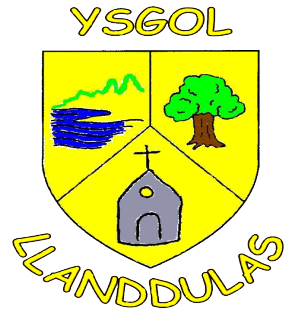


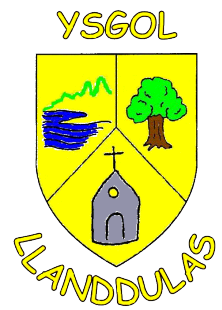
YSGOL LLANDDULAS



Prospectus 2022-23

Christian values
leisure learning
knowledge
opportunity community
Ysgol Llanddulas life skills
understanding excellence
faith love





Croeso / Welcome

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Ysgol Llanddulas Voluntary Controlled Primary School.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to Ysgol Llanddulas with our latest prospectus.

Our school motto is 'Together Everyone Achieves More' and this sums up the ethos at our school. We welcome children, their parents and their families into our friendly, happy and hard-working environment, where respect for others and positive attitudes towards work and behaviour are encouraged and nurtured.

Ysgol Llanddulas is a community-focused school, which recognises the importance of working in partnership with children, parents and the community in order that each child can be given the opportunity to develop their lifelong learning skills to enable them to reach their own unique potential.

Our school's values are those of honesty, trust and respect for one another. We aim to provide an environment, which promotes every aspect of a child's wellbeing, to encourage them to strive to do their best and to achieve their personal targets.

As a Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled Primary School, we have a strong Christian ethos and very good links with the local church. We encourage an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promote Christian values through the experience we offer to all pupils.

We hope you will find this prospectus a useful guide to our school's work, activities and way of life and view it as the first step in a process of partnership between home and school.

Kind Regards,

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John Lloyd
Headteacher



Mission Statement

We are delighted to be able to share with you our mission statement and vision principles for Ysgol Llanddulas. We have gathered ideas from our children, staff, governors and parents. We have shared our hopes and dreams for our school, and encouraged people within our community to do the same.

Our Mission Statement:

Together we grow in the fruit of the Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5 v 22-23
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Our Shared vision:

- To recognise the historic foundation of the school - maintaining and developing links with the Church in Wales's community to uphold a Christian ethos for the school, whilst respecting and developing understanding for cultural, spiritual and religious diversity.
- To provide a caring, warm, inclusive learning environment that welcomes and celebrates the contributions made by all.
- To ensure the highest levels of personal achievement through providing effective, creative teaching that is matched to the needs of the individual within a broad, well-balanced curriculum.
- To enhance personal confidence, experience and achievement through the provision of a broad range of creative, cultural and sporting opportunities within and beyond the curriculum.
- To enable children to develop as confident and inquisitive learners who actively seek to explore and develop their skills and talents to the full.
- To foster an enjoyment of learning for the future.
- To respond positively to the changing directives of education to create a confident and optimistic school that is both relevant and vibrant.
- To embrace partnership working with parents and the community, continually supporting and learning from each other.

INFORMATION 2022 – 2023

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Deputy Head Teacher: Mrs Helen Ansell
Chair of Governors: Miss Rebecca Colton
School Secretary: Mrs Iola Tait
swyddfa@llanddulas.conwy.sch.uk

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Statutory Head of Education Services:
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Conwy Education Services
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Colwyn Bay
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Other information

Ysgol Llanddulas is an English medium Voluntary Controlled (Church of Wales) Primary School catering for boys and girls between the ages of 3 and 11 years.

Number on the school roll: 152
Price of school meal: **£3**
Breakfast Club: From 8:00 – 8:30am in our school hall. Charge of £1.00 for childcare, with free breakfast provided.
Between 8:30 – 8:55am a free breakfast can be accessed without a childcare charge.

After School Club: From 3.15 to 5.15pm
(More details available on request, including charges)

School Staff 2022 - 2023

Head Teacher	Mr John Lloyd	
Deputy Head Teacher	Mrs Helen Ansell	Years 4/5 (Class 4)
Teaching Staff	Miss R Webb	Nursery & Year 3/4 (Class 3)
	Mrs M Hughes	Reception/Year 1 (Class 1)
	Miss N McIntosh	Years 1/2 (Class 2)
	Mrs C Hall	Year 3/4 (Class 3)
	Mrs H Ansell	Years 4/5 (Class 4)
	Miss B Thomas	Year 6 (Class 5)
	Mrs J Haven	PPA Class 1 and 2
Higher Level Teaching Assistants	Mrs S Maxwell	
	Mr B Lewis-Jones	
	Mrs S Edwards	
	Mrs E Seymour	
	Mrs E Edwards	
Teaching Assistants	Mrs H Jones	
	Mrs J Heap	
	Mrs C Davies	
	Mrs E Batters	
	Miss J Wilkens	
	Miss B Wansbrough	
	Mrs K Jones	
	Miss S Heap	
School Secretary	Mrs I Tait	
Caretaker/Cleaner	Mrs D Doyle / Mrs Standerwick	
Breakfast Club	Mrs S Lewis Jones	
	Mrs E Edwards	
	Mrs Standerwick	
Canteen Staff	Mrs A Salle	
	Mrs D Doyle	
Midday Supervisors	Mrs D Standerwick	
	Mrs E Batters	
	Miss B Wansbrough	
School Nurse	Juliet Grey (0300 0855531)	
Educational Social Worker	Ffion Hughes	
Chair of Governors	Mrs Rebecca Colton	
Clerk to Governors	Mrs I Tait	

Our School

Ysgol Llanddulas admits boys and girls between the ages 4 years (Reception) and 11 years (Year 6). We also provide a part-time Nursery for children in the September following their 3rd birthday.

All lessons are taught in English. Pupils whose home language is English study Welsh as a second language and children whose home language is Welsh receive instruction in Welsh.

There has been a school on the site since 1863, but the present building opened in 1973 with the second phase completed in 1975. The school is both well appointed and maintained, with maximum use made of available space/resources.

The main building has three large classrooms, whilst a fourth class is accommodated in a mobile and a smaller fifth classroom is on the first floor of the schoolhouse. The spacious hall serves as a gym and dining area and we have an extensive playing field opposite the school.

Our playgroup and nursery occupy the pavilion, adapted for this purpose, on the school playing field.

A ground floor classroom in the schoolhouse has been developed for ALN and Nurture sessions. The pupils also enjoy a range of learning experiences in our 'Forest School', garden/wildlife areas and nature trail on the school field.

Admissions

Conwy County Borough Council, as the LA, decides the criteria and procedure for admissions to Ysgol Llanddulas.

The school is maintained by Conwy County Borough Council. Admission applications to gain a Nursery or School place at Ysgol Llanddulas are to be completed online via:

<https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Education-and-Families/School-Admissions/School-Admissions.aspx>

The LA will admit pupils up to the Standard Number of each school, or up to any higher limit, which may have been agreed, between the County Borough and a particular governing body. The LA will only admit pupils in excess of the Standard Number where it is deemed not to be prejudicial to the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources.

Further details about admissions are available from Conwy Education Services:
Mrs Ceri Dalzell - 01492 574240

Transition

We have arrangements in place to support the transition of children into our school throughout the year. These arrangements include meeting with a member of the Leadership Team, a visit to the school and initial on entry assessments.

Ysgol Bryn Elan is our Cluster Secondary School and the majority of pupils transfer there at the end of Year 6. A great deal of effort is made to ensure a smooth transition between schools. The Year 6 children visit Bryn Elan for both curriculum and social development. On occasions, additional transition links are set up for pupils with specific needs. We also work closely with Ysgol Emrys p Iwan and Ysgol Eirias.

We also have procedures in place to ensure the smooth transition from year group to year group through moving up days and transition meetings.

Nursery Education

The Authority will admit a child to a maintained nursery school in the September following their 3rd birthday. Nursery schooling is provided on the basis of 5 x 2.5 hour sessions per week. Our nursery sessions run from 12.45 – 3.15 in the school pavilion on the field.

Though every effort will be made to meet parental preference, nursery education is not statutory and parents have no right of appeal if they are unsuccessful in gaining a nursery place.



Reception Class

The Authority will admit a child to a maintained school in the September following their 4th birthday.

All application forms are processed through the LA.

Transfer outside normal admission times

The Authority is prepared to consider requests for transfers between schools when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the child.

More detailed information regarding the LA's Admission Policy is given in "A Parent's Guide to Education Services in Conwy."

Pupils with Disabilities

At Ysgol Llanddulas, all pupils are treated as individuals and no pupil will be treated more or less favourably than their peers.

In addressing the requirements of the DDA act 1995 our accessibility plan clearly outlines the progress made in allowing all pupils full access to all areas of the school and curriculum.

The school will admit all pupils whose education needs can be met from resources provided to it and whose admission will not significantly detract from the needs of other pupils.

Where children have a statement of ALN maintained on them, their admission must be negotiated via the LEA's Statementing Officer.

Admission arrangements for other pupils with ALN including those who have impairments are set out in the school's ALN policy.

The school has appropriate toilet facilities.

Accessibility Plan

We have developed an Accessibility Plan to help us organise the premises and our practice to address the needs of our pupils. We try to give consideration to all aspects of

accessibility, including those with Learning difficulties, physical disabilities and emotional or behavioural difficulties. A copy of the Plan is available on request.

Parental attendance at school meetings and parents evenings – additional assistance

If any parent or carer has additional needs relating to disability and/or language, cultural issues with which they require assistance at a particular school event, please contact the school to arrange the assistance requested.

Parental Visiting Information

Prospective and current parents are very welcome to visit the school at any time, by arranging an appointment through the school secretary.

School Session Times

Nursery	
Afternoon Session:	12.45 -3.15

Reception – Year Two		Year Three – Year Six	
Doors Open:	8:45am	Doors Open:	8:45am
Morning Session:	8:55am-11:45am	Morning Session:	8:55am-12:15pm
Afternoon Session:	12:45 pm-3:10pm	Afternoon Session:	1:15pm-3:15pm

Classroom doors are open from 8:45am to 8:55am. All doors close PROMPTLY. If your child should, for any reason, be late arriving at school they should report to the school office to be recorded as late on the register.

The school day, for Reception to year two, finishes at 3.10pm. **Children MUST be collected from school by an adult and should be collected from the main school gate.** Children will be dismissed by the class teacher. Please inform the class teacher if your normal arrangements are changed.

The school day ends at 3.15pm for year three to year six. Children in Years 3 & 4 **MUST** be brought to school and collected from school by an adult. Children in Years 5 & 6 may walk to and from school without an adult, if you so wish.

During school hours, children are not permitted to leave the school site. If your child needs to leave school during school hours, parents must report to the school office.

Please note the school office hours are 8.00-2.45pm. Outside these times, please contact school by phone: 01492 516865

Class Organisation

The school has 5 classes from Reception to Year 6. Children are grouped according to age on a mixed ability basis, and we have mixed ages in most classes. The number of children in classes is usually between 28 and 30.

Within each class, children are organised into mixed ability, flexible groups, changed to suit tasks or needs of the children.

Classes work mainly with their own teacher but, on occasion, some co-operative/team teaching takes place. Some classes contain pupils from more than one year group, but we review the class organisation every year to take account of the varying number of pupils in each year.

Classes 2022-23

Class	Year Group	Teacher
Nursery	Nursery	Miss Webb / Miss Maxwell
Class 1	Reception /Year 1	Mrs Hughes
Class 2	Year 1/ Year 2	Miss McIntosh
Class 3	Year 3/Year 4	Mrs Hall / Miss Webb
Class 4	Year 4/Year 5	Mrs Ansell
Class 5	Year 6	Miss Thomas

At Ysgol Llanddulas, we have a single form entry; pupils are taught in mixed age classes, which are based on the age of the pupils. Teachers work closely together planning and discussing work to ensure continuity and progression for all children.

- In Foundation Phase, between the ages of 4 and 7, pupils receive 23 hours and 20 minutes of teaching during a normal week.
- For Key Stage 2 pupils aged 7 and above, this increases to 24 hours and 35 minutes.

The School Day

	Foundation Phase	KS2
Morning Session 1	08:55 – 10:15	08.55 – 10.40
Break	10:15 – 10:30	10.40 – 10.55
Morning Session 2	10.30 – 11.45	10:55 – 12:15
Lunch	11:45 – 12:45	12:15 – 13:15
Afternoon Session 1	13.00 – 14.00	13:15 – 15:15
Break	14.00 – 14.10	X
Afternoon Session 2	14.10 – 15.10	

Break and Lunchtime

Break Time Arrangements

Children in Nursery to Year 2 have continual indoor/outdoor access throughout the day. In addition, Reception to Year 6 children access the outdoor areas during their morning break time and lunchtime. **Please ensure that your child has a coat so that they will be comfortable whatever the weather.**

Drinks, Snacks & Free Milk

All children are required to bring a water bottle into school each day. Children are able to access fresh water throughout the day and encouraged to drink regularly. As a Healthy School, we ask that children do not bring in flavoured water, squash or fizzy drinks for consumption throughout the school day.

Nursery children will have access to snack, further information can be found in the Nursery Handbook.

For **Reception, Year 1** and **Year 2** there is a break during the morning session when free milk is available. Please inform us if you do not want your child to be offered milk. You may also wish to send fruit for your child to eat at playtime. Please peel oranges for younger children and ensure grapes are cut in half. A healthy cereal bar is permitted, but please note that it should not contain chocolate. **Anything with nuts is not permitted due to children with nut allergies. All other snacks are not allowed.**

Years 3, 4, 5 and **6** may also bring their own fruit to eat during morning break, please ensure grapes are cut in half. A healthy cereal bar is permitted, but please note that it should not contain chocolate. **Anything with nuts is not permitted due to children with nut allergies. All other snacks are not allowed.**

Lunchtime Arrangements

At Ysgol Llanddulas, we place considerable emphasis on the importance of lunchtime, recognising the opportunity it gives children to socialise and interact whether they have a school meal or bring a packed lunch. School staff and midday supervisors care for the children during this time and will encourage all pupils to eat their meals, interact with each other and ensure sensible behaviour in the hall and outside.

The school has excellent kitchen facilities, which are managed by Conwy County Borough Council. We offer a secure payment system for school meals called ParentPay. ParentPay allows parents to make payments to a secure online account, accessed by a unique username and password. We are unable to accept cheques or money at school. All school meals must be paid for online.

All pupils will be provided with a copy of the School Menu to enable parents to make informed choices, and meals can be booked on the day.

The school menu can be accessed from the link below:

<https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Education-and-Families/Schools/Food-in-Schools/Assets/documents/Primary-School-Menu-2>

Please advise the school if your child develops a food allergy, or has any other dietary requirements.

Some parents prefer to provide a packed lunch and drink for their child. When this is the case we would request, for safety reasons, that you do not provide drinks in either cans or glass bottles. As we are a “Healthy School” we would encourage parents to provide a healthy and nutritious packed lunch. **Anything with nuts is not permitted due to children with nut allergies.**

If you are in receipt of certain qualifying benefits, you may be entitled to free school meals. Visit the link for further information: <https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Benefits-and-grants/Education-Benefits/Free-School-Meals-in-Conwy-County-Borough.aspx>

Further support is available from the Benefit Team on 01492 576491

Breakfast Club

We run a breakfast club every school day morning from 8.00am. All children attending receive a free breakfast, and there is a charge of £1.00 per day for the childcare. Child can access a free breakfast without a £1.00 charge from 8:30am via the front door. All children from Reception are welcome to attend Breakfast club, but we do ask that children be dropped off between 8.00am and 8.30am that places are booked in advance via swyddfa@llanddulas.conwy.sch.uk

After-school Club

We also run an after school club every day until 5.15pm. All children who attend this club are given a snack and a drink. There is a charge for this facility. Further details and bookings can be made contacting Mrs Tait at swyddfa@llanddulas.conwy.sch.uk

Wellbeing

The wellbeing of all children and staff at Ysgol Llanddulas is of utmost importance. As a school, we work to promote high levels of wellbeing and encourage children to have confidence, embrace new challenges and feel secure enough to take risks. We ensure all children display good attitudes to their learning, demonstrate high levels of engagement and sustain concentration on tasks. They are encouraged to develop the skills and ability to reflect upon their own learning and the learning of their peers. We expect all children and staff to show high levels of respect, care and concern for others.

Staff provide a wide variety of learning experiences which encourage children to communicate effectively, solve problems and develop their thinking skills. We are

committed to developing a passion for lifelong learning, whilst growing together with the community and becoming ethically informed citizens.

Children are encouraged to continually express their views and opinions, which provides them with a real sense of belonging. Pupil Voice is embedded in all aspects of school life and it influences the strategic direction of our school.

From time to time, children may face difficulties which may impact on their wellbeing. As a school, we work with parents and families to support children and fully believe in the importance of working together.

Y Senedd

Our Senedd allows the children the opportunity to apply their energy and enthusiasm to make a difference to our school.

Y Senedd – our school council, involves 80+ pupils from across the school in 5 departments: Expressive Arts, STEM, Health & Wellbeing, Curriculum, Humanities. Each department links to an area of the curriculum and has its own leadership structure and budget.

The departments meet regularly under the guidance of a teacher mentor, encouraging children to voice their ideas, develop leadership qualities and responsibility, and contribute to the wider community.

Eco Committee

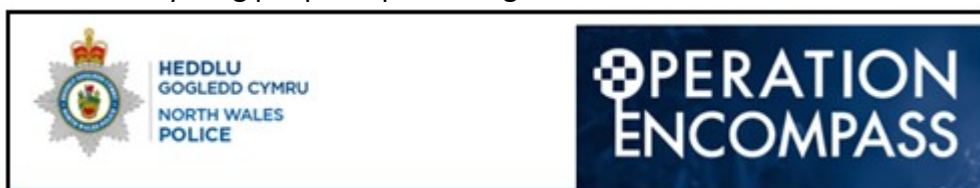
Our Eco Committee members meet to discuss environmental issues affecting the school. They play an active role in promoting recycling within the school. During the autumn term, we were awarded the Eco Platinum status.

Child Protection Policy/Safeguarding

At Ysgol Llanddulas, we take Safeguarding very seriously. We have a duty of care and we want you to feel that your child is safe in our hands.

Occasionally children make disclosures and if this happens, it is important that your child is listened to. We try to resolve things within school, but we sometimes have to refer to outside agencies because the needs of the child are paramount. Written reports are confidential and securely stored.

- Mr Lloyd is the lead person for Child Protection and Mrs Ansell supports him in this role, along with Miss McIntosh. All school staff receive annual training, and we work closely with our Education Social Worker – Ffion Hughes
- The school works closely with a range of agencies to support children and families, including the Conwy Family Team.
- The school is an **Operation Encompass School**, and works with North Wales Police in an information sharing partnership, enabling us to offer immediate support for children and young people experiencing domestic abuse



- **If you have any concerns about your child's welfare please do not hesitate to contact school.**

Equality & Inclusion

The Governors, Headteacher and staff promote equal access to all areas of the curriculum for all pupils, regardless of race, gender, ability, disability, faith and cultural background. The school has clear policies in place and are committed to providing equality and an inclusive education. All children have equal access to all activities and support is available to ensure this. We encourage respect for all within the school and the wider community.

Looked After Children

We work in partnership with Conwy county Borough Council, and other local councils, and as corporate parents we have a duty to safeguard and promote the education of Looked After Children. We aim to provide a safe and secure environment, where there is belief in the abilities and potential of all children, including those who are looked after. We support our Looked After Children and give them equal access to every opportunity to achieve their potential and to enjoy learning. Mrs Ansell is the designated person responsible for promoting the educational achievement of Looked After Children.

Behaviour and pastoral care.

It is a primary aim of Ysgol Llanddulas that every member of the school community feels valued and respected, and that each person is treated fairly and well. We are a caring community, whose values are built on mutual trust and respect for all.

The school Behaviour Policy supports the way in which all members of the school can live and work together in a supportive way. It aims to promote an environment where everyone feels happy, safe and secure, and to help children to become positive, responsible and increasingly independent members of the school community.

The school rules are a means of promoting good relationships, so that people can work together with the common purpose of helping everyone to learn.

Rewards

All staff focus on encouraging positive behaviour and rewards are used to reinforce good behaviour across the school.

The most immediate method is verbal praise; it is motivational and helps children to realise that good behaviour is valued.

Each Friday, a Celebration Assembly is held to recognise and reward the positive attitude of our 'Learners of the Week'. During this time certificates are given out by the class teacher for learning and behaviour as well as lunchtime awards.

Stages of Rewards

1. Positive praise
2. Stickers/Class Rewards/Traffic Light or Minutes towards 'Golden Time'
3. Golden Time – activities to be decided by the children
4. Note home / Postcard to parents
5. 'Learners of the week' and Plentyn Perffaith in Celebration Assembly

Consequences

Most instances of misbehaviour are relatively minor and can be dealt with simply and quickly by a verbal reprimand. Some may require withdrawal of privileges or being kept in at break times.

Stages of Consequences

1. Reminder
2. Quiet conversation
3. Warning

4. Time out/removal of privileges
5. Leadership - conversations with parents by teachers/Leadership

Where there is serious concern over a child's behaviour in school, parents/carers will be contacted immediately concerning any appropriate disciplinary action that may have to be taken.

Anti-Bullying work

The school has an anti-bullying policy, which states that **'this school does not tolerate bullying'**. We rely on the pupils, staff and parents/carers to work together to ensure bullying is stopped in its earliest stages, and all the children in KS2 work through the Connect anti bullying programme that helps develop positive attitudes.

The school Discipline and Behaviour Policy is available on request

Curriculum for Wales

Ysgol Llanddulas is clear and focused in its aspirations for the school's curriculum. We offer an exciting curriculum which inspires all of our children to achieve their full potential. We foster and encourage children to be highly motivated, have a thirst for knowledge, a love of learning and most importantly to have confidence in themselves and in what they can achieve.

We are committed to ensuring all our children have the opportunity to develop the skills and range as outlined in the Welsh Government's Foundation Phase and National Curriculum, the Literacy and Numeracy Framework and the Digital Competence Framework. We ignite a passion for learning, create conditions to thrive, whilst growing together with the community.

The Curriculum for Wales identifies four purposes of the curriculum which should develop children as:

- 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



Involving pupils in planning is a key element of the 'Learning Culture' which is established throughout the school. Each year group hold a collaborative immersion day where the children are immersed in new exciting and creative experiences related to their next theme. The pupils are encouraged to think of a name for their new theme and the teachers share

the skills they intend to cover with the pupils. The pupils are then involved in the planning process.

The principles of our curriculum and organisation of the school day ensure that the requirements of the Foundation Phase and Curriculum 2008 are satisfied, and that all children receive a broad and balanced education.

Pupils will be taught in a variety of settings through a range of teaching strategies – whole class, small group, pairs, individual, etc.

Below is a link for children and families to the exciting new developments in the curriculum:

<https://hwb.gov.wales/storage/44b74558-5d89-4a5b-bf54-32bd6dcad1c0/a-new-curriculum-in-wales-a-guide-for-children-young-p>

Foundation Learning (3-8 yrs)

All our children between the ages of 3 and 8 are taught within the principles of the 'Foundation Learning' - this phase of learning places emphasis on the holistic development of children and their skills, and learning through direct experiential activities. This more practical curriculum provides a sounder 'foundation' for children's learning as they move through to their junior years.

The statutory areas in Foundation Learning are:

- Language, Literacy and Communication
- Mathematics and Numeracy
- Science and Technology
- Expressive Arts
- Health and Wellbeing
- Humanities



At Ysgol Llanddulas, we have very successfully implemented this curriculum, and believe strongly in its benefits to children's development and enjoyment of learning.

Parents/carers receive information at the beginning of each school term outlining the particular topics their child(ren) will be studying along with a fortnightly flyer giving more specific details of the theme of work.

We also arrange for parents to visit the school for an introduction into the way reading is taught under the 'Jolly Phonics' scheme.

Our upper Foundation Learning children have the opportunity to going swimming at Eirias Pool.



Key Stages 2

Key Stage Two refers to the curriculum in all classes from Year 3 to Year 6. All children follow Curriculum for Wales 2022 subjects of Language, Literacy and Communication, Mathematics and Numeracy, Science and Technology, Expressive Arts, Health and Wellbeing and Humanities. This builds upon the skills and knowledge developed in the Foundation Learning.

Throughout Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) children learn many of the skills, which will ensure they develop as caring members of our school community.

Literacy and Numeracy Framework (LNF)

The LNF sets out the skills that the children are expected to develop throughout their time in school, from ages 5 to 14. The LNF is split into components for Literacy and Numeracy. The Literacy strands are: oracy across the curriculum; reading across the curriculum and writing across the curriculum. The Numeracy strands are developing numerical reasoning; using number skills; using measuring skills and using data skills. In addition to the LNF, teachers provide opportunities for children to develop their Thinking Skills and Digital Competence across the curriculum.

Bilingualism

English is the main language of communication, teaching, learning and assessment at Ysgol Llanddulas. However, the school is committed to promoting the aims and aspirations of the Welsh Government in developing Bilingualism.

In our school both English and Welsh will be functional languages. We will promote oracy, reading and writing in both English and Welsh Second Language in informal and structured situations. Welsh will be seen and heard around the school, during school assemblies and concerts, signage and display, lessons and indoor and outdoor activities.

As a school, we therefore aim to:

- Foster positive attitudes in all learners towards bilingualism
- Provide opportunities for all children to hear and use Welsh in all areas of their learning
- Motivate the children to use Welsh naturally, spontaneously and with confidence.

We actively promote the Welsh dimension of learning to reflect the language, culture and heritage of Wales, through visits to the local areas and work with Welsh artists.

The school also has an Urdd club and encourages pupil to enter the various Eisteddfodau competitions.

Our curriculum

Our staff work together to engage our children's learning through a curriculum that develops stretches and excites their imaginations.

In our school, you will see children learning outdoors, through play, in small groups, through sport, music, drama, art and computers; from their teachers and other adults; before school and after school.

This diversity of experience allows every child to enjoy success and sets the foundations for life-long learning. Teachers in all stages work as a whole staff on learning and teaching developments, ensuring a shared ethos and consistency of practice. This allows our children to continually extend their learning across all areas of the curriculum.



Religious Education and Collective Worship

Throughout our Church School, religious education is recognised as a key element in the curriculum. The school scheme of work is focused on the Conwy Agreed Syllabus and pupils cover a range of topics such as, the church year, Welsh saints and Christian role models. Pupils learn about other faiths such as Islam and Judaism and are taught to show respect for those with religious practices and beliefs other than their own. We have strong links with St Cynbryd's and the curriculum is enriched by regular trips to places of worship and by frequent visits from members of the local clergy – Rev Janice Brown, Dr Lloyd and Mr Gareth Williams our Bishops Visitor.



We believe that it is important to gather together every day for collective worship in order to give children and staff an opportunity to worship, explore their own beliefs and help them develop spiritually and morally. Parents and members of the local community are invited to share in many of our acts of collective worship, including special festival services, child-led worship.

The Christian faith is at the heart of life in our school and both the teaching of RE and acts of worship help us to reinforce this. Parents who wish to exercise their right of withdrawal are encouraged to discuss this with the Head Teacher.



Physical Education

Physical Education is a statutory requirement and an essential component in establishing a basis for a healthy lifestyle. We aim to provide as many sporting experiences for our children as possible. All staff are committed to encouraging children to take an active part in the outdoor play, games and PE activities provided. Games, swimming and PE form part of the Curriculum requirements for all children at Ysgol Llanddulas.

All children will have the opportunity to participate in residential outdoor pursuit activities during their time at the school, with Year 3/4 visits to Pentrellyncymer and Year 5/6 visits to Nant BH.

All of our children have the opportunity to take turns to go swimming at Eirias Pool from Reception class onwards.

National Cycling Proficiency instruction is also provided for Year 5 and 6 pupils, and children have access to a variety of Outdoor and Adventurous activities during their time at the school.

Sporting opportunities and outdoor education play a large part in life at Ysgol Llanddulas. They encourage teamwork, problem solving and respect and help develop positive attitudes to exercise and physical activity as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Children throughout school have access to a range of experiences:

- Miss Webb is Forest school trained and leads sessions in the forest school area, and there are Beach School sessions with children in KS2.
- Mr Lloyd, Miss Thomas and Monica (volunteer) provide children with a variety of different sports in our extra curricular after school Sports Clubs.
- The school takes part in all the Conwy sporting festivals and all children have the opportunity to be involved.

Recent achievements have included:

- Winner of the Conwy School of the Year Sports Award 2018-19
- Urdd Conwy Swimming Champions
- Excellent performances in the county Triathlon, Aquathlon and Duathlon events
- Success in cross country events
- Parental engagement 'Bootcamp'
- Parental engagement problem solving and adventure days at Nant BH Outdoor Education Centre



PSHE

Personal, Social and Health Education promotes children's health, well-being and safety. It is a programme of learning opportunities that help children and young people grow and develop. It equips them with knowledge, understanding and practical skills to live healthy, safe, fulfilled and responsible lives.

At Ysgol Llanddulas, we use the Connect PSHE resource with all classes, delivering a weekly programme that promotes wellbeing and resilience. Most of our staff are Trauma Informed trained, and weekly nurture and ELSA sessions are delivered by a specialist Trauma Informed HLTA.

Sex and Relationships Education

The Welsh Assembly Government and Conwy LA provide guidance on how schools should cover this important area in a child's development. Particularly, they state that sex and relationship education (SRE) should not be provided in isolation, but in context. It is a crucial area of development, and it is important to respond to children's natural curiosity. This enables them to develop a sound understanding of their and others' development, allowing them to mature emotionally with healthy attitudes towards people and relationships. The main emphasis is on relationships and will reflect the needs of pupils as they develop over the Key Stages.

The school delivers puberty talks in Year 6 giving pupils the chance to discuss sensitive issues in an informal setting. Parents will be notified when this is to take place and may exercise their right to withdraw their child on request.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The school offers a wide range of extracurricular activities both during and after school. Activities typically include a selection of the following: Netball, Gardening, Choir, Sports Club, Story Time, Urdd, Adventure, Drama, Art, Science, Triathlon, Gymnastics, Film, Girls Football and Minecraft Clubs.

Some clubs are age specific and will be limited to maximum numbers for health and safety reasons.

Please note these activities must not be relied upon for childcare as they are run by teaching staff and may be cancelled due to meetings and other school commitments.

Monitoring and Assessment

Formally monitoring a child's progress through school is a vital component for them to achieve their potential – it enables further learning to be staged to their needs, allowing target setting to be realistic yet challenging. This builds on the on-entry assessments that are undertaken with all children as they enter full-time education.

Each child's progress is formally monitored and recorded through 'Teacher Assessments' as they move through Foundation Learning and Key Stage 2.

Throughout the school, we encourage all the children to develop their skills of self and peer-evaluation through 'Assessment for Learning' and encourage them to set themselves learning and development targets.

Children's Progress Updates

We report progress to parents during each school term. The autumn term provides an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher/s and receive information about their child's progress and the planned work for the year. During the spring term, we provide a structured parents evening to discuss children's work, targets and progress, along with a report on progress in the Areas of Learning and Experience. In the summer term, parents are provided with a written report on their child's progress and are then invited to request a follow-up meeting with their teacher if required.

Additional Learning Needs

At Ysgol Llanddulas, we strive to ensure that any pupil within the school who requires resources or support additional to those which are usually provided within a school, will be catered for, adhering to the aims and objectives suggested in the Code of Practice on Additional Learning Needs and the guidelines issued by the Local Authority.

We use the staged approach of the Code of Practice when identifying pupils with Additional Learning Needs:

- School Action
- School Action Plus
- Statement
- School IDP
- LA IDP

Children who may be experiencing additional learning needs are identified through a series of measures including classroom observation. They are referred to our Additional Needs Co-ordinator, (ALNCO), registered at the appropriate level of support and an individual education plan is prepared.

From the earliest stages, parents are consulted and actively encouraged to participate.

Additional learning needs provision may take the form of individual advice to the child, parents, staff and classroom assistant. Alternatively, children may work in small groups either within the classroom environment or in other learning areas around the school.

Mrs Ansell is our ALNCo (Additional Learning Needs Coordinator). Her role is to liaise with class teachers, teaching assistants and outside agencies to ensure suitable provision for identified pupils. Mrs Edwards also works to support individual children and groups of learners.

Parents will be invited into school when we feel a child should be placed on the Additional Learning Needs register. An educational plan is constructed in consultation with the ALNCo and the class teacher where additional needs are identified.

Where appropriate, we may seek advice from agencies such as the speech and language support service, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and educational psychologists.

- Our school allows access for children with physical disabilities.
- Our curriculum is differentiated to allow all our children to progress.
- Our more able children are stretched and challenged across all subjects and opportunities are provided to take part in additional sessions.

Uniform

The wearing of school uniform is actively encouraged, as we believe that it looks smart, wears well and creates a feeling of belonging to the school. It can be ordered through the school or on-line from our uniform provider Monkhouse School wear www.monkhouse.com Parents are also welcome to purchase polo shirts, tops, trousers etc. from other local stores

Boys

Ysgol Llanddulas crewneck jumper, yellow polo shirt, navy blue trousers, white/navy blue socks and black, navy or brown shoes (not trainers).

Girls

Ysgol Llanddulas crewneck jumper, yellow polo shirt, navy blue trousers or skirt or pinafore, white/navy blue socks and black, navy or brown shoes (not trainers). During the Summer Term girls may choose to wear blue/white or yellow/white check gingham dresses.

PE kit

PE kit comprises black plimsolls, navy blue shorts and a white t-shirt in a suitable bag. In cold weather, pupils are allowed to wear tracksuits for outside games lessons. Junior children are encouraged to buy a sky blue "Team Llanddulas" PE top for representing the school at various sporting events.

School uniform helps our pupils to feel part of a community. It identifies our pupils when representing the school in the community or on visits and has a recognised effect on pupil behaviour. In accordance with Welsh Government (WG) regulations, we have ensured that the majority of the uniform is available from local stores or supermarkets. **Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on all items of clothing.**

School Book Bags

School book bags with our logo, can be purchased from the school office

Jewellery

Children may wear one pair of small 'stud' type earrings and a watch. This is the only jewellery allowed to be worn by all children within school. Children must remove all

jewellery before they undertake Physical Education (PE) sessions. If ear piercing is still healing, studs may be left in place to avoid risk of infection, however, parents must provide tape to cover studs for PE sessions.

Attendance Policy

It is very important that your child attends school punctually and regularly. There is a proven link between attendance and attainment at school. The significance of school attendance cannot be underestimated, and promoting positive behaviour and excellent attendance is the responsibility of the whole school and wider community.

All children should be at school, on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for absence is unavoidable such as illness. Schools have a legal duty to publish attendance figures and to promote attendance. Equally, parents have a legal duty and responsibility to ensure that their children attend school on a regular basis.

If your child is absent from school, please inform the school by telephone in the first instance. Messages can be left with the school office from 9.00-12.00 or via email at pennaeth@llanddulas.conwy.sch.uk

In the case of infectious diseases, children should remain at home for the given time as advised by your GP or the school.

Absence without an acceptable reason will be regarded as unauthorised. Medical appointments should be made out of school hours or during school breaks. If this is unavoidable, the appointment must be reported to the school prior to the appointment day.

In cases of persistent absence and poor punctuality the Headteacher is required to inform the Local Authority Education Welfare Service. In some cases, the Local Authority will impose a fine on parents for their child's non-attendance at school

Holiday Requests

We value the support of parents in promoting good attendance and recognising the impact it has on standards. Holidays taken during term time interrupt the children's learning and children quickly fall behind their peers. **For this reason, we do not authorise absence during term time, unless it is for exceptional circumstances or an emergency.**

Healthy Schools

We have completed all phases of the Healthy School Scheme and we are currently working towards the National Quality Award. We promote a healthy lifestyle and try to instil this into our children.

Children in the infants are able to take advantage of the free milk provided. All pupils are allowed to bring a fruit snack for morning break. Snacks such as crisps and chocolate are not



allowed. We hope you will help us to encourage our children to 'prepare for a healthy future'.

Health and Safety

We aim to ensure that children are safe and secure at all times. The school adheres to the guidelines outlined by Conwy County Borough Council regarding Health and Safety in Education.

Any health and safety concerns are to be reported to the Headteacher. Where appropriate these issues will be brought to pupils' attention via assemblies and class discussions. Personal and Social Education sessions also address any Health and Safety issues. The school works closely with other agencies, such as the police and the traffic safety team. Any issues are monitored and reviewed on a regular basis.

Regular fire drills are undertaken and the school is equipped with appropriate safety equipment. Risk assessments have been undertaken on potential hazards and educational visits.

The school has a Lockdown Policy, for when there are serious security risks on the premises. All staff are aware of the schools lockdown procedures, which are also shared with our KS2 pupils.

- Visitors MUST report to the school office where they will be asked to sign in and wear identification badges if working in and around the school.
- Parents should not enter the school via classroom doors but report to the school office.
- All staff have a DBS check, this includes contract workers.

There is a limited amount of parking available in the school car park, and we ask for your co-operation in parking safely outside school. Yellow lines are in place to ensure the safety of pedestrians crossing the road outside school. Only blue badge holders are permitted to park in the disabled parking bay outside the school gate.

Please be considerate to pedestrians, local residents and other drivers when parking near to the school.

Additional parking space is available in the Royal British Legion carpark, and a daily crossing patrol is available to support children and families walking to school.

We also encourage children to cycle and use their scooters to travel to school, and storage facilities are available on site

The school site is secure throughout the school day. It is monitored by CCTV cameras, 24 hours a day.

- Please note that dogs are **NOT ALLOWED** on the school site, including the school field.
- The school has a strict **NO SMOKING** policy on the whole site.
- Any person using inappropriate language within the school grounds will be requested to leave.

Medical

Occasionally your child may need to take medicine. You are welcome to come to school and administer the correct dose. On occasions, **school staff will administer medicines or tablets through the day. In line with our school policy, a medicine form must be signed by a parents before any medication is administered by staff.**

Please do not send your child to school with medicine or tablets as children are not permitted to administer their own medicine.

If your child is **asthmatic**, you will need to complete a form so that we can keep accurate records. Two inhalers must be provided in the chemist packaging with the prescription label clearly visible. One inhaler will be kept in the child's classroom and one inhaler will be kept centrally in the school office. Children will be supervised during their use but staff will not administer inhalers. Children are encouraged to manage their asthma and may use their inhalers whenever there is a need.

Head Lice - Head lice can be a real problem in all school. Cases of head lice should be reported to the class teacher. The Health Authority clearly places responsibility for treatment with the parents/carers.

Every effort is made to keep all our children and staff safe. If an accident does occur, we have members of staff who are qualified in First Aid. If your child needs treatment other than which we can provide at school, we will notify you immediately. **It is therefore extremely important that emergency contact numbers are kept up to date.**

Valuables

Children are strongly advised not to bring valuables to school. As a school, we cannot take responsibility for any items that are lost, damaged or stolen. Mobile phones are not allowed in school, unless needed for safe travel home. In this instance, phones will be stored in the school office or kept safely by the class teacher during the school day.

Arrangements for disabled children and adults

The school building has facilities to accommodate disabled children and adults. It is fully compliant with all current regulations. We are committed to inclusion and full access to the curriculum and all aspects of school life for all children. Occasionally Health and Safety issues demand that some exceptions be made. In these instances each case is looked at very carefully on an individual basis and suitable differentiation is negotiated. A full risk assessment will be taken prior to admission.

Photographs

- We take many photographs of the children's activities, both in and out of school.
- They may appear in our Twitter account, newsletter and on the internet. During the year, your child may also have their picture taken for the local newspaper.
- Should any of this cause any problems please notify the school so that your child can be excluded from any subsequent photographs.



School Website

We use our school website to keep parents updated with policies and information.

It contains information and guidance for parents on home learning and our arrangements for keeping safe with Coronavirus.

<https://ysgolllanddulas.wales/>

Newsletters and keeping in touch

We send out a Newsletter every week by email with details of everything going on at school. We also share a termly calendar of dates and events.

We use our school Twitter account **@YsgLlandd** to keep parents updated and celebrate work and achievements.

Important emails and messages are sent out via **Schools Comms**. We appreciate parents' support in keeping contact details up to date, to ensure we can keep in touch at all times.

Ysgol Llanddulas PTA

We are very fortunate to have an extremely hardworking and enthusiastic PTFA.

All money raised helps to pay for many extra things, which we would otherwise be unable to afford.

Over the past few years, the PTFA has raised in excess of £15,000 through sponsored walks, discos and other events. These funds have helped purchase our minibus, develop the Forest School and purchase new IT resources and ChromeBooks.

As a parent, you will be warmly welcomed to join the very active PTFA that is an integral part of our school.

Llanddulas Row

In 2019, the fantastic Llanddulas Row event involved the school and local community in a continuous 7-day row, which raised over £20,000 to purchase a new school minibus and defibrillator for the school.



Community Links

Parental and community involvement in the process of education is actively encouraged. We have close links with other local primary schools to extend and enhance the curriculum with benefit to all; the pupils meet for sporting and cultural events.

Invitations are extended to the community when celebratory events are held, such as Class Assemblies, Harvest Festival, the Christmas Concert and St. David's Day etc.

The children in the Choir perform Christmas Carol singing for the senior citizens and our Urdd competitors have performed at the local Methodist Church.

We visit local businesses, such as the Llanddulas Quarry site, and Conwy County Borough Council

We have very strong links with Ysgol Bryn Elian and other local secondary schools to ensure a smooth transition for our Year 6 pupils, and support the development of Initial Teacher Education through our links with CaBan (University of Chester and Bangor University) and OU (Open University).

The school also works in partnership with the regional school improvement service (GwE) to improve provision and raise standards for all our pupils.

Supporting worthwhile causes and charities

Our school takes part in a number of fundraising events and the children themselves often decide on what the school can do in response to local, national and international charity needs; our School Council (Y Senedd) also plays a vital role in deciding activities and ways to offer our support.

Recent activities include Super Hero Days for Children in Need and a welly day to support Size of Wales Rainforest Charity. We also donated products from our Harvest Festival service to the local food bank.

School Trips

We are fortunate to have a school minibus and we plan to ensure visits are an important part of our curriculum.

Other trips may entail a short walk to a place of interest in the village or a longer trip to a museum or town.

For the longer trips, parents will be asked to complete a consent form, which not only informs you of our intention to take your child out of school, but also asks you to provide us with the authority to act on your behalf, in the event of a medical emergency.



Travel to and from School

We actively encourage parents/carers and children to walk to school, however we do recognise that the school's location does present difficulties for the safety of children walking to school and for car parking. We would encourage all parents and pupils to walk to and from school if possible.

The Zebra crossing on Abergele Road is supervised; please encourage your child to use it. As there is no pavement leading up Pencoed Road, parents and children using this route should take particular care.

If you do drive to school, please be considerate to the needs of our neighbours when parking. For safety reasons, we ask that:

- Bicycles and scooters should not be ridden through the school premises (this includes the car park, playgrounds and pedestrian area).
- Bicycles may be stored in the cycle racks provided, please note that this is at your own risk, and you should take appropriate steps to ensure that your bike is adequately secured.

Additional information

Policy on Charging for School Activities

The school's educational provision and most of the activities organised by the school are financed via funds received from Conwy County Borough council. There are, however some valuable educational experiences that cannot be provided by the school without financial support from parents.

Where a visit occurs during school time, **a voluntary contribution to enable the visit to take place may be invited**. Activities for which voluntary contributions are sought may be cancelled if the cost to the school is not adequately covered. Contributions may also be requested for visiting workshops to support areas of learning and experience.

In accordance with Welsh Government Policy, Conwy LA meets the cost of some fees for pupils whose parents are in receipt of Income Support or eligible for free school meals. It is the responsibility of parents to inform the school if they wish to claim remission from charges.

School visits that qualify for remission are those which:-

- Take place in school hours.
- Residential visits at centres designated by the education Authority, e.g. Nant BH and Pentrellyncymer.

The Headteacher, in consultation with the Chair of Governors, will make authorisation of remission in any of these areas.

Complaints

The Local Authority has a complaints procedure as required by the Education Reform Act. It describes how anyone with a complaint can exercise his or her right to have a complaint processed within the legal framework of the Act. The arrangements cover complaints made by parents and others in respect of duties or exercise of powers by LA or Governing Body.

The document is available and will be given, if desired, to any person wishing to make a complaint under the specified arrangements.

All complaints in the first instance should be addressed to the appropriate person at school. This should be the Headteacher. Complaints about actions of a member of staff must always be made to the Headteacher in the first instance. Any person against whom a complaint is being made should be informed at the outset.

Should the school and complaint fail to reach a resolution, LA and Welsh Government guidelines and procedures will be followed. However, it is usually possible for queries and problems regarding all aspects of school life to be dealt with effectively by good home/school communication.

A copy of the school's Complaints Policy can be provided on request

Access to Information

The school will retain records on each individual child. These provide a personal and academic profile as progression is made throughout each year. Records are available for parents to inspect at school and copies can be made to be taken away should this prove necessary. It is a statutory obligation that records should be made available within 15 days – but normally it is possible to arrange for them to be seen more quickly than this.

Parents who wish to inspect documents relating to the school's curriculum should contact the Headteacher.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Ysgol Llanddulas, and working with you to inspire, nurture and celebrate their successes.



School opening and closing dates 2022-23:

Hydref / Autumn 2022	
Term Start Date	03/09/2022
Half Term Closure Date	28/10/2022
Half Term Opening Date	07/11/2022
End of Term	23/12/2022
Planned Staff Training Day's / School Closure for Pupils	03/09/2022 - Staff Training Day 04/09/2022 - Staff Training Day

Gwanwyn / Spring 2023	
Term Start Date	09/01/2023
Half Term Closure Date	17/02/2023
Half Term Opening Date	27/02/2023
End of Term	31/03/2023
Planned Staff Training Day's / School Closure for Pupils	09/01/2023

Haf / Summer 2023	
Term Start Date	17/04/2023
Half Term Closure Date	26/05/2023
Half Term Opening Date	05/06/2023
End of Term	20/07/2023
Planned Staff Training Day's / School Closure for Pupils	17/04/2023 19/07/2023 20/07/2023

Hydref / Autumn 2023	
Term Start Date	04/09/2023