

Waldo Williams Primary School

Governors Annual Report to Parents 2022 - 2023

Introduction

Welcome to the governors' annual report to parents. In this report we will give you a brief overview of many aspects of school life from the last year, in line with the requirements set out in the Department for Education and Skills Welsh Government – The school Governor Annual report (Wales) Regulations 2011.

School Development Plan 2022 – 2023

To take the school forward our school development plan last year included four key priorities.

Priority 1

Learning Developing increasingly effective learners.

Priority 2

Well-being and attitudes to learning Improve well-being and attitudes to learning through our new Relationships Policy and by adopting a wide range of Universal Learning Provision to address the needs of all learners.

Priority 3

Teaching and learning experiences To make progress along the Language Continuum

Priority 4

Care, Support & Guidance – Building partnerships with families.

Priority 5

Leadership and Management – Develop leadership capacity.

Welsh Government Education Strategy. (Welsh Language Development – Bilingualism)

Our children's Welsh Language is progressively developing throughout the School in a range of enjoyable, practical activities of oracy, reading and writing. We are laying the foundation of your child's bilingual education.

Attendance

The school undertakes regular monitoring of all absences, including holiday absences. Parents are required to telephone the school if a child is unwell. To ensure the safety of pupils, the school supports this with the First Day calling. We are grateful for parents' co-operation in this matter.

The Governing body have adopted the Welsh Government attendance policy guidelines and all local authorities are working to improve attendance and prevent unnecessary absence.

Attendance target for 2023 -2024 is 95%. Please help us achieve this target.

Attendance Figures for 2022 – 2023 Compulsory School age

Absences	Autumn 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023
Percentage of attendance	86.6%	92.7%	91.5%
Authorised absence	6.3%	5.5%	5.4%
Unauthorised absence	2.6%	1.8%	3.1%

Toilet Facilities

Toilet facilities are cleaned daily. The school provides liquid soap and modern driers. They meet compliance with the Education (School) Regulations 1999.

Complaints Procedure

The school has a Complaints Procedure Policy in place which can be obtained from the school office.

Additional learning needs (ALN)

The school has a policy for Special Educational Needs (SEN). The school successfully identifies pupils with additional learning needs and provides additional support for these pupils. The school monitors the progress of all pupils who have been identified as having special educational needs in order to help them achieve their potential.

Our school hosts a Learning Resource Centre for the Local Authority for 9 pupils.

Pembrokeshire Local Authority Inclusion Service is available to the school and has been used as the need has arisen.

The named governor for Additional Learning Needs is Mrs K. Low.

Additional Learning Needs includes More Able and Talented pupils and those with English as an additional language.

Pupils with Disabilities

The school meets the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act in relation to the access throughout the school building due to the single level nature of the school building, with no steps and the provision of disabled toilet. The school has an Accessibility Plan.

Parent information

- Twice yearly Parent Evenings
- Annual pupil reports
- Class Dojo
- School website

Governors' Involvement

The Governing Body reviews and updates Policy Statements as necessary, undertakes monitoring, holds meetings with parents and volunteer for school events.

News

The school has held many events over the year; here are just some of the things we did in 2022 – 23.

- Open Day
- A Whole School Christmas Celebration
- Christmas Family Bingo
- St David's Day Eisteddfod
- St David's Day Parade
- St David's Concert with Haverfordwest Male Voice Choir
- Easter Bunny Hop
- Easter Crafts Morning
- Celebration of World Book Day
- Sports Day
- Variety of school trips and sporting opportunities
- Waldo Williams Craft and Games Fayre
- Summer Disco
- Year 6 Leavers' Concert

Security

The school has a control access system. The main entrance doors and gates are electro-magnetically locked throughout the day. The school site is secured with boundary fencing.

Term Dates 2023 – 24

Term	Begin	Half Term		Ends
		Begins	Ends	
Autumn 2023	04.09.23	30.10.23	03.11.23	21.12.23
Spring 2024	09.01.24	12.02.24	16.02.24	22.03.24
Summer 2024	09.04.24	27.05.24	31.05.24	18.07.24

Bank Holidays

- May Day – 6th May 2024

Designated Closure Days

- 01.09.23
- 08.04.24

INSET Days

1. 21.11.23
2. 22.12.23
3. 08.01.24
4. 19.07.24

Community Links

Waldo Williams Primary School works hard to foster good links with the community, including:

- Pembrokeshire Music Service
- Pembrokeshire Sports Service
- Pembrokeshire National Parks
- Community Police Officer
- The Darwin Centre
- Emergency Services (PCSO)

Year 6 transfer to secondary school 2022

35 pupils transferred to Haverfordwest High.
1 transferred to other Secondary Schools.

Ffrindiau Waldo (Parent Friend Association)

At the beginning of September 2022, Ffrindiau Waldo was set up and meetings are held termly to discuss community and fundraising events. All are welcome to meetings and events!

School Prospectus

The prospectus for 2023-2024 has been updated and can be found on the school website.

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Governing Body

Governor type	Governor Name
Chair of Governors	Mr S. Davis
Vice Chair of Governors	Mr I. Girdler
Community	Mrs S. Lees
Local Authority	Ms. Foss
Local Authority	Mrs A. Rees
Parent	Mrs K. Low
Parent	Mr S. Wheeler
Parent	Mrs C. Howells
Staff	Mrs S. Thomas
Teacher	Miss L. Schmidt
Teacher	Mrs A. Williams
Headteacher	Miss D. Bond

Governor Expenses

0 Governors claimed travel or subsistence allowance during the last year.

School Fund

This fund is used to provide many extra resources for the children and the school.

Finance Report/ Out-Turn of Expenditure 2022-23

Initial Funding –
Additional in-year finding –
Other funding –
Total funding –
Balances B/F –
Total funds available –

Less budget expenditure –
Other reserves – N/A
Surplus –