

Forden Church in Wales School

Annual Governors' Report

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For the academic year 2022/2023

AM Y FLWYDDYN ACADEMAIDD 2022/2023



Each year the Governors present a report to you, the parents and carers, to give a summary of important information relating to the school for the last school year, **ending July 2023**

Please note, unless stated otherwise, this report relates to the academic year **1st September 2022 - 31st August 2023**

Dear parents and carers

I hope this report finds you well and that you enjoy reading our Governing Body report for the academic year 2022/23.

Forden CiW school have had an extremely busy year and have successfully implemented and embraced the new Curriculum for Wales where pupils are stretched and challenged.

Following our Estyn inspection in September we had three recommendations which became the focus of our school improvement over the last 12 months.

I would like to thank the pupils, parents and most notably the staff for their invaluable contributions during the year.

Kind regards

Rhiannon Kershaw
Chair of Governors

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Parent / Governor meeting 2022

No Parent/ Governor meeting was held.

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:

Clerk to the Governing Body c/o Forden Church in Wales School Forden Welshpool Powys SY21 8NE Telephone: (01938) 580334	Chair of Governors Mrs R Kershaw 15 Withy Avenue Forden Welshpool Powys SY21 8NJ
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Governing Body 2023-2024

Chair (and LA Governor)	Mrs R Kershaw
Headteacher	Mrs Catherine Fowler
Teacher Governor	Mrs Fiona Haine
Foundation Governors	Rev P Gower (ex-officio), Mrs Melanoe Roberts (Pool Mission Area)
Local Authority appointed	Cllr Jeremy Thorpe
Community Governors	2 x vacancies
Parent Governors	Mrs Sadie Ingram Mr Sean Mclaughlin Mrs Sophie Benbow

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

School Staff

2022/2023

Headteacher/ALNCo	Mrs C Fowler
Assistant HT	Mrs F Haine
Teacher/ALNCo	Mrs K Davies
Teacher	Miss H Morris
Teaching Assistants	Miss A Williamson (HLTA), Mrs V Inns, Miss R Moseley, Mrs T Timney
School Administrator	Mrs R Osborne
Breakfast club staff	Mrs A Goodfellow (& MDS), Mrs E Watts
Midday staff	Ms J Evans

Changes to School Prospectus 2022-23

Changes made to the school prospectus 2021/2022 included: updating staff and governor lists, updating the school vision statement, updating references to the new Curriculum for Wales, updating After School Club information, updating Breakfast Club information.

School Development Plan

School Development Plan 2022/2023

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.

Priorities for **2022/2023** were:

- To raise the standard of learners' extended writing across the whole school
- To raise the standard of learners' maths skills across the whole school
- To improve health and wellbeing across the whole school

This was amended following the Estyn inspection to reflect their recommendations:

- Improve the quality of teaching, including formative assessment, to ensure that pupils are challenged consistently.
- Strengthen self-evaluation and improvement planning processes to accurately identify and bring about necessary development.
- Utilise the outdoors through the planning of purposeful learning experiences.

The school development plan priorities for 2023/2024:

As the school is currently in Estyn review, the priorities from last year are still current. Estyn will review progress made against these priorities in December 2023.

School Performance

There are no End of Key Stage assessments under the new curriculum. Pupils continue to take Welsh National Tests in Procedural Maths, Mathematical Reasoning and Reading. The school also monitors class and pupil progress in spelling and numeracy skills.

Welsh National Tests – Individual Pupil Progress can be viewed by parents through their child's Hwb account [National assessments - information for parents](#)

Attendance Information

Our ongoing school target for attendance is 96.3%.

School attendance 2022-23:

Attended 93.08%

Authorised absences 6.61%

Unauthorised absences 0.32%

Finance Report

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

Forden School Budget 2022/2023

Total Delegated Funds 2022/23	315,288
EXPENDITURE	
Salaries & Wages	324,861
Premises	32,452
Other (supplies, office & other expenses)	20,436
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	377,749
INCOME	
Contributions, Donations & Grants	(49,282)
NET EXPENDITURE	328,468
Planned under/(overspend)	(13,180)

Class Organisation and Curriculum

Class Organisation

In the school year 2022/23, children were grouped and taught in 3 classes by age. Classes were organised as Dosbarth Bedwen (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) taught by Miss Morris, Dosbarth Collen (Year 3 and Year 4) taught by Mrs Davies and Mrs Fowler, and Dosbarth Ysgawen (Years 5 & Year 6) taught by Mrs Haine.

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.

Our curriculum is designed to ensure:

- Learners develop in the ways described in the four purposes.
- Learners make appropriate progress through high expectations.
- It is inclusive and suitable for all ages, abilities and aptitudes, and recognises learners' identity, language(s) and background and the different support they may need given their individual circumstances.
- It develops the learners' knowledge and skills and provides a range of experiences.
- It includes provision for all areas of learning and experience.
- It includes provision for learners to develop cross curricular skills and apply their learning to new situations and contexts.
- Learners develop an awareness and appreciation of the national heritage and culture and the ability to communicate in Welsh.
- Learners develop an understanding of our cynefin and the diversity within the wider world.
- Learners develop an understanding and appreciation of people's beliefs and values and their importance in shaping our society.

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.

Sporting Activities

All pupils have timetabled PE lessons each week. Each class attends the Flash for a series of swimming lessons.

Extra-curricular sporting clubs available were: netball and running

Four children are trained as Bronze ambassadors (sports ambassadors). They help at sporting events and lunchtime 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 Team for assemblies (whole school)
- Bronze ambassador training (2 Year 5 pupils)
- World Book Day – whole school
- Visits by School's Police liaison officer (whole school)
- Visit by Montgomery Fire Service
- Visit to park Hall Farm (Bedwen)
- Visit to Park Hall Victorian School room (Collen and Ysgawen)
- Visit to St. Michael's Church (whole school)
- Christmas Carol Service (whole school)
- Harvest Service – whole school
- Eisteddfod (whole school)
- Trip to Red Ridge Centre (Collen and Ysgawen)
- Sports week and Sports Day
- Cycle Awareness Training (Year 6)
- Music Workshop with Sinfonia Cymru (Ysgawen)
- Art Workshop with visiting artists (Collen)
- Visit to Theatr Hafren – The Land where nothing changed (whole school)
- Archery Skills Session (Year 2, Collen and Ysgawen)
- Area Sports
- Multi Sports Day at Welshpool High School (Year 5/6)
- Rugby training sessions (Collen and Ysgawen)
- Cricket training sessions (all classes)
- Engineer awards ceremony at Cardiff Met University (6 pupils)
- Diversity workshops (all classes)
- Mr Urdd visit (whole school)
- Mini Medics Training (Year 6)
- Horse Riding at Penycoed (Y6)

Pictures of all school events can be found on the school website / Year in Pictures

Community Links

We like to get involved in our community and thank those members of the community who give up their time for the children, including parents who volunteer to listen to readers.

Community involvement this year has included:

- Donations to Trussell Trust Food bank at Harvest time
- RBL Poppy appeal
- Readathon to raise funds for Read for Good charity
- Mothers' Union with guest speaker and tea party
- Visits to Forden Playgroup (Ciw Cymraeg)

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

Healthy Eating

We are a health promoting school. 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

There is currently no PTA. Parents support the school in fundraising activities.

Term dates for 2023/2024

Autumn term:

- Monday 4 September 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023
- **Half Term - Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023**
- Monday 6 November 2023 to Friday 22 December 2023

Spring term:

- Tuesday 9 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024
- **Half Term - Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024**
- Monday 19 February 2024 to Friday 22 March 2024

Summer term:

- Monday 8 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024
- **Half Term - Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024**
- Monday 3 June 2024 to Friday 19 July 2024

Non-pupil days:

- Friday 1 September 2023
- Monday 18 September 2023
- Tuesday 19 September 2023
- Friday 22 December 2023
- Monday 8 January 2024
- Monday 24 June 2024