

Admissions Policy

Ysgol Gynradd Betws
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Aims

We seek to be an inclusive school, welcoming children from all backgrounds and abilities.

All applications will be treated on merit, and in a sensitive manner.

The only restriction placed on entry is that of number. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, we adopt the procedure set out below to determine whether a child is to be accepted or not. It is our wish for parents to find a place for their child at the school of their choice. However, this is not always possible, due to excess demand on the places available.

A child's level of ability is irrelevant to this school's admissions policy, as are any Additional learning needs the child may have.

How parents can apply for their child to be admitted to Ysgol Betws

Ysgol Betws is a community school, and the admission arrangements are issued by the LEA. The Admissions Authority for our school is therefore the LEA, which publishes its entry regulations every year. Parents can receive a copy of these regulations directly from the LEA.

The LEA's annual admissions prospectus informs parents how to apply for a place at the school of their choice. Parents have a right to express their preference, but this does not, in itself, guarantee a place at that particular school. Applications should be made online the LEA website and should be completed by the date stipulated on that form. The LEA will notify

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parents of the decision as soon as all the applications have been considered against their criteria.

Full details of Carmarthenshire County Council's admissions policy and how to apply for a place for your child can be found through the link below:

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/education-schools/>

There are three admission dates per year at the start of each term.

Admission appeals

If the LEA do not offer a child a place at Ysgol Betws, this will be because to do so would prejudice the education of other children by allowing the number of children in the school to increase too much.

If parents wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the LEA. An independent panel considers all such appeals, and its decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child to whom a place has been refused, then we will accept this decision and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school. (Further details of appeal arrangements are set out in the LEA admissions policy.)

Monitoring and review

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This policy will be monitored by the governing body and reviewed in the light of any changed circumstances, either in our school or in the local area. The policy will always take due note of guidance provided by the LEA admissions department.

Date: January 2026

Mrs Melanie Jones (Acting Headteacher)

Mr Jose Picouto (Chair of Governors)