

## **Annual Report to Parents - YGG Abercynon**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Please see below the summary of the Annual Governors Report to Parents.

In line with the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, please see below the guidelines in relation to holding meetings to discuss the report.

If parents want to request a meeting with governors a petition must be received, containing the signatures of 10% of the parents of registered pupils at the school or the signature of 30 parents of registered pupils at the school (whichever is the lower number). The meeting must be held within 25 days of the petition being received but can only be held if there are sufficient days remaining in the school year to accommodate it.

Parents are reminded that this meeting will only be held to discuss a matter relating to the school, not a matter that is personal to an individual group.

If you would like to request a meeting, in line with above requirements, please contact Janet Jenkins Clerk to the Governing Body via e-mail [janet.jenkins@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:janet.jenkins@rctcbc.gov.uk) or a letter to Janet Jenkins, Tŷ Trevithick, Abercynon, Mountain Ash. CF45 4UQ.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Young - Chairperson of the Governing Body  
**Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council**

### **Governing Body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Abercynon**

This report is a summary of the steps taken by the Governing Body in the discharge of its functions since the last report was published.

#### **1. Clerk to the Governing Body**

The Clerk to the Governing Body is Mrs Gaynor Davies, Director of Education and Inclusion, Ty Trevithick, Abercynon, Mountain Ash, CF45 4UQ.

#### **2. Chairperson of the Governing Body**

The Chairperson of the Governing Body is Mrs L Young, c/o Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Abercynon, Greenfield Terrace,

Abercynon, Mountain Ash CF45 4TH.

### 3. Members of the Governing Body

The following people are currently members of the Governing Body.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Category of Governor</b>	<b>Appointed By</b>	<b>Retirement Date</b>
2 vacancies	<b>LEA Council Members</b>		
Mrs D Meaden 2 vacancies	<b>Community Governors</b>	<b>Governing Body</b>	24/11/2025
Miss R Parry Mrs L Young Mrs H Rowley	<b>Parent Parents</b>		24/06/2025 17/05/2025 Sep 2027

Mrs B Marsh **Teacher**

**Teaching Staff**

Mrs C Mack **Staff Non-Teaching Staff**

Mrs M Barry **Headteacher**

05/11/2025 06/10/2023

When fully constituted this governing body is made up as follows: -

#### 4. Resolutions

<b>LEA Representatives</b>	3
<b>Parent Governors</b>	4
<b>Staff Representative</b>	1
<b>Headteacher</b>	1

<b>Community Governors</b>	3
<b>Teacher Governor(s)</b>	1
<b>Minor Authority (if applicable)</b>	0
<b>Total</b>	13

There were no resolutions passed at the last meeting.

## **5. Election of Parent Governors**

The next election of parent governors is due to take place in October 2024. However, there remains a vacant post for parent governor and therefore arrangements will be made during the year for an election to take place to fill the vacancy.

## **6. School Performance Data**

The New Curriculum for Wales provides progression information for the pupils. National tests for years 2 to 6 are still undertaken. The school is performing at a satisfactory level.

## **7. Financial Statement**

Enclosed, as appendix A is a copy of the school's financial statement for the Financial Year 2023/24. Further breakdown of the information is available upon request

## **8. School Prospectus**

The School Prospectus is updated annually to include any changes required by the Welsh Assembly Government or other related bodies. A copy of the prospectus is generally issued to parents whose children are starting school for the first time or transferring from Infant to Junior school or Junior/ Primary to Comprehensive School.

Changes to the prospectus during the last year

- Staffing and Additional Learning Needs

## **9. School Development Plan**

Governors are responsible for drawing up (in conjunction with staff) the School Development Plan. The plan identifies the direction the school will take over a three-year period, in delivering the curriculum. The plan is regularly monitored and revised to take account of progress made and any changes to curriculum requirements.

The School Development Plan for the 2022-2023 academic year was approved by Governors. The targets set included short, medium, and long-term aims, and were regularly reviewed by the Governing Body.

### School Development Plans - 2024/2025

1. Maths and Numeracy - Empowering all learners to develop strong mathematical skills and the ability to apply numeracy in various real-life contexts.
2. Learning and Teaching - Developing and embedding 12 Principles of Pedagogy across the school.
3. Curriculum for Wales - Refining school-wide assessment and tracking procedures.

4. School leadership development - Refine systems to develop school-wide leadership roles, increase accountability and ownership

#### 10. School Holiday Dates 2024-2025

Term	Begin	Half term	End	No. of School Days
Autumn 2024	Monday 2 Sept 2024	Monday 28 Oct 2024	Friday 1 Nov 2024	75
Spring 2025	Monday 6 Jan 2025	Monday 24 Feb 2025	Friday 28 Feb 2025	50
Summer 2025	Monday 28 April 2025	Monday 26 May 2025	Friday 30 May 2025	70

#### TOTAL 195

Mon 2 Sept 2024 and Monday 21 July 2025 will be designated INSET days for **all** LA Maintained Schools. The remaining three INSET days to be taken will be at the discretion of each individual school following appropriate consultation with staff.

All schools will be closed on **Monday 5 May 2024** for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Significant dates: Christmas Monday 25 December 2024

Easter Good Friday 18 April 2025  
Easter Monday 21 April 2025

May Bank Holidays Monday 5 May 2025  
Monday 26 May 2025

The Welsh Assembly Government may decide to allocate additional INSET days, schools will be informed of these at the appropriate

time.

The School day is organised as follows;

**Morning** - 08:50 to 12:00/12:20

**Lunch break** - 12:00/12:20 to 13.00/13:15

**Afternoon** - 13.00/13:15 to 15.15

## **11. Community Focused Schools**

A community-focused school is one that provides a range of services and activities, often beyond the school day, to help meet the needs of its pupils, their families and the wider community. Across Wales many schools already provide some community services including adult education, study support, ICT facilities and community sports programmes.

The development of community-focused schools is not just a short-term project or initiative, but a real opportunity for schools and communities to work together in new ways for the future benefit of children, young people and adults.

In Ysgol Abercynon, we work closely with many different members of the Community.

The school has regular visits from the police, nurse and dental service in order to enrich our school curriculum. The school also has strong links with the local Sports Centre and allotments.

The school works closely with a variety of outside agencies. We also have strong links with Urdd Gobaith Cymru.

## **12. Review of School Policies**

The school has many policy documents covering both curriculum and non-subject areas. These documents are constantly reviewed/revised by staff/governors to incorporate changing trends and legislation. Further information is available on the school website or by contacting the Headteacher during school time.

## **13. Additional Learning Needs**

The school's policy for the Assessment of and Provision for Pupils with Additional Learning Needs is summarised as follows:

The school's policy for the identification, assessment and provision for pupils with additional learning needs is consistent with the requirements of the Additional Learning Needs Code for Wales (approved by the Senedd on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021) under section 4 of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018.

The school's Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator (ALNCo) works closely with all other members of staff to ensure that individual educational plans are developed and implemented to meet the needs

of pupils, appropriate to those who require them.

The ALNCo also liaises with all members of staff, to ensure that the progress of all pupils is regularly monitored and assessed and to ensure that each pupil reaches his or her potential.

During the academic year 2022/2023 7 pupils were in receipt of an Individual Development Plan (IDP)

#### **14. Access for Disabled Pupils**

The Governing Body is mindful of the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and the Special Needs and Disability Act (SENDA) 2001 in drawing up the School Development Plan/Post Inspection Action Plan, and the day-to-day operation of the whole site.

The school is committed to ensuring that all pupils are able to participate in the school curriculum and (where they desire) in activities such as after school clubs, leisure/sporting events and educational visits. All aspects of accessibility, including access to written information are included in the planning process.

The Authority has in place an Accessibility Strategy Plan and in line with this strategy has had an audit of the school site undertaken, as part of an Authority wide brief, to identify any potential barriers and to improve the access to the school.

#### **15. Fabric of the Building & Provision of Toilet Facilities**

The building is generally in a good state of repair. Over the past year the following refurbishment/repairs have been carried out.

Repairs to security lighting at Gorlan Building

Repairs and increased security to the main entrance doors.

##### **Toilet facilities**

The six classes with the youngest pupils have their own toilet facilities. There are an additional two toilet blocks for the older pupils. All toilets are cleaned daily.

#### **16. Target Setting**

Targets for the school are noted in the SIP/SDP. Pupils no longer have targets but are measured on achievement of progression steps.

#### **17. Attendance Information**

The school attendance was 90.8% for 2023/24. The target for 2024/25 is 91.5%. Attendance of all pupils is closely monitored.

#### **18. Admission/Transition Arrangements**

The County Borough Council is the Admissions Authority for all schools (other than Church schools where the schools governing body is the admissions authority) within the Authority's boundary. The school's admission arrangements are therefore operated in line with the Authority's policy on school admissions which is contained in the publication Starting School Book. The book is made available to parents at the point of their application for their child's admission to school. The contents of this book can also be accessed online on the Authority's website.

Pupils will usually remain in the school until they complete year six and then transfer to secondary school. This school is a feeder school for Rhydywaun Comprehensive School however pupils may apply to attend any secondary school they choose, subject to compliance with the Authority's admissions policy.

### **19. School Leavers**

We had 30 school leavers who all transferred to a Secondary School.

### **20. Sporting Aims and Achievements**

During 2023-24, after school netball, football, rugby and cricket clubs were held throughout the academic year.

Two pupils were selected for the Cynon Valley Schools rugby squad for the 2023-24 season. In November 2023 the school rugby squad attended the Rhydywaun cluster rugby festival in the comprehensive school where matches were played against the cluster schools. The school rugby squad competed in the Urdd Glamorgan Valleys tournament in Aberdare in November 2023. The boys team reached the final but narrowly lost to Ysgol Gymraeg Bronllwyn. The girls squad also competed in the Tag rugby event.

At the end of April 2024 the school football squads - both boys and girls - competed in the Glamorgan Valleys Urdd tournament in Aberdare. Three boys teams played and one girls team. For the first time in our schools' history the boys A team won the competition and progressed to the National Finals in Aberystwyth in May. The school football squad competed for the Roffi Cup in Aberdare at the end of April 2024. The squad succeeded in winning the

Roffi Shield. The school won the 5 a side football league for lower Cynon Valley Schools during the Autumn Term 2023 - a series of matches were played on Monday evenings in Abercynon Sports Centre. Thank you to Mrs Mack for taking the children down every Monday.

At the beginning of December 2023 the school netball team competed in the Glamorgan Valleys Urdd tournament in Aberdare. During the Summer Term, the school netball squad won the Cynon Valley schools netball league. Fixtures were held after school on Thursday afternoons in Abercynon Leisure Centre - well done Mrs Lock and Miss Jones for their dedication.

A series of swimming lessons were held in Abercynon Leisure Centre in the Summer Term 2024 for pupils in years 3-6. Sports Days were

held at the end of June 2024 on the astroturf field in Abercynon. Year 6 pupils attended a Cluster Sports Day, organised by Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun on the athletic track in Aberdare in July 2024

Mr Thomas and the school football squad attended the Cynon Valley schools presentation evening in Aberdare Golf Club in July 2024 to receive the trophies won during the year. Two members of our school rugby squad were selected in September for the Cynon Valley Schools Under 11 team for the 2024-25 season.

## **21. Healthy Eating**

At Ysgol Gymraeg Abercynon we encourage pupils to adopt and maintain a healthy lifestyle both at school and at home. We promote healthy eating at every opportunity. Pupils are asked to bring a healthy snack to school for morning break, where members of staff also model this behaviour by eating healthy snacks alongside the pupils. At playtimes, pupils on the Health and Wellbeing Council run the fruit shop for other pupils to purchase fruit. During the day pupils have access to fresh drinking water within the classroom as and when required. Foundation phase pupils also have milk provided for them each day. Pupils who receive school lunch have a choice of water, milk or squash with their meals. As a school we participate in Ionawr with the aim of getting pupils and their families moving, which aims to build lasting active habits. Pupils were encouraged to stay active and healthy during lockdown with their families by following fitness videos such as the Urdd's Ionawr Iachus video and Joe Wicks lockdown workouts. They were also urged to go for regular outdoor walks or bike rides with their families as part of their home learning tasks. During the summer term we promote healthy eating by holding a healthy eating week where children learn about various food groups, their effects on our body and also have the opportunity to taste and prepare healthy snacks. Pupils have the opportunity to prepare and cook in our Abercegin. Pupils are encouraged to play cooperatively and respectfully with their peers whilst always following the school rules. Success is always celebrated in our assemblies. Pupils are given the opportunity to participate in and help deliver school assemblies. The Health and Wellbeing Council delivered assemblies on Healthy Eating and Children's Rights. We will always endeavour to inspire happy, nurturing relationships and healthy lifestyles at our school. We celebrate Pupil Voice.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Abercynon**

#### PROVISIONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2022/2023

<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS Total Spent</b>
STAFFING COSTS INCLUDING SUPPLY 1,111,004

<b><u>PREMISES RELATED COSTS</u></b>	
INCLUDES ENERGY, REPAIRS, CLEANING, BUILDING RELATED SLA's	117,923
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	
INCLUDES INSURANCE, PETROL, TRAVEL CLAIMS 0.00	
<b><u>SUPPLIES AND SERVICES</u></b>	
INCLUDES CAPITATION, ICT, COURSES, PHOTOCOPYING, STAFF INSURANCE, SERVICE SLA's	107,878
<b><u>GRANTS</u></b>	
<u>EIG. PDG. EYPDG. PDGCLA -313.043</u>	

**ADDITIONAL INCOME**

INCLUDES WELSH GOVERNMENT  
GRANTS, MISCELLANEOUS, STAFF  
INSURANCE CLAIMS,  
4,926