

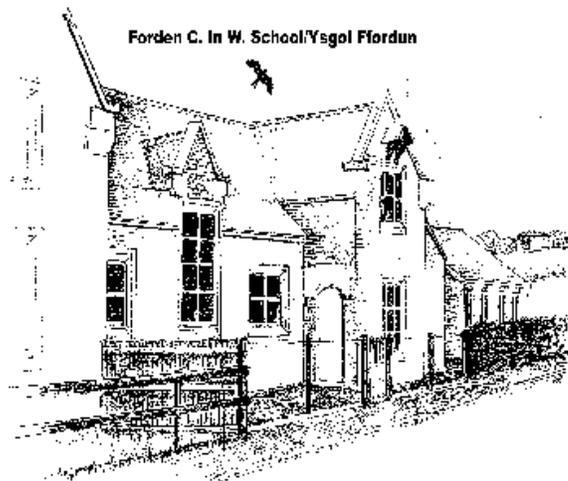
Forden Church in Wales School

Annual Governors' Report

ADRODDIAD Y LLYWODRAETHWYR

For the academic year 2020/2021

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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 2021**

Please note, unless stated otherwise, this report relates to the academic year **1st September 2020 - 31st August 2021**

As Covid19 continued to be present in our communities the school year 2020 – 2021 remained challenging and unpredictable. 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 through a blended learning approach. We all have needed to continue to adapt and we thank all parents and carers who supported the children with distance learning. The welfare of pupils continued to be paramount to all teaching staff and they kept up with procedures in which to “check in” with pupils, their families and carers to ensure they were managing/coping with the situation.

Thank you for your continuing support.
Forden School Governing Body

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 2020

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:

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Governing Body 2020-2021

Chair (and Parent Governor)	Mrs R Kershaw
Headteacher	Mrs Catherine Fowler
Teacher Governor	Mrs Fiona Haine
Foundation Governors	Rev Alexis Smith (ex-officio), Mrs Helen Williams (Parochial Church Council)
Local Authority appointed	Mrs Cynthia Evans
Community Governors	Mrs Julia Jones, Mrs Jacqui Mellor
Parent Governors	Mrs Rhiannon Kershaw Mrs Rachel Jones Mrs Sarah Williams-Bowles

There are currently no parent governor vacancies.
Members of the Governing body take no payments for travelling or subsistence.

School Staff

2020/2021	
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 2020/2021 included: updating staff and governor lists, amending the information on structure of school hours to maintain social distancing, introducing new Welsh class names, removal of Welsh national test results and end of key stage assessment results due to COVID19, information regarding school closure and absence due to COVID 19.

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 2020/2021

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 2020/21 in light of Covid19 and school closures we focused on:

Supporting and developing pupils confidence and resilience.

Raising the standard of effective independent learning in all pupils.

Increasing the understanding, implementation and evaluation of blended learning.

Further develop shared leadership in the development of the school 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 2020-21.

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.

Forden School Budget 2020/2021

Total Delegated Funds 2020/21	318,080
EXPENDITURE	
Salaries & Wages	298,540
Premises	29,600
Other (supplies, office & other expenses)	19,926
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	348,066
INCOME	
Contributions, Donations & Grants	(18,532)
NET EXPENDITURE	329,534
Planned overspend	(11,454)

Class Organisation and Curriculum

Class Organisation

In the school year 2020/21, 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.

Extra-curricular sporting clubs available were: netball.

4 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)

Super Ambassador training (2 Year 6 pupils)

Bronze ambassador training (2 Year 5 pupils)

World Book Day – celebrated through blended learning

Visits by School's Police liaison officer (whole school & KS2 workshops)

Visit to St. Michael's Church (Bedwen)

Working with with Sinfonia Cymru (whole school)

Horse Riding at Penycoed (Y6)

Brenin Adventures Visit (Y6)

Mr Phormula - (whole school)

Circus Skills Workshop - (whole school)

Archery lessons - (Ysgawen)

Visit to the Redwoods - (Collen)

Sports Day -(whole school)

Christmas Nativity - (whole school)

Harvest Service - (whole school)

Eisteddfod - (whole school)

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

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.

Recently we have supported the school to purchase IT equipment which was essential during the pandemic, and contributed to the end of term events and year 6 trip.

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

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

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

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

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