

Teulu Ysgol Bro Gwaun Strategic Plan (including transition arrangements)

This plan is an agreement between schools in the Ysgol Bro Gwaun Cluster of Schools.

Ysgol Bro Inqli	Ysgol Llanychllwydog
Holy Name School	Ysgol Casmael
Ysgol Glannau Gwaun	Ysgol Ger-y-Llan
Ysgol Wdig	Ysgol Bro Gwaun
Ysgol Casblaidd	Ysgol Gymraeg Croesgoch

Cluster Aims and Objectives

PURPOSE:

To work together, both within schools and with our partner organizations, to share ideas, resources and expertise across our settings, inspired by the Curriculum for Wales. To support and facilitate the highest outcomes in attainment and aspirations for our pupils, parents, families, staff, and our wider communities. To enrich and improve the Welsh nature of our locality.

AIMS:

1. To provide rich, high quality, engaging, and inspiring learning experiences for all.
2. To work together with trust and respect to raise standards and improve teaching & learning across our community of schools.
3. To bring coherence across phases whilst still allowing each school's curriculum to reflect their distinct identity.
4. To generate opportunities for improved outcomes across our community of schools.
5. To work together towards the National Mission for Welsh in Wales.
6. To share and pool resources to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the schools in our community.
7. To provide community support and development for all stakeholders, ensuring that they feel that they belong to a range of schools which they can easily approach for support and information without any barriers.
8. To build relationships with all staff across the cluster of schools, provide support for individual Heads and sustain effective leadership across the community of schools.
9. To celebrate diversity and encourage inclusion.

MISSION: To work to secure outstanding educational achievement which will enhance the life chances of all pupils.

Our mission statement underpins all cluster activities.

The implementation of the above aims lies upon the development of a common educational philosophy, which recognizes that no one partner is any more or less important than the other.

The Plan sets out how we will work together to realize the above aims. It summarizes aims and priorities agreed by partner schools for the period September 2024 - July 2028 and indicates the work to be addressed in 2026 - 27.

The progress made and next steps will be reviewed and agreed annually by partner schools and outlined in the Cluster Improvement Plan. We will seek views of work in partnership with colleagues in the local education authority.

The Plan addresses the actions that will be taken against the core requirements set out in guidance provided by the Welsh Assembly Government:

1. Managing and coordinating transition
2. Joint curriculum planning
3. Achieving continuity in teaching and learning methods.
4. Achieving consistency in assessment and monitoring and tracking pupils' progress against prior attainment
5. Evaluation of the impact of the Plan and improvement of activities on standards.

In addition, the Plan sets out how we shall work together to ensure that there are effective arrangements for transition in the following areas:

6. Pastoral links to meet pupils' personal, social and learning needs;
7. Involving parents/guardians in the transition process
8. Sharing information about pupils' achievements and attainment;

In each case, the Plan identifies current and ongoing work. Where areas for improvement are identified, we shall agree upon priorities and work together to address these over the period of the Plan.

1. Managing and coordinating the strategic plan

Each partner of the school has nominated a member of its management team to lead the development, implementation and evaluation of the action agreed in this Plan.

School	Name
Ysgol Bro Ingli	Mrs Enfys Howells
Holy Name School	Mrs. Abbie Davies
Ysgol Glannau Gwaun	Mrs. Mari Jones
Ysgol Wdig	Mr. Jonathon Jones
Ysgol Casblaidd	Mrs. Sasha Edwards
Ysgol Llanychllwydog	Mrs. Amanda Lawrence
Ysgol Croesgoch	Mrs Nia Thomas
Ysgol Casmael	Mrs. Amanda Lawrence
Ysgol Ger-y-Llan	Mrs. Christa Richardson
Ysgol Bro Gwaun	Miss.Alana Finn

Steering Group

Nominees from partner schools will meet once a term for a business-like meeting and half a day every half term for a strategic meeting to review progress, identify any further issues to be addressed and, where needed, agree appropriate action.

Annual Review

Nominees from partner schools will undertake a full annual review of this Plan towards the end of the school year, to consider the progress made and agree upon priorities for the following year, including roles and responsibilities. Recommendations from the review will be considered and agreed by the governing bodies of the partner schools. To facilitate this, the Plan and annual review will be a permanent item on the Cluster of Schools' meetings agendas.

Strategic plan Co-ordinators

Miss Alana Finn and Mr Jonathon Jones have been nominated as the Strategic Plan coordinators. The coordinators will support the work of the steering group and advise on:

- monitoring progress made against key improvement areas identified in the Plan
- how/ when to arrange regular opportunities to involve parents/guardians and pupils in feedback and planning
- maintain effective links with relevant local authority initiatives
- advise on any action to meet the requirements set out in the Assembly Government's guidance with regards to review and publication of the Plan.

2. Joint curriculum planning

The following activities are ongoing within the Cluster of Schools and will continue for 2026 - 2027 and for the following year, if appropriate, as shown in the table

Activity	Description	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
PE and Sport	Promoting a diverse range of sporting activities for pupils and staff.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Uned Iaith	Pupils are invited to attend Uned Iaith to follow courses appropriate to their level of ability in Welsh, to support the work undertaken in KS1 & KS2.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Project Bwrlwm i Bawb	An intensive Welsh medium, cross curricular course for Y6 pupils to support the study of Welsh and subjects through the medium of Welsh	✓	✓	Welsh transition arrangements currently under review	Welsh transition arrangements currently under review

Activity	Description	2024 - 2025	2025- 2026	2026- 2027	2027- 2028
Shared use of facilities	Timetable planning to ensure shared use of sports facilities and the sharing of the School Hall.	√	√	√	√
Programme of Y6 AoLE based visits to Ysgol Bro Gwaun	Activities designed to familiarise pupils with the variety of curriculum and skills areas in YBG e.g. Science and Technology, Expressive Arts, Humanities, Wellbeing.	√	√	√	√
Transition Projects	A variety of history, language, and music projects.	√	√	√	√
ALN	Share continuous ALN information and invite the ALN coordinator to all year 6 formal PCP meetings and reviews. Provide additional transition for pupils as required	√	√	√	√

For information on priority areas identified for development in 2026-2027 see [cluster plan](#)

3. Consistency in assessment and monitoring and tracking pupils' progress against prior attainment

The following activities are ongoing within the Cluster of Schools and will continue for 2025 - 26 and for the following year, if appropriate, as shown in the table

Activity	Description	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026 - 2027	2027-2028
Transition information documentation	Transfer forms - to be completed by staff and pupils and used by academic and pastoral staff in Ysgol Bro Gwaun. Data to include National test results and an indication of future pathways. Not to be held accountable, but an idea of current attainment.	√	√	√	√

4. Further areas for attention

In addition to the core areas above, the following activities are ongoing within the Cluster of Schools, and will continue for 2026 – 2027 and for the following year, if appropriate, as shown below

Activity	Description	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Pastoral/academic links to meet pupils' personal, social and learning needs	- Shared deployment of School-based Nurse and Education Welfare Officer. - Ysgol Bro Gwaun ALNCo, YPM of Y7, Bwrlwm co-ordinators and Senior Managers liaise with and visit all schools in the Cluster. - Subject teacher visits to partner schools - Bwrlwm I Bawb project - Uned Iaith teacher activities - Cluster Numeracy competition - Open Evening in November	√	√	√	√

Involving parents/guardians in the transition process	- Y6 Parents/Guardians meeting - Individual parents/guardians' visits to YBG - Y7 Parents/Guardians meeting - School prospectus/Website/ additional booklets to	√	√	√	√
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Activity	Description	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026 – 2027
	facilitate a smooth transition, for pupils and parents/guardians ALN co-ordinator to attend Year 6 PCP formal meetings and reviews.				
Share information about pupils in addition to the statutory requirements	Transfer forms - to be completed by staff/ pupils; used by academic and pastoral staff in Ysgol Bro Gwaun. Data to include National test scores and an indication of pathways. One-page profiles to be completed for every pupil who transfers to YBG.	√	√	√	√