



Minera Voluntary Aided Primary School

Governors Annual Report to Parents 2018/19

**Headteacher – Mr Spencer Williams
Chair of Governors – Mr John Savin**



Our vision and values

‘Love the Lord Your God’ ‘Love Your Neighbour As Yourself’

What do Governors do?

School Governing Bodies play a key role in improving standards within school

Governors Wales (Sept 2012)

They:

- have a duty to promote the highest standards of educational achievement
- must establish a strategic framework for the school, and;
- must regularly review the progress made.

List of Governors 2018-19

Name	Position
Rev James Harris	Foundation
Angela Hughes	Foundation
Zena Wild	Foundation
Katie Owen	Foundation
Portia Woods	Foundation
Lindy Ellis	Foundation
Beverley Parry-Jones	Foundation
Hannah Clark	Foundation
Jayne Edmonds	Teacher
Kelly Armstrong	Staff
Marie Owen	Parent
Cllr John Savin	Chair and Community
Cllr Dave Kelly	Vice Chair and Local Authority
Spencer Williams	Head-teacher
Alison Gillespie C/O Wrexham Guildhall	Clerk to Governing Body

School Improvement Plan

The governing body has approved the school development plan. This is reviewed by the governing body with the head teacher at its meetings. The governing body approves all school policies on a rolling programme following review and revision. This includes those policies that are legally required and those that are recommended. All policy documents are available at the school and some are on the school website. Governors visit the school to see policy in practice.

Priorities for School Year 2019/20

1. Continue to improve outcomes in literacy with a focus on extended writing, reading and pupil feedback.
2. Continue to raise standards in Maths and Numeracy.
3. Continue to improve bilingualism and Cwricwlwm Cymreig
4. To further develop the physical and mental well-being of all pupils and staff
5. Further develop the assessment of RE across the school and develop Prayer Spaces

Financial Report

SUMMARY FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 2018/19			
Financial Year 1st April 2018 - 31st March 2019			
BUDGET HEADING	EXPENDITURE Planned Budget	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE
OPENING BALANCE (1st April 2018)	10,323.00		
EMPLOYEES	381,531.62	394,022.17	-12,490.55
PREMISES	18,468.00	20,569.41	-2,128.41
TRANSPORT	2,700.00	1,813.69	886.31
SUPPLIES	21,567.00	22,399.55	-812.55
EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES	25,713.00	26,075.00	-362.00
OTHER INCOME	-91,820.00	-107,948.91	16,128.91
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£368,567	£356,957	£11,544.71

The school deprivation grant of £8,300.00 was spent on extra support for vulnerable children and those with additional needs.

Teacher Assessment Results 2019

Foundation Phase

	Expected Outcome Outcome 5+	Above Expected Outcome Outcome 6+
FPI	76.9	
LCE	76.9	12.5
MD	76.9	31.3
PSD	87.5	37.5

Key Stage 2

	Expected Level Level 4	Above Expected Level Level 4
English	92.9	64.3
Maths	92.9	57.1
Science	92.9	50.0
Core Subject Indicator	92.9	64.3

Attendance

All children of statutory age 93%.

Target Setting

In 2019, the school had set the following statutory target for the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6) 89.0% of pupils to achieve the expected level in all subjects (Level 4).

Curriculum Statement

Foundation Phase

Learning for children aged 3-7 years is based on the Welsh Government Foundation Phase Curriculum. This curriculum is well grounded in educational research and based on an understanding of how children learn.

In nursery and reception there is one adult to every 10 children in year 1 and 2 there is one adult to every 15 children. This enables staff to care for these very young children and to observe their learning carefully in order to plan next steps.

The curriculum is planned in topics which interest children, offering creative and practical learning opportunities. Key skills in literacy, numeracy and ICT are taught in a structured way in all areas of learning.

The seven Areas of Learning are:

- Personal and Social Development, Well-Being and Cultural Diversity
- Language, Literacy and Communication Skills
- Mathematical Development
- Welsh Language Development
- Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- Physical Development
- Creative Development.

Personal and Social Development, Well-Being and Cultural Diversity is at the heart of the Foundation Phase.”

“A Framework for Children’s learning for 3-7 year olds in Wales.” WAG 2008

Key Stage Two

Pupils from years 3 to 6 follow the national curriculum for Wales. This is a skills based curriculum. Topics of interest to children are linked to national curriculum subjects and these provide the context for children to develop both subject skills and also literacy numeracy and IT skills which are needed in every subject area.

The subject areas in the national curriculum are English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, RE Music, PE. Welsh, Art and Design and Technology. Personal and social education is a cross curricular theme which is taught daily, weekly though other topics and theme days.

Additional Learning Needs

The national curriculum is taught to all pupils unless there are any special arrangements for disapplication for specific reasons such as medical or particular learning needs. Pupils who have additional educational needs are supported in classrooms and sometimes taught in small groups or as individuals.

Our Additional Learning Needs Coordinator (ALNCo) works across the school with all year groups. She liaises with staff and parents and outside agencies ensuring that children’s needs are identified and they are given all the support they need to meet their individual targets. She runs reading workshops for parents each term and has at least one meeting each term with parents. She is always available for extra consultations when parents wish them.

Classroom Assistants also play an important role in supporting children’s specific needs in literacy and numeracy.

Some pupils may access our catch up programmes for a period of time in order to accelerate their progress. These children are not on the special needs register.

Communication and Partnership with Parents

A summary newsletter is sent home once per month. This highlights events and learning priorities, gives important information and also highlights our thoughts and values. These newsletters are also available on our school website www.mineraprimary.com. Other letters are sent home as necessary. Our text message service, Twitter and Facebook accounts gives reminders of up and coming events.

Our website has been fully developed to include more relevant information and to become a 'one stop shop' for all information regarding school.

Meetings are held for induction and extra information sessions. Parents meetings are held in the Autumn and Spring Term.

Toilets

The school provides sufficient toilets for number of pupils on roll. These toilets are cleaned on a daily basis.

Health and Fitness

The development of healthy lifestyles is a high priority for our school. Minera School has achieved Phase 4 of the Healthy Schools initiative and actively promotes healthy eating. A fruit snack is provided for Foundation Phase and pupils have access to drinking water throughout the day.

The children take part in a range of activities to ensure that they feel safe and staff and governors receive annual child protection training. We have a comprehensive PSHE curriculum addressed through class, worship and circle times. The school has robust safeguarding and child protection procedures including safe recruitment.

Welsh Language

Pupils are educated through the medium of English. Welsh is taught as a second language and is used as part of the Welsh lessons, as incidental Welsh throughout the day, across the curriculum where possible and during collective worship. We ensure that all pupils are supported in the learning of Welsh as a second language and recognise their varied linguistic backgrounds

Church and Community Links

We have strong links with St Mary's Church in Minera. Rev Harris regularly visits school and leads our Collective Worship based on the church year and our Christian Values.

We have held some church led visits – children visit the church as part of trail and take part in Diddy Disciples.

We hold regular services at St Mary's including Harvest, Advent, Christmas Presentations, Ash Wednesday, Pentecost and Year 6 Leaver's Celebration. The services are well supported by the school community.

Friends of Minera

We are very grateful to our parents association. They work hard to raise money for the school and to create events which bring the school community together. They also work hard to ensure a smooth handover each year with certain people providing continuity while encouraging new members to take over committee roles. It is a very professional organisation.

Last school year the Parents Association raised funds through organising the following events:

- Discos
- Christmas Fair
- Film Night
- Easter Bingo
- Auction of Promises
- Summer Fair

Charity

We supported the following charities this year:

- Macmillian
- Children in Needs
- The Walton Centre Charity
- Poppy Appeal
- Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Pupils Activities

The following events are linked to the class topics and enhance pupils learning:

Autumn

- Spectrum PSE Sessions
- STEM Day at Ysgol Clywedog
- Don't Touch Tell Presentation
- PC Jane Ellis Schools Beat Sessions
- Dog Trust Workshops
- Children in Need Non Uniform Day
- NSPCC Workshops
- Year 1/2 Visit to Erddig
- Grove Park Pantomime
- Christmas Presentations

- Christmas Dinner and Parties for all

Spring

- Young Voices Concert in Manchester
- Year 4/5/6 Nant BH Residential
- Internet Safety Week
- Welsh Week
- Eisteddfod
- Paw Mindfulness Project for Year 3/4
- World Book Day
- Food Standards Agency Presentations 'Pirates of the Chillibean'

Summer

- Swimming Gala
- Sports Day
- High School Transition
- Dance with Amanda
- Walton Fun Run
- Key Stage 2 Google Workshop
- Year 6 Bikeability
- Year 6 Leaver's Service at St Asaph Cathedral
- Year 1 /2 Urdd Jambouri
- Year 5/6 Get Active Summer Sports Day
- Key Stage 2 CBBC Workshops

After School Clubs

The following extra-curricular clubs are available to our pupils:

- Football
- Dodgeball
- Footie 4 Kids Multi Sports
- Choir
- Welsh

Changes to Prospectus

There are minimal changes to the school prospectus but the latest copy is on the website

School Session Times

Early Entitlement and Nursery	Foundation Phase (Rec-Y2)	KS 2
9am – 11.30am	9am-12:00pm	9am-12:00pm <i>*Morning Break: 10.30am – 10.45am</i>
	Lunch 12:00-1:00pm	
	1:00pm- 3.00pm	1:00pm-3:15pm

School Dates 2019-20

AUTUMN TERM	2019 - 2020
Training Day	Mon 2 September 2019 Tues 3 September 2019
Term Opens Half Term Close Half Term Open	Weds 4 September 2019 Fri 25 October 2019 Mon 4 November 2019
Term Closes	Fri 20 December 2019
SPRING TERM	
Training Day	Mon 6 January 2020
Term Opens Half Term Close Half Term Open Term Closes	Tues 7 January 2020 Fri 14 February 2020 Mon 24 February 2020 Fri 3 April 2020
SUMMER TERM	
Training Day	Mon 20 April 2020
Term Opens <i>May Day</i> Half Term Close Half Term Open	Tues 21 April 2020 <i>Fri 8 May 2020</i> Fri 22 May 2020 Mon 1 June 2020
Term Closes	Fri 17 July 2020
Training Day	Mon 20 July 2020