

Catwg Primary School Annual Report to Parents 2025/26



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Governors Annual Report to Parents

All parents/carers of pupils registered at the school are eligible to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the opportunity for raising questions with reference to the report.

If you wish this meeting to be held, please inform the school in writing.

A full copy of the report will be available from the school upon request:

Chair of Governors:

c/o Catwg Primary School

Main Road

Cadoxton

Clerk to Governors:

c/o Catwg Primary School

Main Road

Cadoxton

They may both also be contacted via the school.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the Governors' annual report and to discuss any issues wish parents wish to raise.

Agenda:**To receive apologies****To receive the annual governors' report to parents****To receive any questions or resolutions**

It is the duty of the Governing Body to make decisions about how the school is run. Governors have legal duties, powers and responsibilities as a body but cannot act individually.

The Governing Body believes the aims of the school, as set out in the School Prospectus, should continue to be pursued. Underpinning these aims is Catwg Primary School's philosophy, that all our pupils are entitled to the very best education possible, which the school endeavours to provide, in close partnership with parents.

Each term the following sub-committees meet and report back to the main Governing Body meeting:

- * Finance
- * Buildings, Premises and Health & Safety (as and when necessary)
- * Curriculum & Standards

Other issues relating to the budget, pupil activities, school performance, the curriculum and Additional Learning Needs are discussed. This meeting is viewed as an opportunity to celebrate our success as well as plan for the future.

Catwg Primary School
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Governing Body members serve for a period of four years.

NAME	GOVERNOR CATEGORY
Chairperson	Cllr P Rogers
LA Appointed	Mrs S Davies
LA Appointed	Mr E Elias
Community Minor Authority	Mr A Broom
Parent Governor	Dr J Webb
Parent Governor	Mr D John (Vice Chairperson)
Parent Governor	Mrs K Daniel
Parent Governor	Mr G Jones
Community Governor	Mrs S Thomas
Community Governor	Mr P Hunter
Community Governor	Vacancy
Teacher Governor	Mrs K Stephens
Staff Governor	Mrs L Kethro
Headteacher	Mr G Phillips

Catwg Primary School Staff

HEADTEACHER:

Mr. Gareth Phillips

ACTING DEPUTY HEADTEACHER:

Mrs. Kerensa Stephens

TEACHING STAFF:

Mrs. R Thomas

Mrs. L Warlow

Mrs. B Maunder

Mrs. G Brown

Mrs. H James

Mrs. N Broad

Mrs. L Mellor
Mrs. S Herdman

NON-TEACHING STAFF:

Mrs. V Uzzell	-	Administrative Officer
Mrs. G Hopkins	-	Teaching Assistant
Mrs. L Kethro	-	Teaching Assistant
Ms. R Mayne	-	Teaching Assistant
Mrs. N Lewis	-	Teaching Assistant
Ms. J Jenkins	-	Teaching Assistant
Mrs. E Sullivan	-	Teaching Assistant
Mr. T George	-	Teaching Assistant
Ms. M Singh	-	Teaching Assistant
Mrs. L Bevan	-	Teaching Assistant (Supply)
Mr. H Rees	-	Caretaker
Mrs. L Phillips	-	Cook

Resolutions Passed at Last Meeting

There were no resolutions passed at the last meeting.

Election of Parent Governors

At the current time, there are no Parent Governor vacancies.

Financial Statement

There were no payments to Governing Body members for travel or subsistence expenses.

School Development Priorities for 2025 - 2026

1. To further develop opportunities for pupils to experience and apply their numeracy skills.
2. To develop pupils' independence, with a particular focus on more able.
3. To further develop a consistent approach to the teaching of literacy.

Attendance

As you are aware, regular attendance and punctuality play a vital part in a child's education. It is essential that pupils attend regularly if they are to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them. The Educational Welfare Officer works closely with the Headteacher to promote good attendance and to support families with difficulties.

School liaises closely with the Local Authority to monitor attendance and punctuality. We have close contact with the Education Welfare Officer whereby home visits, telephone calls and follow up visits are carried out to reduce absences in named pupils / families. All families are urged to contact the school on the first day of a pupil's absence and every day thereafter.

Exclusions

There has been one fixed-term exclusion in the school over the past 3 years.

Links with the Community

Our school enjoys the increasing support of an extremely active Catwg Parents' Association who regularly hold events. The association is open to everyone in the school community who wishes to help to raise funds and support school activities.

We welcome and provide placements for students at school, to enable them to gain valuable experiences to equip them for the world of work.

The school values its links with local religious groups and regularly welcomes Captain Andy from the Centre of Mission, Neath and Annette and Reverend Andrew Meredith from St. Catwg's Church.

In addition visits are made from community dentists, the fire service, the health visitor etc.

Sport

All pupils take part in weekly physical education and games lessons as part of the Curriculum for Wales. In addition, junior pupils have access to swimming lessons in block sessions at Neath Swimming Pool.

Multiple after-school clubs are available for pupils on a weekly basis.

Older pupils continue to participate in competitions and festivals. Sports include rugby, football and netball.

Healthy School

Pupils are encouraged to bring healthy packed lunches. All pupils have access to water throughout the day.

Session Times

Morning session begins at 8.50am and ends at 12.00pm.
Afternoon sessions begins at 1:00pm and ends at 3.20pm.

School Leavers

Year 6 pupils who left the school at the end of the academic Year 2024/25 transferred to Llangatwg Community Comprehensive School, Dwr y Felin Comprehensive School and Ysgol Bae Baglan.

2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Education Committee has approved the following school terms and holiday dates for the 2025/2026 academic year.

Autumn term 2025

- Monday, 1 September - Friday, 24 October
- Half-term holiday: Monday, 27 - Friday, 31 October
- Monday, 3 November - Friday, 19 December
- Christmas holiday: Monday, 22 December - Friday, 2 January

Spring term 2026

- Monday, 5 January - Friday, 13 February
- Half-term holiday: Monday, 16 - Friday, 20 February
- Monday, 23 February - Friday, 27 March
- Easter holiday: Monday, 30 March - Friday, 10 April

Summer term 2026

- Monday, 13 April - Friday, 22 May
- Half-term holiday: Monday, 25 - Friday, 29 May
- Monday, 1 June - Monday, 20 July
- Summer holiday: Tuesday, 21 July - Monday, 31 August

Schools will be closed to pupils for INSET/Staff Preparation on six days between Monday 1st September 2025 and Monday 20th July 2025.

School Prospectus

The school prospectus has been reviewed and amended since the last meeting. Amendments to the Prospectus include:

- Academic Dates
- Staffing Changes

A copy of the School Prospectus is issued to all new starters to school and a copy can be found on the school website.

Disability / Equality Policy

The School has a comprehensive Policy for Equal Opportunities which has been adopted by the school's Governing Body. The Governing Body, Head Teacher and all staff, seek to promote equal opportunities and good relations between persons of different racial groups, able bodied and disabled persons and between males and females. Equal opportunity is promoted for everyone and throughout all aspects of school life at Catwg Primary School. Governors also follow legal requirements in making appointments and receive advice from the Local Authority's Human Resource Department.

At Catwg Primary School, we are committed to ensuring equality of education and opportunity for all pupils, staff and all those receiving services from the school. We aim to develop a culture of inclusion and diversity in which people feel free to close their disability and to participate fully in school life.

The Curriculum, Teaching Methods and Organisation at School

The new Curriculum for Wales was introduced from September 2022. Please click [here](#) for further information.

Teaching time during a normal school week comprises of:

- Early Years – 22 hours 5 minutes
- Year 1/2 – 22 hours 55 minutes
- Key Stage 2 – 24 hours 10 minutes

Pupils in all years (Year 2 – Year 6) are tested annually in various aspects of Mathematics and English. The results of these tests help us to set school targets and more importantly to check that pupils are making expected progress in their learning.

As from May 2013, all pupils from Years 2 – 6 sit a National Test in Literacy (Reading) and two tests in Numeracy – one Procedural Number and the other in Reasoning. Results of these are reported to parents in the Summer term.

Any complaints about the curriculum should be made in the same way as general complaints detailed further in this booklet.

Teaching Methods

Throughout school, a variety of teaching methods are employed in various lessons. Whole class teaching takes place as well as group, paired and individual work. Work is also differentiated to suit the needs of individual pupils.

Teaching assistants are employed in the school and work with individuals and groups of children under the direction of the class teacher.

Organisation

The organisation of classes throughout the school is governed by pupil numbers and staffing restrictions. At the present time, there are 10 classes.

Classes consist of:

Nursery	-	predicted 46 pupils (N1/N2)
Reception	-	26 pupils
HI LSC 1	-	5 pupils
Year 1	-	16 pupils
Year 2	-	17 pupils
Year 3	-	29 pupils
Year 4	-	29 pupils
Year 5	-	31 pupils
Year 6	-	26 pupils
HI LSC 2	-	3 pupils
Total	-	228 pupils

Curriculum Arrangements for Pupils with Additional Learning Needs

The school enters into regular consultation with representatives of the LA to support pupils with additional learning needs.

We want all pupils to feel equally valued at Catwg Primary School and so pupils with additional educational needs are integrated into mainstream classes. Reverse integration takes place as and when it is deemed appropriate. When necessary, pupils may be withdrawn from class to work in a small group or on an individual basis with a teaching assistant.

The school also makes use of LA support staff to provide additional, specialised, teaching resources and advice.

Staff are in regular receipt of up-to-date training which is appropriate to the needs of pupils in our school.

The LA has a policy for inclusion of all pupils including disabled pupils, which the school has adopted. The Additional Learning Needs Policy and The Code of Practice is adhered to stringently. The school's policy for Additional Learning Needs can be viewed at school.

The school's ALN Governor is: Cllr. Phil Rogers. Cllr Rogers visits the school's ALN Coordinator every half term to discuss provision and arrangements for pupils with ALN.

At the present time we have a total of 43 pupils on the ALN register the whole school, with a variety of additional needs. A range of appropriate intervention strategies and support is given to these pupils on a daily basis.

Language Category

Catwg Primary is an English Medium School.

Welsh Second Language

Welsh is introduced as a second language in short, mainly oral lessons from the time the child enters school. Enjoyment in learning the language is incorporated in a variety of situations: incidental, conversational, display and in singing. Welsh is used in most areas of the curriculum and is an integral part of classroom life.

As pupils progress, they develop reading and writing skills in Welsh in addition to oral skills.

We receive support and relevant teaching materials from peripatetic Welsh teacher visits, delivering lessons and providing support to all staff throughout the school.

We aim to promote bilingualism across the curriculum and aim to enable pupils to communicate effectively in English and Welsh at a level appropriate to their age and ability. Bilingual development is on-going within the school and is often apparent in most areas of the curriculum.

Our 'Cynefin' is important to our pupils' development and understanding of their Welsh heritage and is reflected throughout the year in arrange of activities.

Security Arrangements

The condition and state of repair of the buildings have been monitored by the Governing Body. All external doors are fitted with turn-buckle locks. Day time security locks are in use from 9.00 a.m. All children or visitors who arrive after this time must use the main entrance, and access is controlled by an electronic system and intercom. All security locks can be opened from inside the building. Exterior regulation fire doors have been fitted to all classrooms and hall entrances. All visitors to the school are asked to sign in via the 'Sign In' App and wear visitor badges so they can be easily identified.

There are six qualified first aiders in school.

Toilet Facilities

There are separate and adequate toilet facilities for boys and girls in all parts of the school building. All toilets are cleaned daily. The school also has a unisex disabled toilet in both the main building and double demountable building.