

# The Governing Body's Annual Report to Parents and Guardians 2020-21



## Ysgol Llangatwg—Governors' Annual Report 2020-21

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to introduce this school report for the academic year 2020/2021; my first as Chair of Governors. Despite another difficult, disrupted year for all of us, the Llangattock School community has continued to maintain a positive approach to school. Home schooling and blended learning has been a success, and following both lockdowns the children slipped easily and happily back into school eager to continue learning. I really would like to commend the efforts of the staff, the children and you as parents/ carers as without these huge efforts we really could not sustain such great performance.

We do hope that this year that we will be able to continue and expand the amazing work that the school does. We, as always, have an active and engaged governing body who take their roles seriously and work hard to support our school. I know that all of you appreciate their efforts. We hope that you take an opportunity to read the report and reflect on the many successes of our school this year.

**Karen Jones Chair of Governors**

Dear Parents,

Following another year of disruption and huge challenges, I am delighted to say the school community has continued to work together and we have had another very successful year. Well done to all our pupils for their positive mindset and a huge thank you to parents/carers, grandparents and governors for your continued support.

Sadly, for obvious reason we have not been able to run all the usual exciting events, that makes Llangattock School so special, but nevertheless staff have gone above and beyond to ensure the children haven't missed out and organised many additional activities throughout the year. These have included: various charity events, such as WWF day, and Children in Need, KS2 Remembrance Service at the Memorial Garden in the Llangattock Park, Y5/6 Arts Council of Wales BAME Puppetry Project, Y3/4 Empathy Day, Foundation Phase pond dipping day, Christmas concerts, sports day, fun day and a virtual Eisteddfod to name just a few!

We are very proud of the achievements of our school, and we know that this is due to the enthusiasm and commitment of the children, staff, parents, governors and wider community.

**Thank you all for your continued support; we couldn't do it without you!**

*Kathryn Marshall September 2021*

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#### School Parent/Teacher Association (PTA)

**Treasurer:** Lee Wright

#### Education Authority:

Powys County Council, Education

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### 2020/2021 Term Dates

#### Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2nd Sept to Wednesday 22nd Dec 2021  
(Non-Pupil Day-Wed 1st Sept)

**Half-Term**

Monday 25th October –Friday 29th October

#### Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January to Thursday 7th April 2022  
(Non-Pupil Day-Tues 4th Jan/Friday 8th April)

**Half-Term**

Monday 21st February-Friday 25th February

#### Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 26th April-Thursday 14th July 2022  
(Non-Pupil Day-Mon 25th April/Friday 15th July/

**Monday 18th July )**

**Half-Term**

Monday 30th May-Friday 3rd June

Much of the information in this report is statutory, and we have a legal obligation to publish it in this document. This year it is a much shorter report due to the impact of COVID.

## Governors' News

Despite a really challenging year for everyone the governing body has continued working closely with staff to ensure the school continues on its journey to improve.

Amongst other things, this year the governing body has reviewed the School's Vision statement, Homework Policy and Anti- Bullying Policy, contributed to the Llanbedr Primary School Consultation, continued its positive, professional relationship with the school staff, further developed an awareness of the New Curriculum for Wales and the new ALN Code (considering the impact these will have on learning, planning, staffing and the school environment), reflected on the School's response over the past year to lockdown learning where it recognised the staff's commitment to developing effective Blended Learning, introduced a termly newsletter and carried out its annual safeguarding review.

This year we plan to:

- Review statutory policies
- Continue to work on The New Curriculum for Wales and the ALN transformation
- Support the school in providing curriculum information for parents/guardians
- Monitor school improvement through school visits.



KS2 celebrating Christmas





## Some Photos of School Life 2020/21



Our Whole School Picnic



Sports Day in glorious sunshine-again!



Celebrating our amazing Year 6 Leavers



Year 5/6 Project



Working with the Gurkhas



Remembrance Service

# Review of 2020/2021 School Improvement Plan

## Main short term and long term priorities following: School Self Evaluation, Inspection, Performance Management , Local and National Priorities

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|-------|---|
| 1:3   | <p>Complete and embed priorities started, but not completed in 2019/20 due to Covid 19.</p> <p>Letterjoin (handwriting programme) introduced and embedded throughout the school. A focus on presentation has had a positive impact. However, 2 lockdowns have had an impact on presentation/handwriting and the school will continue to focus on this throughout 2021/22.</p> <p>Improving the use of Welsh across the school in order to achieve the bronze Criw Cymraeg award continued with weekly Welsh lessons continuing throughout lockdowns. A new scheme of work provided by the Local Authority will also support this improvement. Welsh oracy in nearly all pupils is good.</p> <p>Implementation of strategies to support problem solving in numeracy has continued.</p> |
| 3:2:1 | <p>To develop our well-being for pupils and staff, as an Area of Learning and Experience, and as a result of Covid 19.</p> <p>Nearly all pupils reported feeling happy and confident on their return to school. A well-being 'toolkit' has been produced for staff to support the teaching of well-being.</p> <p>All staff have attended training to support well-being eg mini yoga.</p> <p>All children and staff attended happiness training and a workshop was offered to parents.</p> <p>The feed back from parents, pupils and staff was very positive and the strategies continue to be used by staff and pupils.</p>  |
| 3:3:2 | <p>Continue to develop our curriculum in line with the New Curriculum for Wales.</p> <p>See well-being above.</p> <p>Staff worked on familiarising themselves with maths and numeracy AoLE.</p>   |
| 3:3:3 | <p>To develop Blended Learning to ensure all children can continue their learning in school and at home.</p> <p>The school successfully reviewed it's blended learning provision. All pupils accessed a mix of online, recorded and live teaching sessions. A mixture of whole class, group and individual teaching sessions were provided, as appropriate. Google Classroom was introduced for KS2 pupils, which was very successful and is continuing to be used as a way of pupils accessing and sharing tasks, as well as collaborating with others.</p>  |

### Key

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| Green | Target fully met     |
| Amber | Target partially met |
| Red   | Target not met       |

The School Improvement Plan is regularly reviewed at governing body meetings. Detailed evaluations and action plans can be found in the School Improvement Plan action plans, which are reviewed termly.

Parents' questionnaires, governors' observations and School Council suggestions also inform the improvement plan.

# School Improvement Plan Priorities 2021/22

**Main short term and long term priorities following:  
School Self Evaluation, Inspection, Performance Management , Local and National  
Priorities**

| Inspection Area  | Priority Focus  |
|--|---|
| 1-Learning<br><br>2:2-Attitudes to Learning<br><br>3:1-Teaching and learning Experiences | Priority 1: New Curriculum-Further develop understanding and implementation of the Curriculum for Wales. Providing a broad and balanced curriculum for all, using the 6 AoLEs and focusing on the 4 purposes. |
| 4:1 Care, Support and Guidance   | Priority 2: Implement the ALN transformation.   |
| 5:3-Professional Learning  | Priority 3: Enquiry based approach to professional development and school improvement.  |
| 4:1-Care, Support and Guidance   | Priority 4: To develop support materials for parents/carers to support their child's learning.  |



## Additional Learning Needs (ALN)

Mrs Smith, our Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator (ALNCO), currently works 2 days a week in school (Thursday and Friday), but is also working for Powys to support other schools with their ALN provision. This time is spent supporting children with their specific needs out of class and within class. As the co-ordinator for ALN provision, Mrs Smith is responsible for assessing children's particular needs and supporting staff to write Individual Education Plans for children who are on the ALN Register within the school. She also co-ordinates a range of intervention programmes which are delivered both by her and LSAs. These include: Popat, Springboard maths, 1,2,3 maths, 'Nessy' and Catch Up numeracy and literacy, as well as a nurture group to support the emotional needs of some children.

The governors are responsible for planning to meet the needs of any child who may apply for admission to our school. Mrs Sarah KilBride is the link governor for ALN and Children Looked After (CLA).



## School Governors Information 2021/22

### Parent Governors:

Sarah KilBride (Vice-Chair) (25-07-23)

### Diocesan Education Committee Foundation Governors:

Reverend Jeremy Bevan (N/A)

### Foundation Governor

Karen Jones (Chair)  
Richard Thomas (Parent)  
Nell Cawley (Parent)  
Jim Retallick (Parent)

### Co-opted Governor

Brian Cox (N/A)

### Local Education Authority Governors:

Jackie Charlton (County Councillor) (Sep 2017–tbc)

### Additional Community Governor

Cllr Ann Williams

### Teacher Governor:

|   |                           |              |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|
| Mrs Joanne Jones (Sept 2018— Sept 2022) | Llangattock C in W School | 01873 810608 |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|

### Non-Teacher Staff Governor

|                                       |                           |              |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Jill Pritchard (Sept 2018 –Sept 2022) | Llangattock C in W School | 01873 810608 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|

### Headteacher:

|   |                           |              |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|
| Kathryn Marshall (Sept 2016 – on-going) | Llangattock C in W School | 01873 810608 |
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**Clerk to Governors:** Kay Bailey

### Admissions to the School

As Llangattock Church in Wales School is a Voluntary Aided School, the governing body are responsible for admissions.

A copy of the Admissions Policy can be found on the school website.

### Governor Expenses

During the year 2020/21 no governors were paid expenses for their work for the school, or travelling costs incurred as a result of training and meetings.

### School Prospectus

The school has a comprehensive prospectus which is currently being reviewed and all relevant information has been updated. Prospectuses are available to all prospective children of the school. The prospectus is available on the school website at [www.llangattock.powys.sch.uk](http://www.llangattock.powys.sch.uk)



End of year picnic for Year 6

### How is the School Funded?

The LA provides the school with a budget for each financial year based upon a number of factors, including the number of children on the special needs register, floor space within school, but the main factor is the school's pupil numbers.

The money received from the LEA is called the **Delegated School Budget**.

On receiving the delegated school budget the governors then decide how this money should be allocated and agree a budget that is followed for the year. This account is monitored continually by the County Council, the School Management Staff and the Governing Body at their regular meetings.

### School Fund

The school also manages a school fund which is an account where all the money collected for events and daily expenses is placed before the money is then paid out. This account is audited on an annual basis after the accounts are recorded.

In the year 2020-21 the school received £4,900 in donations. At the end of the financial year the fund stood at £11,740.73

The children are now being consulted to decide how to spend the additional money.

Thank you to Jill Pritchard for her help with the school accounts.

### The Delegated School Budget April 2021 / March 2022

| Income                             |                  | Expenditure              |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Delegated budget                   | £380,651         | Salaries and Wages       | £ 436,792        |
| Class Size Protection              | £ -              | Premises                 | £ 45,079         |
| In year transfer funding           | £ 3,500          | Supplies/Office/         | £ 28,880         |
| Teacher Cost adjustment            | £ -              | Capitation               |                  |
| ALN Band Led Funding               | £ 17,200         |                          |                  |
| Formula Teaching                   | £ 41,909         |                          |                  |
| Assistant Funding                  |                  | Sports Facilities        | £ 4,108          |
| ALN Delegated Funding              | £ 13,033         |                          |                  |
| <b>Total Delegated Funds</b>       | <b>£ 456,293</b> | <b>Total Expenditure</b> | <b>£ 514,859</b> |
| <b>Income</b>                      | <b>£ 53, 943</b> |                          |                  |
| <b>Planned Under/ (Over) spend</b> | <b>£ 515</b>     |                          |                  |
| <b>Balance (01/04/21) B/F</b>      | <b>£ 72, 698</b> |                          |                  |
| <b>Under/(over) spend C/F</b>      | <b>£ 72,183</b>  |                          |                  |

Due to COVID, Welsh Government provided additional funding for schools to help cover additional cost eg cleaning, supply for staff affected by COVID, additional maintenance costs and equipment to enable children to access outdoor learning more easily. We also received additional funding to provide support or children who may have fallen behind due to the amount of time out of school (accelerated learning funding.) This is included in Income.

- The capitation budget is the budget with which the school buys all the paper, books, art materials, computers and resources for the whole school.
- Salaries and wages include all the teaching staff, learning support assistants, secretarial help and midday supervisors.
- The premises expenditure includes repairs and maintenance, cleaning, electricity, gas, rates, water/ sewerage and any furniture purchased.
- LA support services is the advice and support provided by the LA which we buy in from the County Council.
- Office expenses is mainly the use of the photocopier and also includes telephone and postage and the purchasing of new computers.
- The School pays £4,108 annually to use the Community Hall. An electricity sub-meter provides actual rather than estimated costs. In addition, due to the solar panels, which generate free electricity and greatly reduce our usage, we also receive a FIT (Feed in Tariff) payment of approximately £2,000 per annum. This is paid into our school fund.

## School Events

Despite a second difficult year, the school continued to enjoy a variety of exciting events, many of which were shared virtually.

In the Autumn term families made donations to the Abergavenny Food Bank as part of our Harvest celebrations.

Children and parent engaged in Happiness training in school and online. Many of the strategies that were learnt have continued to be used during remote learning and now, back in the classroom.

In December the children participated in Christmas plays, learning lines and acting out short scenes which were recorded and shared with families. We also had a Christmas raffle, school Christmas lunch, Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas parties!

In the Spring term we held our annual Eisteddfod, with children demonstrating their Welsh language skills through poetry, recitation and singing, as well as creating some impressive poems and art work. We also supported World Cancer Day and Comic Relief.

In the Summer term, Foundation Phase enjoyed their Zoolab virtual presentation on Minibeasts. Years 5 and 6 took part in an Arts Wales BAME focus puppetry project which had its finale as an outdoor puppet show for the whole school. We supported WWF with a fundraiser organised by our pupils. The whole school enjoyed an end of year treat 'Fun Day', complete with bouncy castles, games and ice-cream!



The Year 6 took part in a Covid friendly Leavers' Service at St Catwg's Church, Llangattock.



We also enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea for our Leavers when we got to share our memories of Y6 and celebrate the contribution they made to Llangattock.



## Staffing 2021/22

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Headteacher</b>    | Kathryn Marshall                              |
| <b>FPh</b>            | Liz Thomas/Rhian Whittle/<br>Kathryn Marshall |
| <b>Years 3/4</b>      | Bethan James/Marcell<br>Smith                 |
| <b>Years 5/6</b>      | Joanne Jones                                  |
| <b>ALNCo</b>          | Marcell Smith                                 |
| <b>Welsh</b>          | Lynne Allen                                   |
| <b>Support Staff:</b> |   |
| Ceri Jackson          | LSA   |
| Jill Pritchard        | Secretary/LSA                                 |
| Jennie Masters        | LSA   |
| Kirsty Jones          | LSA   |
| Kate Dykes            | LSA   |
| Kacey Powell          | LSA   |
| Kelly Sandercock`     | LSA/HLTA                                      |
| Sarah Kirkwood        | Secretary                                     |
| Rita Waldron          | Midday Supervisor                             |
| Jennie Masters        | Midday Supervisor                             |
| Ceri Jackson          | Midday Supervisor                             |
| Jill Pritchard        | Midday Supervisor                             |
| Kirsty Jones          | Midday Supervisor                             |
| Glenys Edwards        | Breakfast Club Leader                         |
| Kacey Powell          | Breakfast Club                                |
| Glenys Edwards        | Cook in Charge                                |
| Jenny Bailey          | Assistant Cook                                |

Please note that a meeting to discuss this report will be held on **Tuesday 5th October at 6pm.**  
**Please contact the school, via email or letter, by midday Thursday 30th September to confirm your attendance.**

[head@llangattock.powys.sch.uk](mailto:head@llangattock.powys.sch.uk)

**Thank you.**



## School Website

The school website is a forum for information regarding the daily running of the school. The weekly 'update for parents' will be published under the 'NOTICES' section. This weekly bulletin is also emailed to parents. You will also be able to find copies of class letters, the school prospectus, policies etc. The website address is

[www.llangattock.powys.sch.uk](http://www.llangattock.powys.sch.uk)