique educational experiences we endeavour to offer at the school.

We wish everybody the very best for the 2020-21 academic year and look forward to welcoming pupils back to the building in full in September 2020.

Diolch o galon – many thanks,

Mrs Philippa Davies, Chair of Governors.