

YSGOL CWRT HENRI

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It gives me great pleasure to present to you this copy of the prospectus for Ysgol Cwrt Henri.

The prospectus is intended to give you a picture of school life both academically and socially, together with clear statements concerning the school's policies. You are warmly welcome to visit the school and talk with the staff and pupils, thus gaining first hand experience of the true nature of school life. The school takes pride in its close links with the homes of its pupils, a relationship which works for the benefit of the pupils.

I sincerely hope that this prospectus will serve as the first step towards establishing that relationship between your family and the one that exists at Ysgol Cwrt Henri.

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Ysgol Cwrt Henri is a Welsh medium community primary school serving the Cwrt Henri, Dryslwyn, Llanfynydd, Broad Oak, Capel Isaac and Llangathen areas.

The school is situated in the picturesque Towy valley in the village of Dryslwyn, approximately half a mile from the A40 on the Llanfynydd road. There is one main entrance to the school and pupils and visitors are expected to use this. Visitors may park their cars on the road outside school.

SCHOOL STAFF

Headteacher	Mr. M. Jones
Teachers	Mrs. B. Howells
	Mrs. W. James
Special Needs	Mrs. B. Howells
Teaching Assistant	Miss N. Davies
Guitar Teacher	Mrs. E. Robins
Administrative Officer	Mrs. S. Childs
Caretaker	Mr. G. Williams
Mid-day Supervisory Assistants	Miss N. Davies
Breakfast Club Assistants	Mrs R. Bowskill

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Mrs. S Collins	Community (Chairperson)
Mrs. L. Evans	Minor Authority
Mr. A. Jones	Community (Vice-Chairperson)
Miss H. Pugh	L.E.A.
Cllr M. Charles	L.E.A.
Mrs. B. Jones	Parent
Mr. M. Reardon	Parent
Mrs. H. Rice	Parent
Mr. M. Jones	Headteacher
Mrs. B. Howells	Teacher
Mrs. S. Childs	Clerk

SCHOOL HOURS

Breakfast Club – 8.00 a.m.- 8.40 a.m (No breakfast provided after 8.30)

Morning

Foundation Phase : 8.50 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.
Juniors : 8.50 a.m. - 12.10 p.m.

Afternoon

Whole school : 1.00 p.m. - 3.10 p.m.

In the Foundation Phase class 22 hours a week are spent on teaching.

In the Junior class 23.5 hours a week are spent on teaching.

Parents' co-operation is sought in ensuring that pupils are punctual. Please do not bring/send your child to school before 8.40 a.m. as supervision arrangements will not be in operation prior to this time.

ASPIRATIONS OF THE SCHOOL

Each child is received into a welcoming and secure atmosphere. All the children are given the opportunity and are encouraged and expected to fulfil their true potential, not just academically, but physically, aesthetically, socially, culturally and spiritually.

We aim that all children be literate, computer literate, numerate and able to speak confidently and clearly in Welsh and English on leaving the school and be ready to proceed and benefit from secondary education.

Children are given the opportunity to become proficient in at least one musical instrument.

Guitar lessons



AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

- ❖ Create a happy, homely and disciplined ethos
- ❖ Establish a close relationship with parents and the community
- ❖ Develop questioning minds with the ability to question and discuss logically
- ❖ Acquire information and skills relevant to work and life in a world which is rapidly changing
- ❖ Become independent and stimulated learners capable of searching for new skills, information and understanding
- ❖ Use language and number effectively
- ❖ Appreciate human masterpieces in art, music , science, technology and literature
- ❖ Encourage respect for religious and moral beliefs, and show tolerance towards the religion and way of life of others
- ❖ Develop consciousness of self-respect and the ability to live as independent and confident adults in addition to the ability to work co-operatively
- ❖ Emphasise the importance of healthy and physical development in our lives
- ❖ Ensure equal opportunities for girls and boys to participate in all activities
- ❖ Operate an anti-racist policy in the school at all times

THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Work is planned throughout the school on a two yearly basis.
The topics to be covered are as follows:

	Foundation Phase	Key Stage 2
Autumn	Dragon Tales/ Electric Rainbow	Castles & dragons / Sensoria
Spring	Family Album/ Mini zoo	Children of the Revolution/ Wild Wood
Summer	Carnival / Land Ahoy!	Disaster Zone/ The Big Dip
Autumn	Community Explorer / Happiness	Gods & Gladiators/ Bones, blood and gory bits
Spring	Superheroes/ Pop up	New Visions / 999 Emergency
Summer	Big wide world / Supermarket	Global Gourmet

The Foundation Phase curriculum consists of seven areas of learning for three to seven year olds. The seven areas of learning are;

- Personal and Social Development, Well-Being and Cultural Diversity
- Language, Literacy and Communication Skills

- Mathematical Development
- Bilingualism
- Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- Physical Development
- Creative Development

These areas of learning complement each other and work together to provide a cross-curricular approach to form a practical relevant curriculum. Emphasis is placed on developing children's skills across all areas of learning through participating in experimental learning activities indoors and outdoors.



In Key Stage 2, the following subjects are taught through a thematic cross-curricular approach: Welsh, English, Science, Technology, Geography, Music, History, Religious Education, Art, Information Technology, Personal and Social Education. Although some mathematical work is included in the school theme, Mathematics is mainly taught separately. Physical Education is also mainly taught separately.

LANGUAGE POLICY

The school follows a bilingual policy.

The aim of this bilingual policy is to educate pupils so that they are thoroughly bilingual in the use of both Welsh and English on leaving the school, enabling them to partake fully in the bilingual community of which they are part. The provision made aims to ensure that every pupil shall be able to communicate with confidence in both languages and that they have an appreciation of the cultural heritage of Wales.

- In accordance with Carmarthenshire's language policy, Welsh will be the main medium of the life and work in the Foundation Phase class in order to establish a sound foundation for pupils in the language. The child's mother tongue is used whilst the child settles down in school, and Welsh is introduced to the child later during the child's first term in school.
- Welsh is the main medium of the life and work in the junior phase and English is introduced during Key Stage 2, when the child enters Year 3, so that pupils have the opportunity to develop an equal competence in both languages by the time they leave the primary school.
- In the Foundation Phase, the child is taught to read and write through the medium of Welsh.

LATE COMERS TO THE SCHOOL

Particular attention and consideration is given to English speaking late comers to this school. The situation of each individual late comer is considered and discussed as the need arises. These children are given the opportunity to attend the Language Centre at Bro Dinefwr Comprehensive School in Ffairfach. The child's ability is taken into consideration.

STATEMENTED PUPILS

For pupils who are officially assessed and statemented and where the second language may impede educational development, education mainly through the mother tongue is considered.

ORGANISING FOR LEARNING

Children are sometimes taught as a whole class, especially when a new topic or story is introduced. They are also taught in groups or work individually. Children are usually grouped according to their age, although concessions can be made depending on a child's ability, e.g. an exceptionally able child can work with an older group.

Children may be grouped in a variety of ways for differing circumstances according to ability. Older children will occasionally work with younger children, so that they can have the opportunity to lead the group and help the younger ones. While working in a group, the children are encouraged to co-operate, listen to each other, respect each other's points of view and to take turns, so that they may work together effectively.

School sports



STARTING SCHOOL / ADMISSION POLICY

Pupils are admitted at the beginning of the term during which their fourth birthday takes place and transfer to comprehensive school in the September following their 11th birthday. Proof of date of birth must be supplied. Parents who show an interest in sending their children to the school are asked to contact the headteacher to arrange suitable times to visit the school. They must then complete an admission form online, which should be submitted to the Admissions Authority by the 31st of January 2017, if a pupil is due to start school in September 2017, January or April 2017. Arrangements are made for children who are to enter the infant class to attend school for three afternoons prior to starting in school full-time.

Children's progress in school can be improved if they are encouraged to use books, paper, pencils, crayons and paints at home. It is vital that children are read to, told stories and rhymes and involved in conversation. They should practise the use of numbers by counting familiar objects.

Parents can help their child by ensuring they have practised the following tasks prior to starting in school:-

- using the toilet properly;
- putting on their own clothes;

- putting materials away tidily;
- washing their hands before meals;
- using eating utensils properly.

Playing in the Outdoor Area



During the early years it is important that children wear practical clothes i.e. difficulties can arise if a child needs help with clothes in order to go to the toilet. Practicality should be put before fashion.

HOME/ SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Parents are asked to sign a home school agreement in order to forge effective and supportive links between home and school.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS

Pupils with additional educational needs (ALN) have full access to the National Curriculum. Children with learning difficulties receive as much individual attention as the class teacher is able to give. In such cases, parents will be asked to consult with the class teacher at least once every term to ensure that the child's work is closely monitored. Children with additional educational needs will be entered on the Additional Learning Needs Register after discussion with the parents. Additional help is available for these children from the ALN teacher. The Education Psychologist or Behaviour Support Unit can be consulted to give advice or to make a formal assessment if necessary.

DISABLED PUPILS

Should a pupil with a physical disability enter the school, various aspects of the school site would have to be looked at with urgency since access could be difficult.

The school aims to give equal opportunities to all pupils - please see section on 'Equal Opportunities'.

Sponsored walk



LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

The staff member with responsibility for Looked After Children is the Headteacher. The Governor with responsibility for Looked After Children is Mr Alun Jones. The school has a policy for supporting Looked After Children.

MONITORING OF PROGRESS

The school compiles records of all pupils, which date from when they enter school. A cumulative file is kept for each child containing:

- on entry assessment;
- regularly updated personal details;
- information on personal interests, achievements and experiences in and out of school;
- a cumulative record of progress in the whole curriculum including National Curriculum subject areas;
- selected pieces of work from across the curriculum.

Government requirements regarding Standard Assessment are complied with.

An annual report detailing achievement in all curriculum subjects is released to parents at the end of the Summer Term. This process includes an opportunity for parents to discuss the report's content.

SEX EDUCATION

Sex Education is taught as an ongoing part of the school's theme work. Relevant information and questions will be sensitively discussed, taking full account of the child's age and maturity. A Sex Education Policy is available in the school and parents should contact the head teacher if they wish to see it. Parents may make a written request to withdraw their child from certain aspects of sex education which are not included in the National Curriculum.

ICT EDUCATION

The school has eight laptop and 6 i-pads for the use of the children and one laptop for administrative work. The school has access to the Internet. Three interactive white-boards are also in use. All children have regular access to these.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

The school is not affiliated to any religious denomination. Religious education in the school follows a non-denominational syllabus and is included in the school theme work. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from aspects of religious education and should discuss the matter with the headteacher.

Each morning the school has an act of collective worship. Parents not wishing their children to attend a Christian assembly should inform the headteacher.

HOMEWORK

Homework is given regularly to children in Years 1-6. Reading books are sent home with the children and number and written work etc. is given, linked to the work which the child does in school. The work is expected to be completed to the same standard as attained in school.

COMPLAINTS

Should any parent have any complaints about the school curriculum, collective worship or any other relevant matter, they should, in the first place, refer the matter to the head teacher so that an attempt can be made to resolve the matter at school level before referring the matter to the Governing Body. The Governing Body will discuss the matter and advise on any further action if necessary.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A casual uniform is expected to be worn in school. This consists of a navy sweat-shirt with the school logo, navy bottoms and a white polo-shirt. Sweat-shirts and polo-shirts are available from Clair Adams Schoolwear, 26, King Street, Carmarthen, Tel. 01267 234455. All clothes should be clearly labelled.

Physical Education clothes: white T shirt, black shorts and suitable footwear.

FIRE DRILL

Fire drill is carried out each term.

Learning about
fire safety



TRANSPORT

Within the school's catchment area, free transport is provided for pupils who live two miles from the school.

SCHOOL MEALS

School meals are cooked on the premises. The cost of the meal is determined by the Local Authority. Although meals can be paid for on a daily basis, the school finds it easier to collect the week's money on a Monday. Provision is made for children wishing to bring a packed lunch. Free meals are provided for children whose parents qualify for them. Application forms are available at the school and must be sent to the Area Education Office in Carmarthen. The renewal of applications is entirely the responsibility of the parents. The school can not provide free school meals unless notification has been received from the Area Education Office.

MUSIC TUITION

All children from Years 4 - 6 are expected to learn to play the recorder. These lessons form part of the curriculum and are free of charge. Children are also given the opportunity to learn to play the guitar. These lessons are optional and a charge is made for this - the current charge is £90 a year - this will be revised annually. Should a child wish to have guitar lessons then they must take the lessons for the whole school year.

ANCILLARY SERVICES

The school is visited regularly by the school nurse and dentist. The Education Psychologist and speech therapist visit the school when required. Parents are informed of these visits and can, if they so wish, attend the medical and dental examination of their child. A police officer also attends the school regularly. The local vicar and other people with certain expertise are invited to school to share their knowledge and interest with the children.

SCHOOL VISITS

Various school visits take place during the school year. The children from school years 3 – 6 go to a local swimming pool for swimming lessons. Transport costs are met from the school budget. Games against other schools take place from time to time. The cost of transport for this is met from the school fund. Other educational visits, which are usually connected with the current term theme, take place mainly within school hours and are paid for from the school fund - although parents are asked for voluntary contributions. Parents are asked to pay the full cost of visits which take place outside school hours.

School visit to
Dan yr Ogof Showcaves



PASTORAL CARE / SAFETY

Overall charge is naturally in the hands of the headteacher who will depend heavily upon the close co-operation of all members of staff in caring for the pupils. The school keeps a record of the telephone numbers (home and work) of parents or guardians in case of accident.

Should a child require medical treatment, every effort is made to contact the parents. Minor accidents will be dealt with by members of staff, but in the case of a more serious accident medical advice will be sought.

Parents should inform the headteacher if their child needs medication at school, e.g. asthma inhalers, antibiotics. Would parents please note that only essential medicines will be administered in school. Such medication should be handed to the headteacher or to the class teacher who will ensure that it is correctly administered. On no account should any medication be left in a child's bag during the day.

On each school day, a member of staff is on duty for ten minutes before and after school to supervise the children and ensure their safe departure from the school premises. Parents must notify the headteacher if they wish their children to leave earlier than normal.

Parents must also arrange to collect their children under such circumstances. Should a child be absent from school we ask parents to inform school as soon as possible and a note of explanation is required.

Children who walk to school, or who are brought to school by their parents should not arrive in school before 8.40 a.m. unless prior arrangements have been made with the headteacher. If a delay occurs and parents are unable to collect their children after school, every effort should be made to contact school. After school, children should not be allowed to return to the school premises.

During playtime a member of staff is on duty in the playground, or during bad weather, in the school. During the lunch break, supervision is carried out by the two mid-day supervisors.

If the school has to be closed early because of bad weather, parents will be asked by telephone to collect their children or arrange for their departure from school. No child will leave the school premises unless proper arrangements have been made to ensure the child's safety. Should the school not be opened in the morning due to bad weather then the headteacher will try to inform all parents by phone. However, this may not always prove possible and parents should, if they feel any doubt about weather conditions, contact the school before their child leaves home.

Every effort is made to ensure the safety of the children when in the care of teachers. No child is allowed to go outside the school boundary without permission and we ensure that the school gates are shut at all times

CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES

The school has a Child Protection policy. The Headteacher is responsible for Child Protection issues, in conjunction with a designated member of the Governing Body, Mr Alun Jones. If there are concerns regarding neglect or physical, emotional or sexual abuse then under the County's Child Protection Procedures staff are duty bound to report the matter to the headteacher. The headteacher may consult with professional colleagues as well as relevant agencies such as Health and Social Services.

PROGRESSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Cwrt Henri School is in the catchment area of Bro Dinefwr Comprehensive School, Ffairfach. The county also provides free transport to Ysgol Maes y Gwendraeth. Parents may send their children to any comprehensive school of their choice - if there is room in that school and as long as they are prepared to pay the cost of transport to and from that school. Prospectuses are available from each school. Each school eases transfer by holding induction days during the summer term. Bro Dinefwr School has forged close links with the primary schools of the area.



Years 3 & 4 pupils
enjoying gymnastics
lessons in Ysgol Bro
Dinefwr

DISCIPLINE AND SCHOOL RULES

Overall responsibility for the discipline of the school rests with the headteacher, but it is a matter for everyone connected with the school, including parents. Children are expected to conform to certain standards of behaviour. They are encouraged to show regard for others and respect the rights and property of other people.

The school is happy and well disciplined, but when the need arises the following procedure is implemented:-

- minor misdemeanours - verbal reprimand by the class teacher or by the teacher on duty if it occurs during play-time;
- more serious misdemeanours - verbal reprimand by the headteacher;
- serious or repeated misdemeanours - the parent of the child is informed and asked to come to school to discuss the matter with the teacher and headteacher. Certain pupil privileges may be curtailed.

School rules include the following:-

- Movement inside the school building should be at walking pace
- All areas other than the playground and designated areas are out of bounds except for school activities under the direction of a teacher
- During adverse weather pupils will remain indoors
- Clothing should be clearly marked with the pupil's name
- Teachers do not take responsibility for any valuables e.g. jewellery, which children bring to school.
- Sweets, crisps, biscuits and chocolates are not allowed in school
- Cycling is only permitted in the playground during cycling proficiency lessons.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

All children will receive equal opportunities in Cwrt Henri school, following the National Curriculum according to their ability. Each child will be given the opportunity to take part in all aspects of school life. There is an 'Equal Opportunities' policy available at school - please ask the headteacher if you wish to see a copy.

BULLYING

Bullying, both verbal and physical, will not be tolerated at this school. It is everyone's responsibility to prevent it happening and, with this in mind, the school has produced an 'Anti-bullying Policy' which can be seen on request at school.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS

The school works with the police to promote drug and alcohol awareness. The school has produced a 'Drug and Alcohol Policy' which can be seen on request at the school.

CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

The school charges for certain activities and asks for contributions towards other activities. For details see sections 'Music Tuition' and 'School Visits'.

PARENTAL LINKS

A parent / governor meeting is held once a year. All parents are invited to attend. There is an active Parents and Friends Association (PFA) at the school which helps to raise funds to buy extra educational materials for the school. All parents are asked and encouraged to participate in social and fund-raising events, such as Bingo evenings and summer fairs. The school also arranges concerts and sponsored activities in order to raise funds. Parents are notified of any school activities by a circular letter.



Summer Fair

A school fund account is in being as well as a Parent and Friends Account. The school account is audited annually and a balance sheet is given to each parent. A copy of this is also given to the Governing Body.

Parents are expected to come to school in February/March and before the end of the school year to discuss their child's progress with the class teacher. Should there be a problem, the parents are asked to come to school on a more frequent basis. Any parent concerned about their child's progress or behaviour should contact the headteacher so that arrangements can be made for the parent to come to school to discuss the problem.

All parents are encouraged to enter into our 'Home / School Agreement'.

An annual report of their child's progress will be sent to parents before the summer holidays.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The children attend / take part in the Harvest Thanksgiving Services at St. Mary's Church and Cross Inn Chapel.

A concert is performed at least once a year.

Christmas activities take place.

Cycling proficiency lessons are carried out.

Children take part in various Eisteddfod competitions and have been successful in winning many.

A shield is presented to the Year 6 pupil with the best project work.

The older children are given the opportunity to attend the Urdd camp in Llangrannog.

Various other activities take place from time to time in conjunction with neighbouring schools e.g. theatre in education visits, swimming.



Harvest Thanksgiving service in St Mary's Church



Christmas service in Cross Inn Chapel

SPORT

There is an opportunity for children to take part in a variety of games on the school yard and on the field when the weather permits.

All children take part in inter-school sports and are given the opportunity to take part in other athletic and sports meetings.

Dragon Sports sessions take place after school - weather permitting.

All KS2 pupils have swimming lessons at Carmarthen.

Since there is no school hall we take advantage of other locations and expertise e.g. Dawns Dyfed at the Reading Room and P.E. lessons at Bro Dinefwr School/ Trinity University College.

When competing, the children are expected to win humbly and to lose gracefully.

Rugby team



CONCLUSION

We hope that this information has helped to answer your queries with regard to our school. However, no prospectus can fully reflect the organisation and atmosphere of the school. You are therefore urged to make an appointment to visit Ysgol Cwrt Henri and see us at work. You

will then be able to experience for yourself the happy, friendly atmosphere provided in our school.

ATTENDANCE

Percentage of attendance for the school year 2015-2016 : 95.63%

Attendance is good at Cwrt Henri School. Truancy is not a problem. A child's regular attendance at school is of the utmost importance. Families should try to arrange holidays during the school holidays. However, should it be necessary to take holidays during the school term, would you please discuss the matter with the headteacher before making arrangements.

Unauthorised absences recorded during the school year 2015 -2016 :

Nursery	0
Reception Class	1
Year 1	1
Year 2	0
Year 3	0
Year 4	1
Year 5	1
Year 6	0



Planting seeds in the school garden



Learning about road safety with Gary Gofal



Art activities



Dragon Sports activities