

**Black Lane Primary School
Governors Annual Report
to Parents - Summary**



2017-2018



ANNUAL GOVERNORS REPORT TO PARENTS BLACK LANE C.P. SCHOOL

This report follows the guidance offered in "The School Governors' Annual Reports (Wales) Regulations 2011"

Annual Parents Meeting

As a result of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, which came into force on 4th May 2013, a school governing body is no longer required to hold an annual parents meeting.

The School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 now enables parents of registered pupils at the school to request up to three meetings per year with the governing body via a petition. A brief summary is provided below:

The governing body must hold a meeting within 25 school days of receiving the petition, providing that:

1. The petition contains the signatures of the required minimum number of parents of registered pupils at the school, which is:
 - (a) The parents of 10% of registered pupils,
2. The meeting requested by parents must be to discuss a matter relating to the school.
3. There will be no more than three meetings held during the year in which the first petition is received.
4. There are at least 25 school days left in the school year for the meeting to be held.

The meeting is open to all parents of registered pupils at the school, the headteacher and any other persons invited by the governing body. As soon as reasonably practicable, the governing body must notify all parents of registered pupils at the school in writing, the date of the meeting and the matter to be discussed.

Further detailed information is provided on the statutory requirement for these meetings, petitions and the process for holding the meetings can be found in Welsh Government guidance on Parents Meetings: statutory guidance to the governing bodies of maintained schools in Wales regarding the duty to hold meetings with parents.

Please note the Governors' Annual Report only includes information on the academic year from September 2017 to July 2018.

There were no parent's meetings that took place in 2017-2018.

Distribution

It is appreciated that producing and distributing the full annual report to parents can prove costly for schools. The Regulations therefore allow for schools to make available the full report only to those parents who request it, and to issue a summary report for distribution to all parents.

A Message from Chair of Governors – Mr. Gwyn Davies

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It gives me great pleasure to enclose the summary of the Governors Annual Report for 2017-2018.

Black Lane School have had a busy and successful year in 2017-2018. This year we have welcomed Mrs Fox as the permanent Headteacher and Mrs Peters as the permanent Deputy Headteacher. On behalf of the Governors, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Head teacher and all of the staff for contributing towards the continuing progress and high standards achieved across the school. I would also like to thank the pupils, parents, Governors and members of the community that help make our school successful. It is because of the positive partnerships that exist between us all, as well as with GwE and the LEA, that we are able to achieve so much for the benefit of our children.

Every pupil should have opportunities to achieve the highest possible standards, and the best possible qualifications for the next stages of their life and education. As Chairman of the Governors of Black Lane School, I am always delighted to be able to address the Annual Report to Parents. This has been another successful year with many fantastic achievements by the staff and pupils. Here at Black Lane, teachers have high expectations of the children, regardless of their level of ability. On behalf of the Board of Governors, I would like to use this report as an opportunity to congratulate Black Lane and the team on all their successes in the last twelve months. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the “Parent Teacher Association” and all parents who give so generously for their efforts in supporting the school through a variety of fundraising activities, providing numerous items to enhance pupil learning.

Your support and cooperation as parents/guardians is vital in creating and maintaining an effective school partnership. Black Lane Primary is a school to be proud of and by working together we can help maintain our school vision:

Aiming High, Achieving the Best

Best wishes *Gwyn Davies*.
Chair of Governors,
Black Lane School.

The Aims of Black Lane C.P. School

At Black Lane our vision is: Aim High, Achieving the Best. In order to achieve this, we aim to nurture respectful and responsible children, who have the skills and confidence to reach their full potential throughout their lives.

At Black Lane our children will be:

- ✓ Motivated, enthusiastic and confident learners
- ✓ Independent, responsible and successful with enquiring minds
- ✓ Friendly, caring and respectful to others and their environment
- ✓ Skilled, healthy and active citizens
- ✓ Self-disciplined, honest and valued individuals with the ability to work collaboratively with others and make decisions.

Black Lane is an English speaking school with Welsh taught as a second language to all pupils from Nursery to Year 6



The Board of Governors

Name	Governor Position and Type	Term of Office start date	Term of office end date
Rebecca Fox	Acting Head	22/2/16	31/8/20
Denise Arndt	Clerk	1/1/14	31/12/17
Barbara Roxburgh	Community	8/3/17	7/3/21
James Hughes	Community	13/6/16	12/6/20
Katie Powell	Community	6/3/17	5/3/21
Nicola Holmes	Community	26/6/17	25/6/21
Hannah Beer	L.E.A.	1/5/16	30/4/20
Gwyn Davies (Chair)	L.E.A.	1/10/14	30/9/18
Nigel Davies	L.E.A.	1/10/14	30/9/18
Catherine Thomas	Parent	12/3/17	5/3/21
Rachel Williams	Parent	1/6/17	31/5/21
Emma Williams (Vice)	Parent	14/3/16	13/3/20
Julie Hutchinson	Staff	6/3/17	5/3/21
Alex Davies	Acting Teacher	1/9/16	31/8/20

Vacancies

- None

Parking

The staff car park can become extremely dangerous when congested. However, there has been a massive reduction in the number of parents using the car park for drop offs and pick-ups. Governors would like to thank those parents who comply with the request not to drive in through the school gates and onto the staff car park. Governors would ask that all parents PLEASE be considerate when parking outside the properties of neighbours. Thank you.

School Self Evaluation and School Improvement Progress

Our school self-evaluation process maintains and improves upon practices and strategies. The School Development Plan incorporates all curriculum and whole school issues and is reviewed at least termly. Good progress has been made with school development priorities for 2017-2018. Priorities for 2018-2019 will continue to address and embed the 5 recommendations identified in our Inspection.

2018-2019 School Priorities:

1. To develop extended writing and opportunities to write across the curriculum
2. To develop pupils reasoning and problem solving skills
3. To develop Welsh Oracy skills across the school
4. To develop outdoor learning in Foundation Phase
5. To plan for the implementation of the New Curriculum for Wales

Blacklane PTA Committee

Everyone associated with the school is welcome and encouraged to support and join in with the work of the PTA Committee. The committee supports the school at many annual events. These events are great social events and provide funds for extra resources not provided in the school funding budget.

We wish to thank them very much for all their time and effort.

Sports

The school has participated in Football and Netball leagues with other local schools. The school also participates in the annual district sports at Queensway and the swimming gala at Gwyn Evans – one of our year 5 pupils was placed 1st out of all Wrexham schools in the 25m freestyle. Pupils in KS2 attend Gwyn Evans for swimming lessons.



Extra Curricular Activities

The list below shows the extra-curricular activities available to pupils in 2015-2016. The Governors are very appreciative and proud of the efforts of all involved – pupils, parents and the commitment of staff for all their time given to these events.

- Football/cricket Mr R Davies and Mr A Davies
- Netball Mrs Peters
- Choir Ms. Lloyd
- Art Mrs Arndt
- Cooking Club Mrs. Hutchinson
- French club Mr. A Davies
- Homework Club Mrs. Davies/Mrs. Fox
- Newspaper Club Mrs. Hughes
- Gardening Mrs. Peters

Eco Council and School Council

The School Council and Eco Council meet regularly to discuss ways to improve our school grounds and the environment. The children have visited the Mayor's Parlour this year and met the Mayor of Wrexham, Mr John Pritchard.

The School Council have helped to raise money to help purchase a shed and bench area for the KS2 yard and the Eco Council have helped to achieve our 1st Green Flag in recognition of the work that we do towards being a Eco School.

Attendance 2017-2018

At Black Lane we aim for every child to reach their full potential. Research shows that children achieve better if they are on time and have good attendance. In order to provide children with the best education, we aim for every child to achieve at least 95% attendance with the aim of achieving 100%.

As parents you can help your child by ensuring that they come to school on time and attend school unless there is a very good reason.

Attendance is monitored on a regular basis by the school and Educational Social Worker. We use a traffic light system to categorise attendance:

Green: 95%- 100%

Amber: 90 – 94.9%

Red: below 90%

We communicate attendance and the category at the end of every term.

In 2017-2018 our overall attendance was 95.3%, improving standards from last year (95%). Unauthorised absences have maintained this year at 0.3%.

Black Lane C P School

Attendance percentage of possible sessions for pupils on roll and leavers of compulsory school age only

Estab. Id	School	Attended (%)			Authorised absences (%)			Unauthorised absences (%)			Not required to attend (%)		
		B	G	Total	B	G	Total	B	G	Total	B	G	Total
2187	Black Lane C P School	95.2	95.5	95.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	1.9	1.9	1.9
All Schools		95.2	95.5	95.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	1.9	1.9	1.9

This year we aim to further raise standards of attendance and achieve **95.4%**.

The Governing Body aim to reduce the number of unauthorised absences:

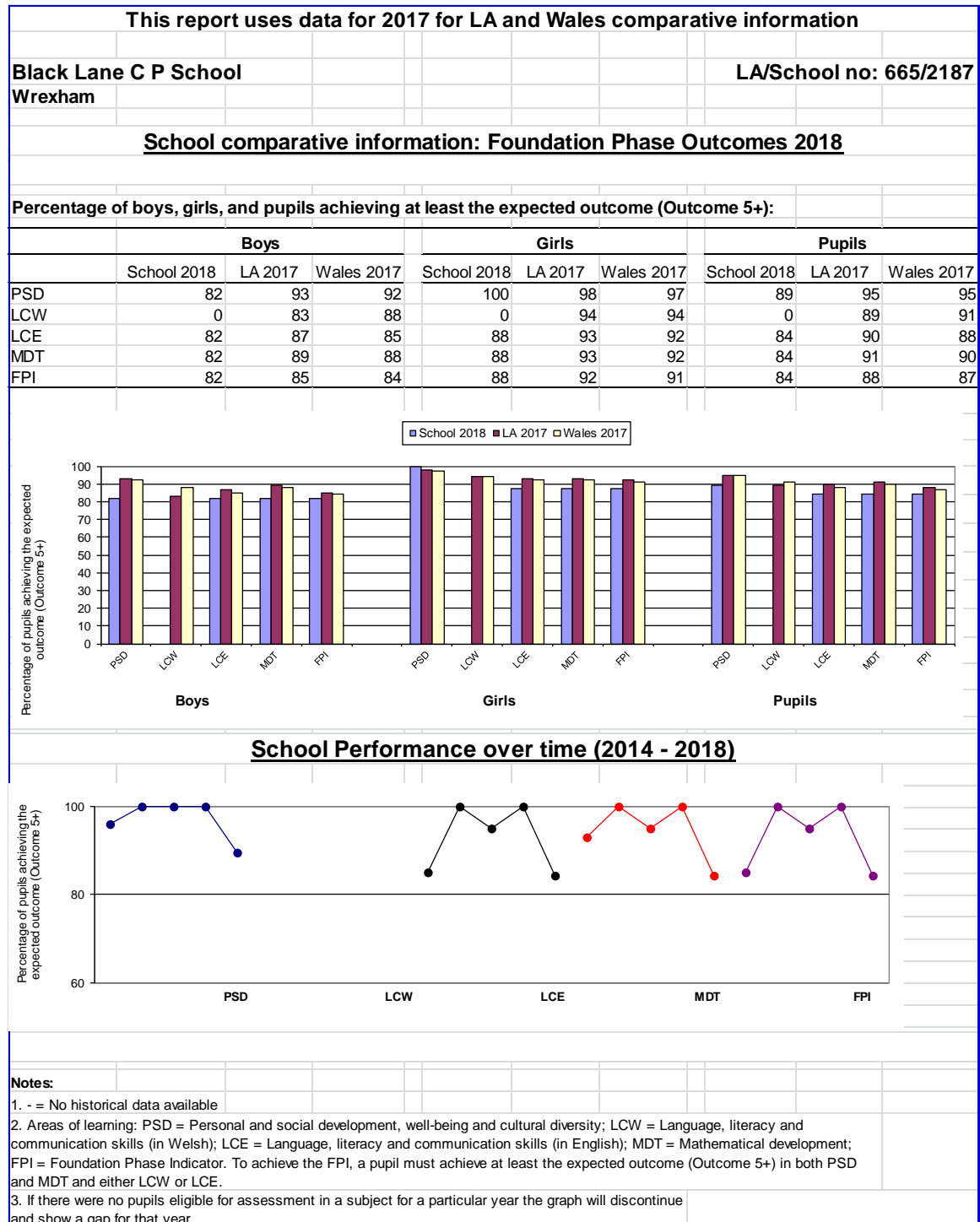
- Encourage parents to contact school should the pupil be unable to attend.
- Encourage parents, on a regular basis to inform school of any changes to the home telephone number or contact address.
- To continue to personally contact parents / carers should pupils not arrive in school and no message has been received regarding pupil absence.
- Targets for the new school year will involve the reducing the number of pupils who are consistently late onto the premises.

Governors would like to remind parents that holidays, should **not** be taken during term time as it has a detrimental effect on the continuation of education.

National Curriculum and Teacher Assessment

Foundation Phase is used to describe our pupils up to and including year 2. The results are displayed for the end of year 2 pupils and show our school (1st bar) compared to Local Authority (2nd bar) and Wales (3rd bar) averages. Outcome 5 is the nationally recognised aspiration.

2018 summary shows that we achieved 82% in PSD, LLC, MD and FPOI, which is a dip from previous year.



Value Added – progress

Value added is the amount of progress a pupil makes from each stage of learning. Each pupil is assessed at the beginning of Reception and then again at the end of year 2 – the amount of progress they make is the value added. We measure how many pupils are achieving expected outcomes and how many are achieving above expected outcomes as a percentage within the year group.

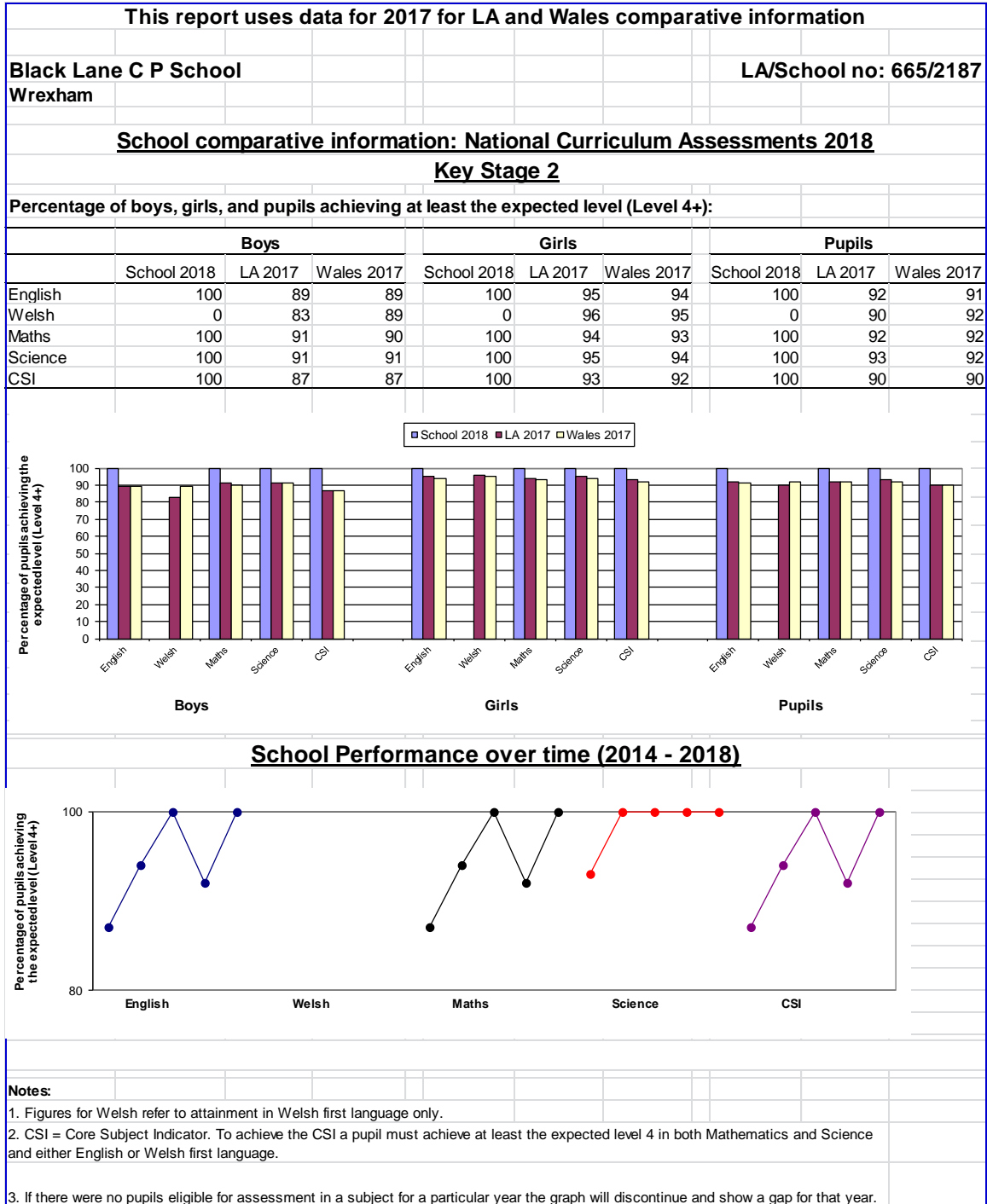
Value Added for the pupils assessed in year 2 at the end of 2018:

Area of Learning	Outcome	Reception Baseline	Year 2 Achievement	Value Added Progress
Language, Literacy and Communication	Expected outcome (5)	61.7%	82%	+20.3%
	Above expected outcome (6)	16.7%	33.3%	+16.6%
Mathematical development	Expected outcome (5)	50%	82%	+32%
	Above expected outcome (6)	11%	38.9%	+27.9%
Personal and Social Development	Expected outcome (5)	66.7%	82%	+15.3%
	Above expected outcome (6)	22.2%	66.7%	+44.5%

The value added of pupils from Reception to Year 2 is very good in all areas of learning.

Key Stage 2 is used to describe pupils from year 3 to year 6. The results are displayed for the end of year 6 pupils and show our school (1st bar) compared to Local Authority (2nd bar) and Wales (3rd bar) averages. Level 4 is the nationally recognised aspiration.

2018 summary shows that the school achieved 100% in Science, English, Maths and CSI. The school is above national and local averages and is an excellent achievement.



Value Added – progress

Value added is the amount of progress a pupil makes from each stage of learning. Each pupil is assessed at the beginning of Reception, at the end of year 2 and then again at the end of year 6 – the amount of progress they make from Foundation Phase (year 2) to Key Stage 2 (year 6) is the value added. We measure how many pupils are achieving expected levels and how many are achieving above expected levels as a percentage within the year group.

Value Added for the pupils assessed in year 6 at the end of 2018:

Area of Learning	Outcome	Year 2 Achievement	Year 6 Achievement	Value Added Progress
English	Expected Level (4)	91.7%	100%	+8.3%
	Above expected Level (5)	25%	50%	+25%
Maths	Expected Level (4)	95.8%	100%	+4.2%
	Above expected Level (5)	41.7%	45.8%	+4.1%
Science	Expected Level (4)	Not assessed	100%	N/A
	Above expected Level (5)	Not assessed	45.8%	N/A

The value added of pupils from Year 2 to Year 6 is good in all areas of learning.

SCHOOL DATES

AUTUMN TERM	2018 - 2019
	Mon 3rd September 2018
	Tues 4th September 2018
Training Day	Friday 26th October 2018
Term Opens	Monday 3 rd September 2018
Half Term Close	Fri 26 th October 2018
Training Day	
Half Term Open	Mon 5 th November 2018
Term Closes	Fri 21 st December 2018
SPRING TERM	
Training Day	Mon 7th January 2019
Term Opens	Mon 7 th January 2019
Half Term Close	Fri 22 nd February 2019
Half Term Open	Mon 4 th March 2019
Term Closes	Fri 12 th April 2019
Training Day	
SUMMER TERM	(NB. Good Friday 19 th April 2019) (Easter Sunday 21 st April 2019)
Training Day	
Term Opens	Mon 29 th April 2019
May Day	Mon 6 th May 2019
Half Term Close	Fri 24 th May 2019
Half Term Open	Mon 3 rd June 2019
Training Day	Fri 22nd July 2019
CTD	Thu 27th June 2019
Term Closes	Fri 22 nd July 2019
Training Day	

TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 3rd September 2018
- Tuesday 4th September 2018
- Friday 26th October 2018
- Monday 7th January 2019
- Monday 22nd July 2019