

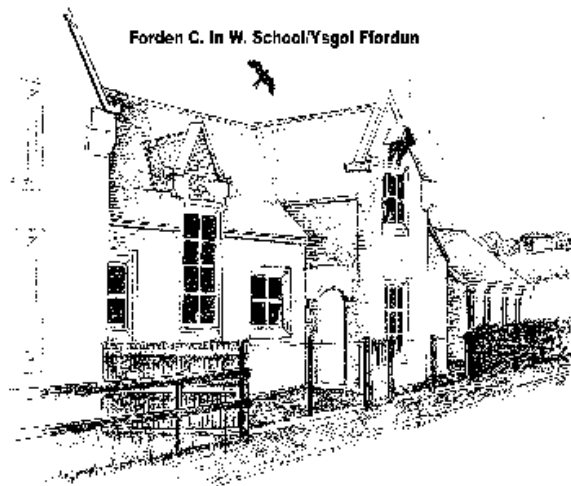
# Forden Church in Wales School

## Annual Governors' Report

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## For the academic year 2019/2020

AM Y FLWYDDYN ACADEMAIDD 2019/2020



Each year the Governors present a report to you, the parents, to give a summary of important information relating to the school for the last school year, **ending July 2020**

Please note, unless stated otherwise, this report relates to the academic year **1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020**

At the start of the academic year nobody could envisage how different school would become by the end. In presenting this report to parents and carers, the governing body would like to extend their thanks to all teaching staff in continuing to provide a positive learning experience for their pupils in a much different way. We all have needed to adapt to a new way of learning and thank all parents and carers who supported the children with distance learning. The welfare of pupils became paramount to all teaching staff and they established procedures in which to “check in” with pupils, their families and carers to ensure they were managing/coping with the current situation.

Thank you for your continuing support.  
Forden School Governing Body

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DUE TO COVID-19 THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR THAT DID NOT GO AHEAD. TRIPS AND VISITS WERE CANCELLED, COMMUNITY INTERACTION WAS HALTED AND STANDARDISED TESTS NOT COMPLETED. THEREFORE, THIS REPORT MAY BE MORE CONDENSED THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

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## Parent / Governor meeting 2019

A joint parent / governor meeting was held with the ICT pals who gave an informative presentation.

## Election of parent governors

There are no vacant parent governor positions

## Governing Body

Communications to the Chair and Governing Body are to be made via the clerk at the address below or to the Chair of Governors:

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## Governing Body 2019-2020

Chair (and Parent Governor)	Mrs R Kershaw
Vice Chair (and LA Governor)	Cllr Linda Corfield
Headteacher	Mrs Cath Fowler
Teacher Governor	Mrs Kath Davies
Foundation Governors	Rev Alexis Smith (ex-officio), Mrs Fiona Haine (Parochial Church Council)
Local Authority Governor	Mrs Cynthia Evans
Community Governors	Mrs Julia Jones, Mrs Jacqui Mellor
Parent Governors	Mrs Helen Williams, Mrs Rachel Jones

There are currently no parent governor vacancies.

Members of the Governing body take no payments for travelling or subsistence.

## School Staff

2019/2020

Headteacher	Mrs C Fowler
Teacher/ALNCo	Mrs K Davies
Teachers	Mrs J Moseley, Mrs F Haine
Teaching Assistants	Miss A Williamson (HLTA), Mrs V Inns, Miss R Moseley
School Administrator	Mrs R Osborne
Breakfast club staff	Mrs A Goodfellow (& MDS), Mrs R Stevens
Midday staff	Ms J Evans

## Changes to School Prospectus

Changes made to the school prospectus 2019/2020 included: updating staff and governor lists, amending the information on class organisation, update the Home/School links and update performance and attendance data.

## Target Setting & School Development Plan

### Target setting

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on pupils' education, this element is not included in this year's Governors' report.

### School Development Plan 2019/2020

Every year we focus on teaching and learning in specific areas of the curriculum with the aim of raising standards. We also look at other areas of school life such as ethos and leadership and management.

In 2019/20 we focused on:

- Improving provision and standards of oracy across the school

- Improving standards within an identified cohort in Maths and English

- Developing pupil independence through enriching challenges across the school

- Developing shared leadership opportunities across school through the development of the new curriculum

## School Performance

At the end of the Foundation Phase (end of Year 2) and at the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6) children are rigorously assessed by their teacher and awarded a National Curriculum outcome in the Foundation Phase or National Curriculum level in Key Stage 2.

Year 2 children are assessed in Language, Literacy and Communication (LLC), Mathematical Development (MD) and Personal and Social Development, Well-being and Cultural Diversity (PSD). All 3 areas count towards the Core Subject Indicator (CSI).

Year 6 children are assessed in English, Maths, Science and Welsh (as a second language). English, Maths and Science count towards the Core Subject Indicator (CSI).

A typical Year 2 child will probably be at Outcome 5. Outcome 6 is an exceptionally good result. A typical Year 6 child will probably be at Level 4 - so a Level 5 is an exceptionally good result.

Due to the suspension of end of stage teacher assessments and Welsh National Tests, there are no result for the school year 2019/2020

## Attendance Information

Our School target for attendance 2019/2020 was 96.3%. This target was suspended due to national school closures. Attendance figures are not available for the academic year 2019/20.

The school follows the Powys Traffic Lights Attendance Scheme. All parents are notified of their child's attendance each term. When a pupil's attendance falls below 95%, parents receive a letter to emphasise the importance of attendance at school. If a pupil's attendance falls below 90% the Headteacher meets with the parents. In instances of continued poor attendance, including persistent lateness, the Educational Welfare Officer is notified.

## Finance Report

The budget is managed by a Governor Finance sub-committee and agreed by the full Governing Body.

### Fornden School Budget 2019/2020

<b>Total Delegated Funds 2019/20</b>	<b>290,363</b>
EXPENDITURE	
Salaries & Wages	288,448
Premises	27,037
Other (supplies, office & other expenses)	21,388
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>336,873</b>
INCOME	
Contributions, Donations & Grants	(42,198)
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>294,675</b>
Planned overspend	(4,313)

## Class Organisation and Curriculum

### Class Organisation

In the school year 2019/20, children were grouped and taught in 3 classes by age. Classes were organised as Dosbarth Bedwen (Reception and Year 1) taught by Mrs Davies, Dosbarth Collen (Years 2 and 3) taught by Mrs Moseley and Dosbarth Ysgawen (Years 4, 5 & 6) taught by Mrs Haine and Mrs Fowler.

Children working at a higher level than their peers in specific areas may also work with older children. ALN provision is in class or by 1:1 or small group withdrawal.

### Curriculum

Our curriculum is designed to be broad, balanced and relevant and to meet the needs of all children whatever their ability. The curriculum meets statutory requirements.

### **Aims**

The primary aims of the academic curriculum are to develop:

- skills of Literacy, Numeracy and Thinking
- scientific skills
- ICT skills
- the ability to communicate in Welsh
- an understanding of the geographical, historical and social aspects of the local and wider environment
- an awareness and appreciation of the national heritage and culture
- an understanding and appreciation of Christian beliefs and their importance in shaping our society
- an awareness and appreciation of other times, places, cultures, religions and races
- enjoyment of, and participation in, the arts
- physical and mental abilities and an awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle

## Language

English is the main language spoken at school. All subjects are taught through the medium of English, except specific Welsh lessons. Incidental Welsh is used throughout the school. Delivery of Welsh lessons is planned across the school in liaison with the Athrawes Bro and is delivered using the Powys scheme of work. This includes focussed Welsh lessons and daily practice.

Attainment at the end of KS2 in oracy, reading and writing in Welsh is passed to the receiving high school.

## Sporting Activities

In addition to timetabled sports and PE lessons all children take part in a short period of daily exercise.

Inter school sporting events that children have participated in this year have included:

- Football & netball Tournament
- Gymnastics competition
- Indoor decathlon competition
- Urdd and Swimming Gala

Extra-curricular sporting clubs available were netball, gymnastics and running. Four children are trained as Bronze ambassadors (sports ambassadors). They help at sporting events and afterschool clubs and are responsible for PE equipment in school.

## Trips, Visits and Whole-School Events

We provide a wide range of extra activities to ensure we make our school an exciting and interesting experience for all children:

- Visit by the Impact Bus and Impact assemblies (whole school)
- Visit by Mr Urdd
- Cycle Awareness Training (Year 6)
- Owain Glyndwr Day (Y4,5&6) workshop & interactive play at Powis Castle
- Super Ambassador training (2 Year 6 pupils)
- Bronze ambassador training (2 Year 5 pupils)
- Harvest Service in St Michael's Church (whole school)
- Road Safety Day (whole school - organised by Healthy Schools Group)
- Participation in, and visit to Forden Church Christmas Tree Festival
- Visit to *Aladdin* at Theatre Severn (whole school)
- Christmas Production of *Away in a Manger* (FP) and *Oliver!* (KS2)
- Criw Cymraeg workshop in Welshpool - Tanio'r Ddraig
- Welsh afternoon (whole school – organised by the Criw Cymraeg)
- Criw Cymraeg visits to Playgroup and Playschool
- Visit by Dogs' Trust
- World Book Day (whole school) & community book swap
- Visits by School's Police liaison officer (whole school & KS2 workshops)
- Welsh afternoon – Dydd Miwsig Cymru (whole school – organised by Criw Cymraeg)
- Safer Internet Day
- Visit to St. Michael's Church (Foundation Phase)
- Dosbarth Collen sponsored Fun Run
- Workshops with Sinfonia Cymru (Y4,5&6)
- Participation (onstage) in *Fideilio* at Theatr Hafren (Y4,5&6)

## Community Links

We like to get involved and thank those members of the community that give up their time for the children.

Community involvement this year has include:

- Donations to Trussell Trust Food bank at Harvest time
- Donations to Newtown Salvation Army (Harvest Service)
- Welshpool Remembrance Service (School Council)
- Made and sent Christmas cards to orphanages in Romania (Operation Sabre)
- Children in Need fundraising day (organised by School Council)
- Fundraising Bring & Buy (toys) for Hope House

We would like to thank all those who contribute to the life of the school by volunteering their time to work with the children. This includes hearing children read, helping on trips, transporting children to sporting events etc.

Other community links include visits by the Police as part of SchoolBeat - The All-Wales School Liaison Core Programme

## Healthy Eating

We are a health promoting school and achieved the Level 5 Healthy Schools Award in 2017. Healthy eating is part of our curriculum and the healthy eating message is frequently raised. Children are encouraged to bring their own water bottle into school and are encouraged to drink water throughout the day.

## Friends of Forden

The 'Friends' do a fantastic job raising money to make possible lots of things that happen in school.

This year, the Friends organised a great range of events and raised money to fund: Playtime equipment for all classes, MyMaths subscription, pantomime coaches (as well as subsidising all other educational visits), Welsh resources, and in addition gave a small budget to each class.

**The governors would like to take this opportunity to express their heartfelt thanks for this tremendous contribution to school life.**

Term dates for 2020/2021

**Gwasanaeth Ysgolion / Schools Service**

**2020 - 2021**

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

<b>Autumn Term 2020</b>	<b>Non-Pupil Days</b>	<b>No of School Days</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	33 days
<b>Half Term – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	35 days

<b>Spring Term 2021</b>	<b>Non-Pupil Days</b>	<b>No of School Days</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	29 days
<b>Half Term – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March		25 days

<b>Summer Term 2021</b>	<b>Non-Pupil Days</b>	<b>No of School Days</b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	33 days
<b>Half Term – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July		30 days

<b>Good Friday:</b>	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021
<b>Easter Monday:</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
<b>May Day Bank Holiday:</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021
<b>Spring Bank Holiday:</b>	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021
<b>Royal Welsh Show:</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021