

# **Black Lane Primary School Governors Annual Report**



**2022-2023**



## 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 2022 to July 2023.**

**There were no parent's meetings that took place in 2022-2023.**

### **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.

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## **A Message from Chair of Governors – Mr. Gwyn Davies**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It gives me great pleasure to enclose the Governors Annual Report to Parents and Guardians of the pupils at Black Lane School for 2022-2023.

The last few years have been difficult for everyone, but the last 12 months has brought us closer to where we want to be as a school. Although we continue to see the effects of the disruption of Covid on attainment, attendance and on mental health and wellbeing, we continue to maintain progress and high standards across the school. This year we have prioritised the wellbeing of our children and staff as well as developing the key skills of literacy and numeracy to secure progress across all areas of learning. I would like to thank the pupils, parents, governors and members of the community that help make our school successful. It is because of the positive partnership that exists between us all, 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 experiences for the next stages of their life and education. As Chair 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 all children. 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 bearing in mind the challenges that have been brought on by the Virus. 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 long may this continue

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 your Best!*

Best wishes

*Gwyn Davies*

Chair of Governors,  
Black Lane School.

## The Aims of Black Lane C.P. School

Black Lane is a community school with wellbeing at the heart of everything that we do! At We are very proud of our school and work together to:

Ensure every child feels valued and motivated to succeed in a secure and stimulating environment, where children feel **Healthy, Happy and Safe**.

Have high expectations of every child, providing a wide range of enriching learning experiences that encourage and support children to reach their full potential. This is reflected in our school motto: *Aiming high, achieving your best!*

At Black Lane our aim is to provide an engaging curriculum that is led by children's interests and provides them with the experience, knowledge and skills to become confident life long learners nurture respectful and confident children, who have the experience, knowledge and skills to become lifelong learners in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The *four purposes* will be at the heart of the curriculum. They will be the starting point for all decisions on the content and experiences developed as part of the curriculum to support our children to be:

- *ambitious, capable learners ready to learn throughout their lives*
- *enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work*
- *ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world*
- *healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society*

## Welsh

Black Lane is an English speaking school with Welsh taught as a second language to <sup>all</sup> 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	Head	4-May-20	3-May-24
Liz Lloyd	Teacher	01-March-21	28-Feb-25
Julie Hutchinson	Staff	1-March-21	31-March-25
Daniel Perry	Parent	14-November-22	13-Novembr-26
Nikki Stott	Parent	01-July-21	30-June-25
Vicky Tombs	Parent	30-March-23	29-March-27
Susan Nelson	Community	21-October-22	20-October-26
Rachel Williams	Community	28-June-21	27-May-25
Emma Williams	Community	4-May-20	3-May-24
Beverley Parry Jones	Community Council	01-July-19	30-June-23
Hannah Beer	L.E.A.	1-May-20	30-April-24
Gwyn Davies	L.E.A.	1-August-23	30-July-27
Beverley Parry-Jones	L.E.A.	1-July-19	30-June-23

## **Vacancies**

- 1 parent governor
- 1 Community Council governor

## **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.

### **2023-2024 School Priorities:**

***Priority 1:*** To raise standards, skills and knowledge in cross curricular skills, supporting progress across the AoLEs

***Priority 2:*** To ensure high quality teaching and learning in the context of a high quality curriculum

***Priority 3:*** To develop Welsh Oracy Skills across the school

***Priority 4:*** To develop robust tracking and monitoring systems to ensure pupil progression

***Additional Priority 1:*** To ensure a high quality provision for pupils with ALN, ensuring progression:

***Additional Priority 2:*** To continue to develop wellbeing and personal development

The school continually monitors and self evaluates to identify strengths and areas for development. Following Covid the key priority areas for 2021-2022 are:

## **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 and have attended Indoor Athletics with other local schools. Children in years 3-6 have attended swimming lessons.



## **Extra Curricular Activities**

The list below shows the extra-curricular activities that were available to pupils in 2022-2023. 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. Unfortunately due to restrictions of Covid and mixing, extra curricular activities were postponed last year. We are hoping to restart clubs next academic year.

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| • Football  | Mr R Davies     |
| • Netball   | Mrs Peters      |
| • Games     | Mr A Davies     |
| • Choir     | Ms Rymer        |
| • Art       | Ms Rymer        |
| • Gardening | Mrs Consterdine |

## **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 and meet the Mayor of Wrexham.

The School Council work collaboratively with the PTA to plan fund raising and spending of funds.

The Eco Council have carried out an environmental review and have planned an Eco Day around areas for development. We achieved our 2<sup>nd</sup> Green Flag this year in recognition of the commitment towards sustainability and environment education. Our Eco Council (past and present) work very hard to communicate important messages about looking after our planet.

## **Attendance 2022-2023**

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: 97%- 100%

Amber: 93 – 96%

Red: below 92%

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

This year we aim to further raise standards of attendance and achieve: **95.3%**

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.

## SCHOOL DATES

<b>Black Lane School Academic Year dates 2023-2024</b>	
<b>Autumn Term</b>	
Term Opens	Friday 1st September 2023
Half Term Close	Friday 27th October 2023
Half Term Open	Monday 6th November 2023
Term Close	Friday 22nd December 2023
<b>Spring Term</b>	
Term Opens	Monday 8th January 2024
Half Term Close	Friday 9th February 2024
Half Term Open	Monday 19th February 2024
Term Closes	Friday 22nd March
Easter	Good Friday 29th March 2024
	Easter Sunday 31st March 2024
<b>Summer Term</b>	
Term Opens	Monday 8th April 2024
May Day	Monday 6th May 2024
Half Term Close	Friday 24th May 2024
Half Term Open	Monday 3rd June 2024
Common Transfer Day	Thursday 27th June 2024
Term Closes	Friday 19th July 2024
<b>2023-2024 Training Days</b>	
1st September 2023	
27th October 2023	
8th January 2024	
22nd March 2024	
2nd May 2024	
5th July 2024	