



WTC Local School Governor Representative's Report

Following a very busy and insightful year as a school governor at Ysgol Llys Hywel, here is a brief summary of what has happened over the last 12 months:

Governor Training

As a new governor I attended two mandatory courses for training purposes – Governor Induction & Data Analysis. Pembrokeshire County Council opened their training up to governors outside of the county and so I was fortunate to be able to attend during the evenings in Haverfordwest.

Governor Learning Walks

Part of our roles as governors is to conduct learning walks around the school focusing on certain elements of the School Development Plan (SDP). I have done two learning walks to assess Staff Wellbeing and the provision of ICT across the school. On both occasions I went during school time so that I was able to see both teachers & pupils in their classrooms to provide honest feedback.

Appointment of New Headteacher

Following Mr Griffiths' resignation, we were tasked with recruiting a new headteacher which involved numerous meetings reviewing candidates' CV's and a full day of interviews. We appointed Mrs Vanessa Roberts who has been in post since September 2019.

The recruitment process is somewhat different within the private sector, so this was a new experience for me one of which I thoroughly enjoyed and found very interesting.

Appointment of New Teachers

We advertised two teaching posts which followed a similar recruitment process to the above that I was also involved with. Both Mrs Cornish & Miss Loveridge have settled in well to their new roles – the School Council were involved during all recruitment days and their challenging questions were very well prepared and more importantly they provided us with honest and constructive feedback!

Estyn Inspection

The school were subject to an Estyn inspection between the 25th November – 28th November 2019. Both myself and the chairman Rodney Powell met with an Estyn Inspector to discuss the governing body relationship with the school. The meeting focused mainly around the SDP and how our role as the “critical friend” feeds into the SDP. Following the inspection, we have constructively reviewed the feedback and continue to work closely with the school to develop and maintain standards.

Foundation Phase – Welsh Medium Education

From the 1st September 2020, the nature of Foundation Phase provision at Ysgol Llys Hywel changes to Welsh medium with Dual Stream provision remaining from Key Stage 2.

We continue to meet every term and I have a third learning walk on Thursday, 5th March. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as a Community Governor and hope to further develop my role within the governing body so that I can continue to support Ysgol Llys Hywel in the most effective way possible. A final note to thank both Cllr Sue Allen & Rodney Powell for their guidance throughout the process.

Cllr Ffion Scourfield

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