



Governors' Annual Report to Parents 2020-21



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Letter from the Chairs of Governors

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are settled into this new school year and I am pleased to let you know that the 2021 Governors' Report to Parents is now available on the school website:

www.danescourtprm.cardiff.sch.uk - please follow the link on the home page.

If you would like a paper copy of the report, one can be collected from the School Office.

The report contains information that will be of interest to you including:

- **The governing body's approved priorities for 2021-22**
- **School achievements during the last academic year**
- **A review of completed and planned work on the school premises.**

You may notice that there are no end of Key Stage Teachers Assessments nor a summary of progress towards the school's priorities for the last academic year. This is due to the Welsh Government not collecting this data due to the impact of Covid-19 on schools this year. As you are aware, many meetings have had to change to online this year for the same reason and this applies to our Annual General Meeting as well. It will be held this year, on **7th January 2022 at 9.30am**. You will be sent a link to a Teams meeting early in the new term.

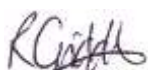
I would like to thank you all for your continued support and engagement throughout the last year. Our school has continued to thrive in the midst of the disruption surrounding it and our pupils have developed new levels of perseverance.

I must also acknowledge the amazing staff - we have the privilege of utilising their expertise! We have also drawn upon their ingenuity, determination and their commitment to continue to provide an innovative educational environment while under enormous pressure. I thank them all for exceeding their job descriptions in ways we couldn't even have imagined!

If you have any questions about the content of the report, please drop a letter to the school office or contact me via the school email danescourtprm@cardiff.gov.uk

On behalf of the governors, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours faithfully



Mrs. Rowena Criddle

Chair of Governors

Reflections from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,
Reflecting back on 2020-21, it turned out to be another year full of challenge as once again we were forced to close our doors due to the pandemic. I was very proud of how well my staff and our pupils adapted to the challenges that the year brought. Staff became very proficient at providing relevant and engaging on line learning and all became expert at broadcasting live to their classes. Our pupils' IT skills accelerated expediently and pupils overcame initial nervousness about meeting their classmates on line. Despite these notable achievements, it was a great relief to welcome pupils back to school in person.

We have not underestimated the negative impact on the mental health of pupils that the last twenty months has had on pupils. We have been careful to plan carefully to meet their wellbeing needs both through our Thrive programme which seeks to meet gaps in pupils' emotional development as well as developing a bespoke emotional literacy programme called 'Wellbeing Matters' which looks at supporting all aspects of wellbeing; physical, spiritual and emotional. All our pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 enjoy this on a weekly basis as part of the provision made for pupils during Teachers' Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA).

Although many of our normal enriching activities have either been suspended or done very differently due to COVID restraints we have worked hard to ensure that we are offering our pupils exciting outdoor and indoor experiences. We have expanded our Forest School programme so that pupils get a block of five sessions each academic year to build team and self- esteem skills. During the last year, we have been fortunate to increase our stock of chrome books and iPads considerably so that each year group has access to enough devices to really enhance learning. Teachers have worked hard to build on the competencies developed throughout lockdowns. We have worked hard to increase 'pupil voice' in their own learning as we develop our bespoke Danescourt Curriculum in response to the new Curriculum for Wales 2022. Teaching staff continue to build their expertise in the six

new areas of learning: Language, Literacy and Communication, Mathematics and Numeracy, Health and Wellbeing, Science and Technology, Expressive Arts and Humanities. This academic year has begun with a whole school Learning Context focus on 'Our World' with the Expressive Arts as the lens, with pupils working towards a showcase to demonstrate some of their learning experiences. These are as diverse as an Art Exhibition, An animated film, a you tube channel and a whole class dance.

The initial teaching education programme in school continues to thrive. This year we are providing school- based learning for 17 PGCE students. Nine of them are on practice with us now with another 9 in the second half of the year. We now have four teachers on staff who were formerly students with us at Danescourt.

Unable to do many of the things that mark the passage of the school year; New Parent Meetings, Family Assemblies, Leavers' Ceremonies, we have learnt to celebrate in different ways with pupils and staff becoming confident film makers.

Probably the highlight of the year academically for the school was the award of Silver Status as a Rights Respecting School. This award recognised the progress made in integrating Children's rights into our Curriculum and the values of our school. We look forward to working towards the Gold Award this year.

One of the hugely positive things about this year have been the many affirming interactions with parents on the door, on the gate and digitally through learning platforms and the fresh realisation that school and home are partners in the education of your amazing sons and daughters.

Thank you for your continued partnership in the education of our pupils.

With kind regards



Judith M. Davies- Headteacher

Danescourt Primary School Governing Body 2020-21

Parent	Dirk Wilson	Oct 24
	Mr. Richard Hopkin	Oct 24
	Mr. Mark Vaughan	Oct 24
	Mrs. Joanne Snaith	Oct 24
	Mrs. Kirsty Davies	Oct 23
Community	Mr. Brian Stark	Jan 25
	Mrs. Rowena Criddle	Sept 24
	Mrs. Pauline Parry	Nov 24
	Mrs. Lisa Lewis	Oct 24
Local Authority	Mrs. Marie John	Nov 22
	Mr. Leon Goddard	Sept 21
	Mrs. Nisreen Mansour	June 21
	Cllr Sean Driscoll	Sept 22
Headteacher	Mrs. Judith Davies	N/A
Teacher	Mrs. Joanne Deek	Sept 24
	Mr. Tim Howard	Sept 24
Support Staff	Mrs. Emma Hedges	Sept 24
Clerk to Governors	Mrs, Cath Lewis-Davies c/o Danescourt Primary School	N/A
Observers	Miss. Kate Haynes- Deputy Headteacher	N/A N/A
	Miss. Claire Lawton – Senior Teacher	



Nurturing, Growing, Thriving

Meithrin, Tyfu, Llwyddo

Danescourt Primary aspires to be:

- a pioneer in education with high aspirations
- at the heart of our community working in partnership to provide a welcoming, motivating learning experience for all
- a provider of a vibrant, relevant curriculum where everyone is challenged and inspired to shine

Our aims for pupils as learners are that they are:

- culturally and socially accepting and tolerant, making positive contributions to Danescourt Primary and the wider community
- globally and ethically informed, ready to adapt to an ever-changing world and respectful of their local and global environment
- emotionally resilient and confident, able to face challenges with assurance, learn from mistakes and take responsible risks
- mindful of and responsible for their own health and wellbeing
- flexible and creative with a positive attitude to life and learning
- organised and inquisitive, taking responsibility for their own learning
- collaborators, who build positive relationships based on mutual respect
- numerate, literate and technologically skilled, have high expectations of themselves and their work
- equipped for the technological age and use technology responsibly
- aware that their actions have consequences and are able to take responsibility for the impact on the school community, on-line and on the wider world

Our school ethos is one that promotes:

- the child at the core of everything

Our non-negotiable aspiration as a school is that:

Danescourt Primary is a happy school where everyone is valued and inspired to give of their best.

Danescourt Primary School Priorities 2021-22

- ❖ To further embed the Rights Respecting Ethos into our school
- ❖ To further improve the mechanisms to monitor and improve pupils' wellbeing
- ❖ To continue to evolve and design the new curriculum in preparation for 2022
- ❖ To establish Danescourt Primary as a Thinking Schools Hub across South Wales
- ❖ To continue to improve standards of Science and Technology across the school



Additional Learning Needs

Our work this year has been guided by three huge priorities: preparations for the new Additional Needs Legislation, leading the training on Adverse Childhood Experiences and the introduction of Thrive a new emotional wellbeing measure and intervention throughout the school.

New Additional Needs Act (ALNET)

A staggered start to the new legislation was announced by the Welsh Government following delays due to the second lockdown in school. We are now busy preparing for the first landmark date in the New Year. The main differences for parents that the legislation will bring is a change in the paperwork and classification surrounding those with additional needs and a move towards a more person- centered approach to planning for provision and assessment. We will be holding a workshop for parents and carers to explain these changes and what they will mean for our pupils with additional needs as soon as we are able and adding more information to our website to advise parents/Carers.

Thrive Emotional Literacy Programme

Two members of our staff Mrs. Deek and Mrs. Loney have qualified as thrive practitioners and are able to lead individual and group interventions with pupils needing extra support with emotional literacy. We have received further training as a whole staff and are now firmly committed to this approach moving forward with Mrs. Loney training to be a Thrive Trainer.

Pupil Progress Meetings

The Additional Needs Co-coordinators meet three times a year with Mrs. Davies (Headteacher) and every class teacher to discuss the progress of each pupil individually and any intervention or challenge that may be needed.

If you have any concerns about the progress of your child, please feel free to leave a message for us at school and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

As ALNCos, we move year groups when our pupils move enabling us to maintain continuity and build on partnerships with parents.

Mrs. R. Ford (Additional Needs Co-ordinator for Nursery pm, Birch, Y2, Y4 and Y6) and Mrs. J. Deek (ALNco for Nursery am, Beech, Y1, Y3 and Y5)

Improvements to the Physical Environment of the School 2020-21

Improvement

Upgrade of School Security Cameras and burglar alarm in Roots

Installation of an additional 3 maglock secure door devices

Installation of a new smartboard in the Learning hub

Construction of new Forest Schools Hub for Early Years

Installation of a new Forest School area in the Nursery garden

Refurbishment and extension of the Year 1 and 2 toilets

Redecoration of the Year 1 and 2 Classrooms

Installation of benched area around Roots for playtime use.

CARDIFF COUNCIL/GYNGOR CAERDYDD

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SCHOOLS OUTTURN OF EXPENDITURE/CANLYNIAD GW/**

Governing Body/Corff Llywodraethu of: Dan

**Governor Approved
Budget/Cyllideb a
Gymeradwywyd gan y
Llywodraethwyr**

£

Staffing costs/Costau Staff

Teaching Costs/Costau Addysgu	960,326
Special Needs Teachers/Athrawon Anghenion Arbennig	0
Teachers for statemented pupils/Athrawon ar gyfer disgyblion sy'n destun datganiad	0
Short Term Supply/Llanw Byr Dymor	0
Long Term Supply/Llanw Hir Dymor	34,141
Special Needs Support Staff/Staff Cymorth Anghenion Arbennig	131,107
Nursery Assts/ Teachers Aides / Adult Helpers/Cynorthwyr Meithrinfa/ Cymhorthion Athrawon / Cynorthwyr	285,761
Foreign Language Assistants/Cynorthwyr Ieithoedd Tramor	0
Technicians/Technegwyr	0
Mid Day Supervisors/Gorychwlwyr Canol Dydd	13,952
Library Staff / Attend Officer/Staff Llyfrgell / Swyddog Presenoldeb	0
Administrative Staff/Staff Gweinyddol	43,443
Non teaching supply costs/Costau llanw staff heb fod yn athrawon	0
Training Costs/Costau hyfforddi	16,093
Other Staff Costs/Costau staff eraill	65,895
Performance Management/Rheoli Perfformiad	0

Total Staffing Costs/Cyfanswm Costau Staff

Premises Related Costs/Costau Eiddo

Caretaking Staff/Staff Gofalwyr	29,653	
Domestic Staff/Staff Domestig	22,093	
Grounds Staff/Staff y Tir	2,500	
Cleaning Costs/Costau Glanhau	50,990	
Energy Costs/Costau Ynni	16,400	
Rates/Cyfraddau	31,030	
Repairs and Maintenance/Atgyweiriau a Chynhaliaeth	14,590	
Water/Dŵr	6,960	
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Total Premises Related Costs/Cyfanswm Costau Eiddo		174,216
Transport Costs/Costau Cludiant		
Pupil Transport Costs/Costau Cludiant Disgyblion	0	
Staff Transport Costs/Costau Cludiant Staff	0	
Vehicle Costs/Costau Cerbydau	0	
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Total Transport Costs/Cyfanswm Costau Cludiant		0
Supplies and Services/Cyflenwadau a Gwasanaethau		
Teaching Materials/Adnoddau Addysgu	19,936	
Equipment, Furniture, Materials & music tuition/Offer, Dodrefn, Deunyddiau a hyfforddiant cerddoriaeth	5,000	
Library Books & Materials/Llyfrau a Deunyddiau Llyfrgell	0	
Catering Costs/Costau Arlwyo	3,500	
Unallocated / Savings to be found/Arian heb ei ddsbarthu / Cynilion	1,528	
Communications Equipment and Services/Offer a Gwasanaethau Cyfathrebu	13,800	
Consultants Fees/Ffioedd Ymgynghorwyr	0	
Examinations Fees/Ffioedd Arholiadau	0	
Games & School Activities/Gemau a Gweithgareddau Ysgol	9,000	
Clerk to Governing Body/Clerc y Corff Llywodraethu	1,150	
Other office costs/Costau swyddfa eraill	15,442	
Printing & Stationery/Argraffu a Deunydd Ysgrifennu	6,700	
Pupil Exclusions/Gwaharddiadau Disgyblion	0	
Subsistence and expenses/Cynhaliaeth a threuliau	0	
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Total Supplies and Services/Cyfanswm Cyflenwadau a Gwasanaethau		76,056
Central Services/Gwasanaethau Canolog		
School Meals/Prydau Ysgol	15,770	
Service Level Agreements/Trefniadau Lefel Gwasanaeth	42,010	
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**Total for Central Services/Cyfanswm ar gyfer
Gwasanaethau Canolog**

57,780

Income/Incwm

Additional Central Funding/Nawdd Canolog Ychwanegol	-196,385
Community Education/Addysg Cymunedol	0
Donations/Rhoddion	-14,365
Lettings/Gosodiadau	-4,000
Other Income/Incwm arall	-7,700
Grant Income/Incwm rhent	0
Sales/Gwerthiannau	0
School Meals Recharge/Talu am Brydau Ysgol	0
Training and Tuition Income/Incwm Hyfforddiant	-12,950

Total Income/Cyfanswm Incwm

-235,400

Interest and Other/Llog ac Arall

Interest on investments/Llog ar fuddsoddiadau	0
School Investments/Buddsoddiadau Ysgol	0
Withdrawal Investments/Buddsoddiadau Dileadau	0
School Deficit/Gwariant Ysgol	
Temporary Loans/Benthyciadau Dros Dro	0
Temporary Loans/Benthyciadau Dros Dro	0
Interest/Llog	0

0

Total Interest and Other/Cyfanswm Llog ac arall

Total Net Expenditure/Cyfanswm Gwariant Net

1,623,370

Less Uninvested Balance Brought Forward/Llai'r Balans na fuddsoddiwyd a ddygwyd ymlaen

13,910

Less earmarked Rates/Llai'r Cyfraddau a glustnodwyd

-31,030.00

Contribution to / from balances/Cyfraniad i / o falansys

Revised Net Expenditure/Gwariant Net Diwygiedig

1,606,250

Summary/Crynodeb

**Total resources available in 2020-2021 / Cyfanswm
adnoddau ar gael yn 2020-2021**

£

School balances Brought forward from 2019-2020/Balansau ysgol a ddygwyd ymlaen o 2019-2020	-13,910.37
School Loans Brought forward from 2019-2020/Benthyciadau Ysgol a Ddygwyd ymlaen o 2019-2020	0.00
Prior Year Adjustment/Cyn Addasiad Blwyddyn	0.00
Total delegated resources/Cyfanswm adnoddau dirprwyedig	1,637,280
Total/Cyfanswm	1,623,369.63
Actual Expenditure/Gwariant Cyflawnedig	1,548,960.36
Less change in investments/Llai'r newid mewn buddsoddiadau	0.00
Less Movements in Temporary Loan/Llai'r Symudiadau â Benthyciadau Dros Dro	0.00
Less variance in earmarked rates/Llai'r amrywiant â chyfraddau a glustnodir	0.00
Total balance carried forward to 2021-2022/Cyfanswm Balans a ddygwyd ymlaen i 2021-2022	74,409.27
Statement of Balances Held/Datganiad Balansau	£
Uninvested Balance as at 31st March 2021/Balans na fuddsoddwyd ar 31 Mawrth 2021	74,409.26
Invested Balance as at 31st March 2021/Balans a fuddsoddwyd ar 31 Mawrth 2021	0.00
Outstanding Loans as at 31st March 2021/Benthyciadau dros ben ar 31 Mawrth 2021	0.00
Total Balances held as at 31st March 2021/Cyfanswm Balansau ar 31 Mawrth 2021	74,409.26

Matthew W. Jones

for Corporate Director Resources
Prif Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol Adnoddau

£

