

Governor's Annual Report to Parents - Academic Year 2024/25

Mission Statement

Ysgol Esgob Morgan is a Church in Wales primary school which aims to develop children in a caring, stimulating environment, fostering confidence, independence, kindness and good manners whilst encouraging them to ask questions, solve problems, and learn from mistakes.

The school's overarching goal is to empower pupils through an aspirational curriculum, preparing them to be responsible and successful partnership with parents and the wider community.

What Governor's Do

In Denbighshire, school governors provide strategic direction by setting the school's vision and aims, oversee budgets to ensure financial accountability, and hold the headteacher accountable for performance and safety. Governors do not get involved in the day-to-day running of the school or decide how individual pupils are educated.

Governor's Annual Report to Parents Meeting 2024

There is no requirement to hold a parents' meeting. However, the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 enables parents of registered pupils at the school to request up to three meetings per year with the governing body via a petition.

No such requests were received in 2024/25. A full copy of this report is available on the school website and at the school.

A Word from The Chair

It is my pleasure to introduce this annual report to parents for the academic year 2024/25. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Headteacher Mr Redgrave and all the staff at Ysgol Esgob Morgan for their commitment, enthusiasm and professionalism: it is evident that we have a fantastic team of staff at the school and with their hard work and dedication the learning opportunities for the pupils are excellent. I would also like to welcome our new Year 3 pupils and parents, we are pleased that you have chosen Ysgol Esgob Morgan and hope you enjoy your time with us.

The School Development Plan continues to provide the strategic direction for the school and this is monitored regularly by the Governing Body. The agreed actions relating to this year's priorities were all fully implemented and while three areas will continue to provide a focus next year, new, specific priorities will be agreed for next year's Plan which will include common, joint themes with our cluster of schools. Implementation of these will be devolved to teams of staff under the direction of the Headteacher.

I would like to wish Mr Scrimshaw all the best in his new position as he leaves us this new school year. He was a great asset to the school especially with his passion for sports and all the work he did to introduce and integrate Bili into school life. I know that they will both be greatly missed by all.

In his place I would like to extend a warm welcome back to Mr Morris who has rejoined us and is currently teaching Dosbath Moel Famau, our new Year 3 pupils. Mr Morris brings with him a wealth of knowledge and passion for the Welsh language, Welsh identity and Welsh culture. He will subsequently become our Welsh Lead for the school, which was a requirement of his position.

I would like to offer our congratulations to Miss Martin on her recent marriage celebrations over the Summer. Mrs Kerfoot-Robson, as she is now known, is back teaching Dosbarth Brenig which this year includes a mix of pupils from Year 5 and Year 6. A mixed class of Years 3 and 4 was trailed last year and due to its success and increasing pupil numbers the decision was made this academic year to combine years 5 and 6 into two classes. Mrs Subacchi is our Dosbarth Alwen teacher and so far, the mix of the two classes and year groups is working out well.

Mrs Drumm is now our Yr Wyddfa teacher and is enjoying teaching our Year 4 pupils.

The PTFA continue to go from strength to strength. They have raised funds to provide many opportunities and equipment for the pupils

They have a very busy social events calendar drawn up for the whole school year and your support in helping and/or attending would be greatly appreciated. All monies raised goes towards benefiting the pupils.

This year saw a visit from Estyn. The inspectors spent 3 days at our school and we had excellent feedback from them. The report is something that all staff should be very proud of as I know how hard they all worked in the weeks leading up to this and forfeiting their half term to prepare.

I met up with the inspectors over the course of their visit and it was lovely to hear how well behaved and polite all the pupils were.

There were two recommendations that were made by Estyn and these have now been incorporated into this year's School Development Plan. This will be discussed at each Governors meeting we have throughout the academic year and evaluated accordingly.

"The headteacher provides strong leadership with a clear vision for pupil's well being and progress. Leaders use self-evaluation effectively to drive school improvement. The governor's support the school's work well such as in the development of the curriculum and they actively monitor aspects of the school's work, including the progress pupils make in developing skills. Leaders and staff provide high levels of care and support for pupil's well-being. This is a strength of the school" Estyn 2025.

The full report can be downloaded from the Estyn website - it is something we are very proud of!

This academic year is an exciting one for the pupils with the introduction of the school currency/jobs and shop. The PTFA calendar has lots of exciting events coming up for the children to enjoy, the return of F1 and our famous 'Hot Pot and Christmas Quiz' night, plus many more activities...too many to mention and remember!

To conclude, I and my fellow governors would like to thank all parents for your support over the last 12 months and we look forward to ensuring that pupils can experience the best possible opportunities and achieving their potential. I would

also like to thank my fellow governors too for their time and commitment and wish those who have left us well.

Many Thanks

Sally Godden

Chair of Governors

Ysgol Esgob Morgan