



Annual Report from Governors 2023-24

St Cenydd Community School is an English medium, 11-19 comprehensive school, maintained by Caerphilly County Borough Council. Our school serves Trecenydd, Hendredenny, Abertridwr, Senghenydd, Penyrheol, Llanbradach, and the surrounding areas. We host a Specialist Resource base for children and a satellite class for Trinity Fields Special school. We work in partnership with 2 other local school to provide a wider curriculum offer at KS5.

There are over 1,000 pupils on roll and over a third of our pupils are eligible for a free school meal.

The school was last inspected by Estyn in November 2019 when the school was judged to be good in the five inspection areas.

Governing Body

Governor Type	Name	Term of Office Ends
Community	Nicola Gidden	24.05.2027
	Andrew Ralph	16.10.2027
	Robert Forester	26.01.2028
	Samantha Jarrett	16.10.2027
	Jarrold Higgs	18.10.2025
LA	Sam Lewis	
	Huw Davies	
	Graham Evans	
	John Poyner	
	Nicola Davies	
Parent	Mark Barry	17.02.2027
	Philippa Skipper	30.03.2027
	Jared Lougher	02.05.2026
	Elen Riva Jones	15.06.2026
	Jenny Robinson	15.06.2026
	Maggie Blundell	06.03.2027
Headteacher	Rebecca Collins	
Teacher	Katherine McCullough	28.08.2027
	Matthew McGregor	28.08.2027
Staff	Claire Harding	14.10.2025

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

FAO Clerk to the Governing Body

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The next parent election will be in summer term 2026.

School Information for Parents

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Chair of Governing Body Robert Forester

Vice Chair of Governing Body Nicola Davies

Headteacher Rebecca Collins

Type Community

Age Range 11-18

Language English medium

Teaching time per week 25 hours

Term dates 2024-2025

Autumn: Monday 2 September – Friday 20 December 2024

Spring: Monday 6 January – Friday 11 April 2025

Summer: Monday 28 April – Monday 21 July 2025

INSET Days: 2 September, 20 December, 7 February, 24 March, 27 June and 21 July

School Development Plan 2023/2026

Our whole school priorities are outlined in our School Development Plan, and have two golden threads running through each one of the priorities below. These golden threads are provision and outcomes of our most disadvantaged and wellbeing provision and standards. We are in year two of our three year plan.

Our whole school priorities for the three years, with our 2024/25 focus

- SDP1 Teaching and Learning with focus on improving student engagement in their learning
- SDP2 Standards and Outcomes with focus on improving student outcomes particularly at KS4
- SDP3 Skills and Experience with focus on improving pupils progress in skills
- SDP4 Wellbeing and Support with focus on improving attendance and engagement with parents
- SDP5 Leadership with focus on the quality assurance by, and of, leaders

Estyn inspected St Cenydd School in November 2019. A copy of the school inspection report is on Estyn website. There were two recommendations for the school following that inspection:

1. Improve provision for the development of pupils' skills across the curriculum
2. Strengthen arrangements for evaluating and securing improvement in pupils' standards and progress in skills

Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Priority 5
<p>To further improve the quality of teaching, encouraging our teachers and learners to be 'brave'</p> <p>To further improve pupil engagement and participation in their learning</p> <p>To further develop our subject specific pedagogy</p> <p>To further develop in lesson feedback to inform teaching in the moment</p> <p>To develop Wave 1 qualifications in line with our pedagogical principles</p> <p>To introduce an experience week building on our 'I know, I can, I am' approach</p>	<p>To improve performance in the Capped Nine</p> <p>To further develop the range of qualifications</p> <p>To improve our tracking system using Go4Schools and to ensure accuracy and timeliness of data collection</p> <p>To review our reporting to parents to ensure fit for purpose</p> <p>To develop Extended CAB approach to ensure closer tracking of standards</p>	<p>To further raise standards of literacy skills</p> <p>To further raise standards of numeracy skills</p> <p>To develop literacy and numeracy intervention programmes</p> <p>To develop range of opportunities linked to skill development</p> <p>To complete ALN Reform transition</p> <p>To provide bespoke ALN PL including for cluster</p> <p>To develop QA / VA tracking system for interventions</p>	<p>To improve attendance and punctuality</p> <p>To improve attendance of those who are persistently absent</p> <p>To improve behaviour and engagement</p>	<p>To further develop MERA and improvement planning for Governors</p> <p>To further develop QA of and by leaders across the school</p>

Policies	All school policies are updated as necessary by the Senior Leadership Team and Governors. All policies are available from the school.
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 has offered the new Curriculum from Wales to Year 7 from September 2022 onwards. 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 Mr Lee Dickinson (Assistant Headteacher) who is also the Looked After Child (LAC) Officer. The Deputy Child Protection Officers are Mr Ceri Bown and Mrs Hannah Evans. 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 class for Trinity Fields Special School. The Governors Link for ALN is Mrs. Nicola Gidden.
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 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.

Further details about the school are available on the My Local School website. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will be happy to help.