

Ysgol Gymunedol Trimsaran



'Gwnawn ein gorau glas'

Governors Annual Report to parents 2023-24



Governing Body

TRIMSARAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY NO. 108

<i>Type of Governor</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Term of office end date</i>
<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Cllr. Mrs K. Broom (Chair)</i>	<i>03.09.2025</i>
<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Ms M. Arthur</i>	<i>31.08.2026</i>
<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Mr R. Sully</i>	<i>03.11.2027</i>
<i>Headteacher</i>	<i>Mr S. Jones</i>	
<i>Community Governor</i>	<i>Mr R. John-Howes</i>	<i>27.03.2026</i>
<i>Community Governor</i>	<i>Ms A. Nobel</i>	<i>06.03.2028</i>
<i>Community Governor</i>	<i>Mrs G. Nicholas</i>	<i>30.09.2025</i>
<i>Additional Community Governor</i>	<i>Cllr. Mrs A. Davies</i>	<i>03.06.2027</i>
<i>Parent Governor</i>	<i>Mrs A. Daniels</i>	<i>22.03.2026</i>
<i>Parent Governor</i>	<i>Mrs G. Davies</i>	<i>25.05.2026</i>
<i>Parent Governor</i>	<i>Mr I. Jones</i>	<i>06.03.2027</i>
<i>Parent Governor</i>	<i>Mrs H. Raine-Diplock (Vice-Chair)</i>	<i>23.11.2025</i>
<i>Staff Governor</i>	<i>Mrs C. Emanuel-Evans</i>	<i>18.05.2026</i>
<i>Teacher Governor</i>	<i>Miss C. Roberts</i>	<i>19.11.2025</i>

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Chairperson's Letter

Dear Parents and Supporters of Trimsaran Community School,

The year seems to have flown by, the new curriculum is being embedded within the school. Pupils are responding with enthusiasm to the more flexible approach to learning. Examples of this are the fantastic Cook24 programme along with working with local artists to create artwork which was then sold at the Christmas Fayre.

As a Governing body we welcome the support of parents when invited to see the pupils work.

This year has also seen the opening of the Bocs Boyd Blasus project where pupils are learning to grow produce to stock the shelves, to help in the shop and to take part in the marketing, poster design and video creation for meal bags. This is a great example of real-life project development and implementation. The PTA has also reformed and will be a great asset in raising funds.

One of the challenges within the school is improving attendance to allow children to fulfil their potential, we welcome support from parents and supporters of our school in this.

The Governing body would like to express our appreciation and thanks to all the staff for their sterling work, dedication and commitment to the pupils, parents, guardians, and supporters of Trimsaran School. We also appreciate the work of the senior Leadership team in a particularly challenging budgetary environment.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr. Mrs K. Broom
Chair of Governors

Progress on School Action Plan

Ysgol Gymunedol Trimsaran is a Welsh medium school. Children are immersed in the Welsh language on entry into the Nursery. The main language of instruction throughout the Foundation Learning and Key Stage 2 is Welsh. However, English is taught in lessons in K.S.2 and an emphasis on bilingualism ensures that pupils achieve high standards in both languages by the end of K.S.2.

The Headteacher and Senior Management team meet with prospective parents prior to their children starting and explains the advantages of bilingualism. All teaching staff in parents' meetings etc reiterates this message.

Homework is given out on a Thursday and to be returned on a Monday which of reading tasks, discussion cards, spelling and times tables.

There is no formal link between Ysgol Gymunedol Trimsaran and a Secondary school. Parents can apply for any Secondary school in the County. The application is based on your home address and not the primary school attended. Taster days are organised at Ysgol y Strade as this is the school that most year 6 pupils transition to, but we would recommend parents contacting the school they wish to apply for. Joint activities are arranged throughout Year 5 and 6 and parents evenings held so that transition is as smooth as possible.



The pupils follow a thematic curriculum. Themes are arranged and planned carefully for each age range ensuring complete curriculum coverage.

Intervention groups are formed on the basis of tests administered and Teacher Assessments. Pupils who need extra support in specific areas access our universal learning provision which includes ChATT, Literacy, Numeracy, Positive Play and ELSA interventions. Progress, of all learners is regularly and carefully tracked using Building Blocks and the schools' tracking systems.

The school has two trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA). They have special training from educational psychologists to support the emotional development of children and young people in school. ELSAs have regular professional supervision from educational psychologists to help them in their work.

The school continues its effort in reinforcing the importance of environmental issues. School and Eco council meet regularly and look for ways in which environmentally friendly practices can become a part of the school life. Pupil's voice is important, and they have been collecting information and acting on their ideas.



Healthy eating is promoted regularly through stickers given to pupils with healthy lunchboxes. Fruit is eaten during break times and brought in from home. Healthy eating is part of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum.

Efforts are made to increase attendance and persistent absences are Targeted and encouraged to be punctual.

Effort to improve the use of Welsh in school continues. Our initiative to promote the Welsh language within the school continues to encourage pupils to use Welsh outside the classroom as well as inside.

The Design to Smile team have provided pupils with toothbrushes and toothpaste and daily teeth brushing continues in school.



Community Links

The governing body actively encourages parents/carers and the local community to link with the school. Local businesses support the school with fundraising and support pupils' learning by allowing pupils to visit. The local shops regularly donate prizes or items for school events. The schools's Community Police Officer runs a wide range of workshops for pupils on 'internet safety', 'keeping safe' and 'drug and alcohol misuse'.

Mari Thomas, Welsh Jeweller worked with Year 3 pupils in school to create jewellery for our Christmas Fayre.

Design to Smile visit the Foundation Phase pupils and daily teeth brushing have re-commenced.

Year 2 pupils had an opportunity to work with Jackie from Carmel Pottery to create decorations and coasters.

Pupils from Year 5/6 took part in a Remembrance Service at Plas-y-Sarn.



Year 6 pupils took part in a quiz against other local schools which was organised by 'Menter Cwm Gwendraeth'.

Reception to Year 4 pupils received the flu nasal spray.

Year 6 pupils worked with Jane Evans 'Fabulous Felting' in school.

Years 5/6 received lessons on the Old and New Testament by Janet Hawkings of Bible Explorers.

The School Nurse visited the Reception class for a height and weight assessment and also for Year 1 screening.

Pupils took part in the Local Eisteddfod at Ysgol y Strade.

Years 2-6 visited Pembrey Church for a Thansgiving Service and Llandry Church for a Christingle Service.

The school choir were invited to sing at Plas-y-Sarn Christmas Fayre and Asda, Llanelli.



Kerbcraft an enterprise by the National Assembly have worked with Year 2 pupils to discuss safety on the road.

Year 3 have visited Nantycaws Recycling Centre to learn about recycling and the environment.

Year 2 visited Llanelli Beach to learn about the effect of pollution on beaches and wildlife.

Year 5 visited Llanelli and Swansea to compare a town to a city.

Technocamps worked with Years 5/6 at school.

Year 6 visited the Welsh Assembly building in Cardiff Bay 'Senedd'.

Years 4, 5 and 6 visited Pembrey Country Park for toboggan and tubing sessions.

Years 4, 5 and 6 have taken part in cookery sessions at school with 'Cook 24'.

Years 5 and 6 visited London for an overnight stay and visited the local attractions.

Bronwen Lewis, Welsh Singer worked with Years 3-6 to compose a song.

Years 1 and 3 visited St Fagans Museum to learn about old toys and houses.

Year 5 pupils visited Carmarthen Library.

Year 4 visited Naitonal Botanical Gardens to learn about ponds and wildlife.

St David's Day Coffee Morning was held in the school for parents/guardians/visitors and they were entertained by the pupils.

Year 2 pupils visited Burry Port Beach and RNLI.



Additional Learning Needs

There are currently three pupils with a statement of Additional Learning Needs and ten pupils with an Individual Development Plan. Teaching assistants are employed to support some 12 pupils who are currently receiving intervention that is over and above what is provided by universal provision.

Individual Development Planning meetings have been held to discuss several pupils who have additional learning needs. Agencies involved share information regularly and plan together for strategies for improvement.

Programmes such as 'Read Write Inc', 'Hwb Ymlaen' and 'Positive Play' are being used. Intervention groups to help pupils with numeracy and literacy are held from Years 2-6. 'The Actions Alphabet' and 'Tric a Chlic' is introduced in the Nursery and is used in the whole of the Foundation Phase for all pupils. Over the past year, reading intervention has taken place inside the classroom.

Support is provided by a team of Teaching Assistants lead by our Additional Learning Needs Coordinator, Catrin Roberts.

Children can receive their support either in the classroom or by being withdrawn into special teaching areas. Pupils have full access to the school's resources and the school adheres to the Additional Learning Needs Policy.

Sporting and other achievements

Years 3-6 competed in a Cross-Country Competition at Pembrey Country Park.

Sports After School Club is held on a weekly basis with Miss Roberts and Mr Dafydd.

Pupils have taken part in an Actif Sir Gâr sports activities at the school.

Four pupils from Year 6 attended a training course for Bronze Young Ambassadors organised by Carmarthenshire County Council. The course inspires them to become role models and leaders through sport so that they can influence others to take part in sport and physical activity.



Years 2-6 have received cricket sessions in school.

Years 4-6 visited Parc-y-Scarlets and had an opportunity to see The Scarlets train and ask the players and coach questions.

Year 5/6 took part in a football competition at Penrhos School, Llanelli.

Year 5/6 took part in a Rugby World Cup Festival at Coleg Sir Gâr.

Year 5/6 visited Ysgol Llangennech for a friendly netball and rugby festival.

Years 2-4 competed in Rugby Festival at Trimsaran Rugby fields.

Years 5/6 Girls took part in a Rugby TAG festival at Coleg Sir Gâr.

Weekly Sports Club is held every Monday organised by the Urdd for Years 3-6.

Year 5/6 took part in a Mixed and Girls Netball tournaments at Tregib, Llandeilo.



Years 3-6 competed in an Urdd Mixed and Girls TAG Festival at Dyffryn Amman.

Year 3 and 4 have received a three week intensive swimming course at Llanelli Leisure Centre.

The Junior pupils have received rugby skills session with Darcy Thomas on a regular basis





Year 3 took part in a Sports Festival at Stebonheath.

Years 3-6 had an opportunity to take part in a Swimming Gala at Llanelli Leisure Centre.

School sports day was held in school.

Years 2/3 played in a Rugby Festival at Furnace Rugby Club.

Meithrin and Derbyn competed in a Sports competition at Parc y Scarlets organised by Menter Cwm Gwendraeth.



Provision of toilet facilities

Toilets are located in all four of the Foundation Phase classes on the ground floor.

On the first floor, the Key Stage 2 toilets are located centrally.

All toilets are provided with hot water, liquid soap and hand sanitiser. Toilet rolls and hand towels are replaced daily and cleaned to a high standard on a daily basis. Hand dryers are installed throughout.

Authorised & Unauthorised Attendance Statistics

Attendance for the academic year 2023-2024 was 89.48%.

Any child falling below 80% will be referred to the L.E.A. School Welfare Officer.

In the event of an absence parents are requested to inform the school by phone or by letter otherwise your child's absence will be considered to be unauthorised.

The following statistics relate to the number of authorised and unauthorised absences expressed as a percentage of the total number of possible attendances in that term.

TERM	AUTHORISED	UNAUTHORISED
AUTUMN 2023	5.54%	4.55%
SPRING 2024	4.83%	5.7%
SUMMER 2024	5.59%	5.38%

A request. A significant number of children are now arriving late for the start of the school. This not only disadvantages them but also disrupts the learning of others. Please make every effort to ensure that your children arrive on time as this helps them to develop habits that will be of advantage to them, not just now, but, in the future.

Regular school attendance is vital and missing school can have a significant impact on achievement over a one year period as illustrated below:

95-100% attendance	Best chance of success	Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.
90-95% attendance	At least 2 weeks of learning missed	Satisfactory. Your child may have to spend time catching up with work.
85-90% attendance	At least 4 weeks of learning missed	Your child may be at risk of underachieving and may need extra support from you to catch up with work.
80-85% attendance	At least 5½ weeks of learning missed	Your child's poor attendance has a significant impact on learning.
Below 80% attendance	At least 7½ weeks of learning missed	Your child is missing out on a broad and balanced education. You are at risk of prosecution.

School Terms & Holiday Dates: 2024-2026

Autumn 2024	Tuesday 3rd September	Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November	Friday 20th December
Spring 2025	Monday 6th January	Monday 24th February – Friday 28th February	Friday 11th April
Summer 2025	Monday 28th April	Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May	Monday 21st July
Autumn 2025	Tuesday 2nd September	Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October	Friday 19th December
Spring 2026	Monday 5th January	Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February	Friday 27th March
Summer 2026	Monday 13th April	Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May	Monday 20th July

Designated INSET Days

- ✓ Monday, 2nd September 2024
- ✓ Monday 1st September 2025

Good Friday

- ✓ 18th April 2025
- ✓ 3rd April 2026

May Day

- ✓ 5th May 2025
- ✓ 4th May 2026

Foundation Phase Timetable

Morning Session	Lunch	Afternoon Session
Meithrin 08:45-11:30	11.30-12:30	12:30-15:00
Derbyn – Year 2 08:45-12:00	12:00-13:15	13:15-15:00

Key Stage 2 Timetable

Morning Session	Lunch	Afternoon Session
Years 3-6 08:45-12:30	12:30-13:15	13:15-15:10

Statement of Expenditure

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2023/24 **Trimsaran Community School**

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Trimsaran

Gwelir isod crynodeb sefyllfa ariannol
terfynol eich ysgol ar gyfer 2023/24.

Please see below a summary of your
school's final outturn position for 2023/24.

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Gwariant Net 2023/24

947,284 Net Expenditure 2023/24

Dyraniad Ariannu yn ôl Fformwla 2023/24

-916,219 Formula Funding Allocation 2023/24

Arian Wrth Gefn a Ddysgwyd Ymlaen o
2022/23

-226,287 Surplus Brought Forward from 2022/23

Arian Wrth Gefn yn Cario Drosodd i 2024/25

-195,222 Surplus Carried Forward to 2024/25