



**St Cenydd School**

**Governors' Annual Report to Parents**

**2017-2018**

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## Introduction

It is my pleasure to introduce our Annual Report to parents and carers.

The past four years have seen the school make rapid improvements, and there has been considerable change in many areas of the school. As governors we are very pleased with the rate and pace of positive change, and thank the Headteacher and all of the staff for their excellent work in pursuing improvement in all areas.

The school was visited in the Autumn Term by Challenge Advisors from the Local Consortium conducting a review across the school. Just a snapshot of the many positive comments within that report was:

- *The Headteacher was appointed four years ago. In that time, there has been considerable progress made in: developing the strategic direction of the school; the capacity of the senior leadership team; the engagement of staff, at all levels; and working relationships with the partner primary schools. As a result, high quality systems and processes are applied consistently, and are well-understood.*
- *Leaders have implemented a long-term, strategic plan to improve both teaching and the development of skills. There is clear evidence that their strategies have impacted positively on both provision and standards. In key stage 3, standards, the quality of teaching, progress and the curriculum offer are good. Outcomes, at the end of key stage 4 are variable, but overall, show an upward trend.*
- *Leaders demonstrate very good capacity to plan, implement and manage changes successfully. For example, when introducing any significant change, leaders engage all parties in developing a rationale, provide clear guidance documentation and provide training and on-going support to promote high levels of consistency in both processes and outcomes. Leaders value the good models provided by the Headteacher.*
- *Well-being and attitudes to learning are good. Most pupils are engaged during lessons and respond positively to teachers' feedback. Most pupils use, and value, the school's "Google Classroom" to support them when working at home.*

We continue to build wider community links, whether this is through the Senghenydd Memorial Trust, through Caerphilly Miners Institute, through links with local businesses including IQE and through links with Cardiff University. You can keep up to date with events and opportunities at the school through the website [stcenyddcommunityschool.co.uk](http://stcenyddcommunityschool.co.uk)

I would like to thank everyone involved with the school – pupils, parents, carers, staff, governors and members of our wider community – who are all contributing to this continued improvement and success.

**Mr. Robert Forester**

**Chairman of Governors**

## Governing Body

<b>Governor Type</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term of Office Ends</b>
<b>Community</b> <i>appointed by Governing Body</i>	Mrs Maria Cook	25.01.2021
<b>Community</b> <i>appointed by Governing Body</i>	Mr Robert Forester	27.01.2020
<b>Community</b> <i>appointed by Governing Body</i>	Mr Jared Higgs	18.10.2021
<b>Community</b> <i>appointed by Governing Body</i>	Mr John Poyner	09.02.2019
<b>Community</b> <i>appointed by Governing Body</i>	Mr Andrew Ralph	07.10.2019
<b>LA</b> <i>appointed by LA</i>	Mr Robert Andrews	23.09.2020
<b>LA</b> <i>appointed by LA</i>	Mr Huw Davies	23.09.2020
<b>LA</b> <i>appointed by LA</i>	Mr Graham Evans	31.08.2020
<b>LA</b> <i>appointed by LA</i>	Cllr Barbara Jones	23.09.2020
<b>LA</b> <i>appointed by LA</i>	Mrs Nicola Davies	03.05.2022
<b>Parent</b> <i>elected by parents</i>	Mr Mark Barry	04.12.2022
<b>Parent</b> <i>elected by parents</i>	Mrs Karyn Davies	13.10.2019
<b>Parent</b> <i>elected by parents</i>	Mrs Nicola Gidden	04.12.2022
<b>Parent</b> <i>elected by parents</i>	Miss Sam Lewis	14.04.2020
<b>Parent</b> <i>elected by parents</i>	Mrs Maggie Blundell	04.12.2022
<b>Parent</b> <i>elected by parents</i>	Mr Jared Lougher	02.05.2022
<b>Headteacher</b>	Miss Rebecca Collins	n/a
<b>Teacher</b> Representative <i>elected by teachers</i>	Miss Sam Jarrett	31.08.2021
<b>Teacher</b> Representative <i>elected by teachers</i>	Mrs Jo Prosser	24.10.2022
<b>Staff</b> Representative <i>elected by staff</i>	Ms Claire Harding	12.05.2020
<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs Irene Jones	n/a

### **Chairman of the Governing Body**

Mr. Robert Forester

c/o St Cenydd Community School, St Cenydd Road, Trecenydd, Caerphilly CF83 2RP

### **Clerk to the Governing Body**

Mrs. Irene Jones

c/o St Cenydd Community School, St Cenydd Road, Trecenydd, Caerphilly CF83 2RP

**The next parent election** will be in Autumn term 2019.

## Statutory School Information for Parents

<b>Address</b>	St Cenydd Community School St Cenydd Road, Trecenydd, Caerphilly CF83 2RP
<b>Telephone Number</b>	029.2085.2504
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<b>School website</b>	www.stcenyddcommunityschool.co.uk

<b>Chairman of Governing Body</b>	Mr. Robert Forester
<b>Vice Chairman of Governing Body</b>	Mr. Robert Andrews
<b>Headteacher</b>	Miss Rebecca Collins

<b>Type</b>	Community
<b>Age Range</b>	11-18
<b>NOR</b>	1,023
<b>Language</b>	English medium
<b>No of full time equivalent staff</b>	57.2
<b>Pupil:teacher ratio</b>	17.9
<b>Teaching time per week</b>	25 hours
<b>Attendance 2017-2018</b>	93%

### Term dates 2017-2018

Autumn: Monday 4 September – Friday 22 December 2017 (*Half term 30 October – 3 November 2017*)

Spring: Monday 8 January – Thursday 29 March 2018 (*Half term 19 February – 23 February 2018*)

Summer: Monday 16 April – Tuesday 24 July 2018 (*Half term 28 May – 1 June 2018*)

**INSET Days 2017-2018**

Monday 4 September 2017

Friday 2 February 2018

Friday 25 May 2018

Monday 23 July 2018

Tuesday 24 July 2018

**Policies**

All school policies are updated as necessary by the Senior Leadership Team and Governors. All policies are available from the school.

**Governors Expenses**

No expenses were submitted in 2017-2018

**Prospectus**

The school prospectus is published on the school website and a hard copy is available from the school. Through a combination of the termly Headteachers Report to the Governing Body, the school website and school newsletters, the achievements of the school are publicised and recognised.

**Curriculum**

The school fully meets the Learning and Skills Measure. Welsh is taught to all students in KS3 and KS4, is compulsory to the end of Year 11 and nearly all pupils complete a qualification in Welsh at the end of KS4.

**Safeguarding**

The Child Protection Safeguarding Officer in the school is Mrs. Karen Davies (Assistant Headteacher) who is also the Looked After Child (LAC) Officer. The Deputy Child Protection Officer in the school is Mrs. Glynys Davies (Assistant Headteacher). The Governor Link for Child Protection is Mrs. Nicola Gidden.

**Additional Learning Needs**

Mrs. Hannah Evans is the school's Additional Learning Needs Coordinator (ALNCO). The school publishes an Additional

Needs Policy and Mrs. Hannah Evans oversees both mainstream ALN as well as our Specialist Resource Base (SRB). The school also hosts a satellite KS3 class for Trinity Fields Special School. The Governors Link for ALN is Mrs. Nicola Gidden.

The school is preparing for the changes as per the new ALN Bill, and have held information meetings for parents with regard to the changes in policy, practice and procedures. If pupils, parents or carers have any questions about this, they should contact Mrs. Hannah Evans ALNCO in the first instance.

**Disabled Pupils**

The school meets the needs of all pupils with appropriate procedures to ensure accessibility across the school site

**Facilities**

The school works closely with CCBC to maintain and improve facilities across the school including classrooms, social spaces and toilet facilities. The school pays for an additional Service Level Agreement with CCBC for additional time from a CCBC Health and Safety Support Officer to ensure that all works are carried out in a timely fashion.

**Sport**

All pupils have access to a wide range of sports both within their curriculum and out of lessons. The school has a 5x60 Officer and a WRU Rugby Hub Officer to support learning opportunities outside the curriculum. The school has a successful sporting tradition, particularly in rugby, dance and gymnastics, and benefits from access to a LA Leisure Centre on the school site which includes a fitness suite, dance studio, astroturf and sports hall.

**Healthy eating and drinking**

The school canteen is maintained by and run by Caerphilly LA Catering Services. The menu conforms with Healthy Eating and Drinking expectations.

## **School Development Plan 2018-2019**

The school has set six priorities for 2018-2019:

### **Standards**

SDP1 - Further improve standards and progress across KS3, KS4 and KS5, with particular reference to KS4 outcomes and the performance of eFSM pupils

### **Teaching and learning experiences**

SDP2 - Further improve the quality and impact of teaching, learning and assessment through Principles of Excellent Teaching Programme (PET1 and PET2) to ensure the progress of all pupils

SDP3 - Further improve provision for skills across the curriculum for all pupils

### **Wellbeing, care, support and guidance**

SDP4 - Further improve pupil wellbeing, with particular reference to attendance, punctuality and attitudes to learning

### **Leadership and management**

SDP5 - Further develop partnership arrangements, including partnership with CCBC to ensure that the learning environment is fit for 21<sup>st</sup> century purpose

SDP6 - Further develop the quality and effectiveness of all leaders to reduce in school variance, with particular reference to KS4 outcomes and skill provision and progress

A copy of the School Development Plan is available on the school website.

**Please click on the attachments for the following appendices**

Appendix 1 - **[Financial Statement](#)**

Appendix 2 - **[School Comparative Reports](#)** - KS3 DEWi and KS4 SSSP

Appendix 3 – School **[Targets](#)**

Appendix 4 - **[Destination](#)** data