



The Governor's Annual Report to Parents 2021 to 2022

A message from our Chair of Governors:

2021 to 2022 saw continued disruption to school life caused by the coronavirus pandemic, however, Governors were extremely impressed with the resilience shown by everyone at Park C.P. as they dealt with the challenges and overcame difficult situations. Despite the return to class 'bubbles' and increased safety measures introduced in January 2022, children continued to access high quality learning opportunities and made progress across all areas of the curriculum.

New initiatives were introduced throughout the school, such as Inspire Maths, Forest School and Time to Shine and staff embraced these new approaches to teaching, whilst keeping the priority on the health and well-being of the children. By the summer term, school was once again able to open up to parents and visitors with newly fashioned Sports Days and Graduation Ceremonies to celebrate the achievements of children in Years 2 and 6. This is a clear step forward, towards more 'normal' school experiences.

With the publication of our New Curriculum in preparation for September 2022, these are certainly exciting times for all schools across Wales and as Governors we are fully supportive of the changes being made at Park C.P. for the benefit of all the children. My fellow Governors and I are now able to resume in person visits which we so dearly missed doing and we are looking forward to meeting with staff and children once again.

On behalf of all the members of the Governing Body I would like to thank all parents/carers and members of staff for their continued combined efforts to ensure that our school remains a place where all children can thrive and realise their full potential.

Mr Ian Edwards

Our Governing Body

Chair of Governors:

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Billington

Parent Governors: *(Elected by parental vote and serve a 4 year term; all terms started October 2020):*

Mrs Amanda Jones

Mrs Sarah Jones

Mrs Ceri Williams

Mr Mike Smith

Mr Matthew Ellis

Governors did not receive any funds for travel expenses or any other expenses during the year.

Teacher Governors: *(Elected by teachers)*

Mrs Beth Rolls

Mrs Emma Rogers

Staff Governors: *(Elected by non-teaching staff)*

Mrs Myra Cawthorne

Wrexham LA Governors: *(Appointed by Wrexham Local Authority)*

Mr Rob Walsh

Mrs Liz Davies

Mr Daniel Robertson

VACANCY

Community Governors: *(Invited to join the Governing Body by other members due to their specialist skills which add value to the Governing Body as a whole)*

Mr Paul Whiting (Vice Chair)

Mr Wynn Austin

Mrs Lynda Love

Mrs Clare Harding

Clerk to the Governing Body : Wrexham CBC

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The Role of the Governing Body at School:

Our Governing Body serves to drive the strategic development of the school ensuring that we raise standards of achievement and meet the needs of all learners.

Each member of the Governing Body sits on at least one committee, which focus on key areas including Staffing, Curriculum, Premises and Budget. Governors choose which committee(s) they sit on depending, on their interests or areas of expertise.

Committees meet once a term, usually via Zoom, to receive a comprehensive report from the Headteacher. In addition, Governors also visit the building to complete Health & Safety checks and are welcomed to meet with the children to view samples of work and observe academic standards.

Meetings of the full Governing Body take place termly and when possible are held face to face.



A Message from the Staffing Committee:

The Staffing Committee meet to ensure suitable staffing is maintained at the school, in line with the schools budget. The committee are actively involved in ensuring Performance Management targets are met and discuss any training or support needed by all members of staff.

During the year 2021 to 2022 the staffing committee approved the appointment of new teachers and TAs to our school to work in various roles. In addition, the Staffing Committee permitted new roles to be created for existing staff, to ensure our children have the very best experiences whilst at Park C.P.. These roles included our new TA for Well-Being, our Forest School Leader and our Time to Shine TA in Years 5 & 6.



School Finances:

The Finance Committee strive to ensure that the school operates within it's budget. During the year 2021 to 2022 we did not have to seek permission to run a deficit budget as the school was able to carry over a surplus.

Budget forecasts can frequently change throughout the course of the year and by proper scrutiny and advice the committee were able to support the Headteacher in managing the school's finances extremely well. We are grateful to the Finance Committee for their thorough observations of the accounts.

During the year 2021 to 2022 the Finance Committee ensured a dedicated budget was awarded to improving standards of Mathematics across the school with the introduction of Inspire Maths. The budget covered the costs of staff training and the purchase of new resources to support the programme. In addition, the Finance Committee approved the purchase of new interactive screens for classes via Welsh Government grants and funded resources to develop our Forest School Areas.



A Message from the Curriculum Committee:

The Curriculum Committee looks at the work that takes place within the classroom at Park C.P. School. Governors on the committee work alongside staff to support and challenge curriculum delivery. They also receive reports at regular intervals throughout the academic year from the Headteacher on the tracking and monitoring of pupil performance data. This supports the school in ensuring that every pupil achieves their potential at the end of each key stage.

During the 2021 to 2022 academic year, staff and governors worked to create a New Curriculum for the children to begin in September 2022. The views of all stakeholders were considered and following advice from Local Authority and GwE officers, our Curriculum Vision was published on our website in July 2022.

To view our Curriculum Vision click on the link below:

<https://www.parkcpllay.co.uk/new-curriculum/>

Health & Safety – Premises Committee

The Premises Committee members meet at school each term to assess the building, grounds and ensure all Health & Safety requirements are being met appropriately. Following the pandemic, school welcomed Governors back into school in the Summer Term of 2022, when a full inspection was completed. Any issues raised by the committee are acted upon in an agreed and timely manner by the Headteacher and Caretaker.

In January 2022, school underwent a full Health & Safety inspection carried out by Wrexham County Borough council. A report was then presented to the full Governing Body along with an Action Plan of how concerns/issues raised would be addressed. All school actions were completed by March 2022.

In addition:

- Fire Drills were carried out termly and any issues addressed.



The North Wales Fire Service carried out a premises inspection and no issues were raised.

- All alarm systems (Fire and Security) were serviced by qualified engineers from Barlows, at regular intervals throughout the year
- Coded locks for entry onto the school premises and into building were changed for security purposes
- Maintenance work was completed on our Sprinkler and Boiler systems

Carpets were professionally cleaned in areas of Key Stage 2

Foundation Phase classrooms for Years 1 & 2 were decorated.

Two of our long serving cleaners, Mrs V Broderick and Mrs W Salisbury retired from their roles and our Caretaker, Mr A Singleton sadly resigned from his post in August 2022. The Governing Body wish to express their thanks to all for the hard work and commitment shown to school over the years. We wish you all the very best for the future.

Evaluation Committee Meetings:

The Evaluation Committee takes a proactive approach and visits school each term to monitor the standards of work produced by the children and to carefully scrutinise data.

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, visits to school were suspended in the year 2021 to 2022 and the committee was unable to meet. However, regular updates in regard to progress was still given via the termly Headteacher's Report to the Governing Body.

In July 2022, Community Governor Rob Walsh, attended school on a Learning Walk with GwE and gave the following feedback:

“Quote”

Information & Policies

Languages:

Park C.P. is an English medium school where Welsh is taught as a second language to all children. Children are given opportunities throughout the day to extend upon their English vocabulary and understanding along with opportunities to develop their Welsh Language understanding and fluency. Following the introduction on the new Curriculum for Wales, we be teaching Makaton and British Sign Language to children from Nursery to Year 6.

Healthy Schools:

Park CP continues to participate in Wrexham's Healthy Schools Initiative. Healthy eating is promoted through areas of Knowledge & Understanding of the World in Foundation Phase classes and during Science lessons in Key Stage 2.

The School Meals Service works closely with school to promote healthy eating choices. Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day and we have a number of drinking water stations placed throughout school.

In our Annual Report to Parents 2021 to 2022 we are not required to publish information relating to: School Performance

Absence

Targets

due to the Coronavirus pandemic.



Our Strategic Equality Plan was approved by Governors for 2020 to 2024.

Copies are available on request

Our School Prospectus is updated annually and can be found on our website at

www.parkcpplay.co.uk

Policy Updates:

All of our Policy documents for Curricular and Non-Curricular areas are in place, along with our School Improvement Plan and School Prospectus.

Plans and schemes of work are created termly by staff across the school and ensure complete curriculum coverage. Copies of all our policies are available upon request,

Treasure Chest:

Treasure Chest is a Wraparound/Childcare facility that operates within our building. Care is provided for children as young as 2 years old up to age 11years.

Treasure Chest includes provisions for Flying Start, Early Education, Nursery Wraparound, Under 3s Childcare, Breakfast Club, After School Club and Holiday Club.



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Additional Learning Needs:

In September 2021, the Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Framework became statutory and school ensured that we are fully compliant with the new regulations. Procedures are in place to identify children who present as having ALN and a careful process is followed involving parents children, teachers and our ALNCO to ensure all reasonable measures are being taken to meet his/her needs. We have two Resourced Provision classes at school, one in Foundation Phase and one in Key Stage 2. Children are placed in our Resource Provisions by the Local Authority and all have Statements of Special Educational Needs or the new Individual Development Plans.

School works very closely with outside agencies including the Educational Psychologist, the Local Authority Inclusion Officers and Speech and Language Therapists.

Mrs C. Parry is our schools Additional Learning Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (ALNCo).



Year 3 pupil, Cindy Wang receiving her prize after winning a competition run by Wrexham based company Eco Readymix. The prize included £200 towards School Funds.

School Improvement:

Our priorities for the year 2021 to 2022 focussed once again on the Well-Being of the children following the Coronavirus pandemic.

Our Key Priority Areas were:

- Ensure the emotional health and mental well-being of learners is at the heart of everything we do.
- Improve standards of mathematics across the school
- Ensure effective changes are made in preparation for the new Curriculum for Wales 2022.
- Embrace the new Additional Learning Needs Framework, ensuring all statutory requirements and the needs of all learners are met

Governors received termly updates to monitor the School Improvement Plan and despite some delays caused by the pandemic, all priorities were met.

Successes during the year:

- ✓ St David's Day celebrations were held at school, including a mini Eisteddfod with competitions between classes. Rosettes were presented to the winners and Years 5 & 6 represented school in the Wrexham parade through the town centre.
- ✓ All children went on a Summer School Trip to a range of venues including SC2 Rhyl & the Ice Cream Farm.
- ✓ We enjoyed a huge celebration for the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a Street Party on the school yard, parades around the village and songs in the Rockery.
- ✓ Nine new interactive screens were purchased and installed in classes across the school.
- ✓ An end of year Fun Day with Bouncy Castles and treats was arranged for all children, including those in Flying Start and all costs were met from School Funds.

Teaching & Learning:

Children throughout the school follow a curriculum designed to allow the all-round development of the child. The statutory Foundation Phase Framework and Key Stage 2 National Curriculum take account of the children's developmental needs and build on new skills that ensure all children become confident learners who are inspired and challenged to reach their full potential. The Literacy and Numeracy Frameworks (LNF) and the Digital Competence Framework (DCF) are embedded into our curriculum.

At Park C.P. we provide a broad and balanced curriculum, filled with experiences to promote learning and independence. Teachers ensure work is challenging yet achievable and strive to ensure all children are given appropriate opportunities to achieve their potential.



In July 2022 our Year 6 pupils transferred to the following secondary schools:

Castell Alun, St Christopher's & Darland High School

Toilets:

The school has the required number of toilets for children and adults. All toilets are cleaned on a daily basis and any defects are reported immediately.

Community Links:

Following the pandemic, school strived to further our relationships with St Martin's Church, Llay and the Church of the Nazarene. Both Father Huw and Pastor David visited school to talk to the children and once again we joined in the Remembrance Day celebrations within the village.

Police Liaison Officers visited the school to deliver lessons to children from years 1 to 6 around various issues including Substance Misuse, Online Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour.

The Community Council gave generous grants throughout the year to School Funds, ensuring that children had a variety of experiences and treats including funding a gift for every child to commemorate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Throughout the year, we also received donations from local company Strode and Jeffries and Gresford United Charity towards our School Fund.

Admission Arrangements for Pupils who have a Disability:

Admissions for pupils to Park CP is determined by Wrexham Local Authority. All pupils are welcomed here and we aim to reduce/eliminate all barriers of access to the curriculum and work towards full participation in the school community for pupils and prospective pupils with a disability. We fully comply with the Disability Discrimination Act.

Term Dates 2021 – 2022

Autumn Term

Training Day: Wednesday 1st September 2021

School Opens: Thursday 2nd September 2021

School Closes: Friday 22nd October 2021

Training Day: Monday 1st November 2021

School Opens: Tuesday 2nd November 2021

School Closes: Wednesday 22nd December 2021

Spring Term

School Opens: Thursday 6th January 2022

School Closes: Friday 18th February 2022

Training Day: Monday 28th February 2022

School Opens: Monday 28th February 2022

School Closes: Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term

Training Day: Friday 29th April 2022

School Opens: Monday 25th April 2022

May Day: Monday 2nd May 2022

School Closes: Thursday 26th May 2022

School Opens: Monday 6th June 2022

School Closes: Friday 15th July 2022

Training Days: 18th & 19th July 2022

Jubilee Day Wednesday 20th July 2022

Schools were instructed to close on Friday 17th December 2021 due to increasing numbers of CoVid cases.

Schools were instructed to hold Planning Days on Thursday 6th January and Friday 7th January 2022 by Welsh Government, due to the pandemic.



Timings of the School Day

Foundation Phase: 8.55am to 3.05pm

Key Stage 2: 8.45am to 3.15pm

Lunchtimes run from 11.30am to 1.30pm

A meeting to discuss the Annual Governors report to parents will be arranged should a minimum of 5% of parents make a request for one.

To request a meeting, parents should email:

parents@park-pri.wrexham.sch.uk

by noon on the 2nd December 2022 at the latest.



Staffing

During the 2021 to 2022 year, we welcomed back Mrs J Poole and Miss N Ramsay from their Maternity Leaves.

In July 2022 we said fond farewells to Mrs L Bowles, Miss M Thomas, Mr C Breeze, Mrs V Broderick, and Mrs W Salisbury.

Financial Statement 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

BUDGET HEADING	EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) ACTUAL	EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) PLANNED BUDGET	BALANCE
STAFFING	1,552,570	1,530,940	-21,630
PREMISES	67,545	78,341	10,796
TRANSPORT	0	260	260
SUPPLIES & SERVICES	45,706	58,306	12,600
EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES	83,978	83,708	-270
CONTINGENCY FUND	0	61,671	61,671
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,749,799	1,813,226	63,427
OTHER INCOME	-422,481	-223,982	198,499
BALANCE AS AT 1st April 2021	-178,684	-178,684	0
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	1,148,634	1,410,560	261,926

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