

Albert Primary School

YSGOL GYNRADD ALBERT

An English Medium Primary School in the Vale of Glamorgan

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Annual Report to Parents For the Academic Year 2020 to 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of the Governing Body of Albert Primary School, we would like to present the Annual Report to Parents for the academic year 2020/2021.

The Governing Body is extremely proud of the way the senior leadership team, school staff and children responded to another disrupted academic year. We would like to pass on our thanks and appreciation to everyone who contributed to the school being able to continue to motivate and encourage children to learn under such exceptional circumstances. We would also like to extend our thanks to the children and their parents /carers for their resilience and cooperation. The Governing Body is aware of the impact of the pandemic on the well-being of pupils and staff and is committed to ensuring that the health, welfare, and happiness of everyone in Albert Primary is nurtured and supported.

Teamwork is a very important aspect of what makes Albert Primary such an exceptional school. Everyone in the school, works to achieve the shared goal of providing children with a stimulating learning environment in which they can thrive. The Governing Body, with the support of the Head Teacher, his senior leadership team and staff, will continue to ensure that Albert Primary School provides a safe and secure learning environment, where every child is valued, encouraged and challenged to be the best that they can be. We look forward to less disruptive times but until then take care, keep safe and 'GO TEAM ALBERT!'.

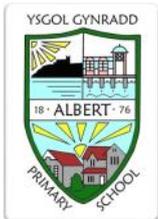
Mrs J Hillier & Mrs J Elias

Chair of Governors & Vice Chair of Governors

Headteacher's Comments

We are exceptionally proud of the enthusiasm that the children have shown for their approach to school and their learning during these unprecedented times. I would like to record a very special thanks to the teaching and support staff who embraced and excelled in the very real challenge of providing meaningful and encouraging teaching opportunities during these extraordinary times. I would also like to thank the Governors, parents and carers for their encouragement and support during this year.

Andrew Gilbert [Headteacher]





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Subject to legislative changes the school has modified our Annual Report to Parents this year as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

We have aimed to provide a relevant and useful report to parents and carers.

We recognise that some information that would ordinarily be included in a report may not be available.

The Welsh Government are suspending the School Performance and Absence Targets (Wales) Regulations 2011. This means that schools will not be required to report on targets in relation to performance or absence for the 2020/21 academic year.





School Improvement Plan

Governors are responsible for drawing up (in conjunction with staff) the School Improvement Plan. The plan identifies the direction the school will take over the next academic year, in delivering the curriculum and raising standards. The plan is regularly monitored and revised to take account of progress made and any changes to curriculum and government requirements.

The School Improvement Plan for the 2021/22 academic year has been approved by Governors. Targets are regularly re-viewed by the Governing Body.

The main areas of development during the academic year 2020/21 were to action the following:

Standards – linking in with RRRS expenditure

Refine the consistency in the teaching of phonics

Develop further the use of accelerated reading and 'myOn' electronic library

Numeracy and the further development of 'BigMaths'

Curriculum change

Review of pedagogical practices

Ensure consistency in the planning of the four purposes

Development of the 4 purposes big book in each class and the use of associated characters

DCF

Continuation of activities initiated last year related to the reward for the Online Safety Mark

Cymraeg

Further develop the recommendations form the successful bronze award for Cymraeg Campus



Pupil Achievements / School Sports



During this last year, prior to Covid restrictions, our children have achieved academic and sporting success and we congratulate them all.



Equal Opportunities

In accordance with the school's Equal Opportunities Policy, all children must be given full access to the National Curriculum. Staff endeavour to help all children to reach their full potential. The Governing Body's Strategic Equality Plan builds upon the school's previous Disability Policy, Race Equality Scheme and Equalities Policy. This policy belongs to everyone and is relevant to all pupils, staff, parents, carers and local community. A full copy is available on the school's website or on request.

Special Educational Needs and Inclusion



This is a regular item for every Governing Body Meeting in order to keep Governors fully informed of the school situation and developments taking place both nationally and within the Local Education Authority. The update is either from the Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator or within the Headteacher's Report.

One member of the Governing Body, **Mrs J Elias**, is responsible for linking with the school's **Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator, Mr D Gibson**.

The children identified may be given additional support in the classroom and withdrawn if necessary.

The school is fully committed to the principles of social and educational inclusion laid down in Albert Primary's Equalities Policy. Inclusion is about equity and including everyone in the curriculum, showing recognition and respect for culture, language and personal identity of all pupils. Methods of teaching and learning will reflect inclusive principles to help every pupil develop the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to participate in society.

If you have a concern about your child's learning or development you should initially speak to their class teacher. The teacher may then suggest a further meeting with the ALNCo should it be deemed necessary. This may lead to additional support or a teaching intervention.

The school uses IDL Dyslexia Intervention. IDL uses sight, sound, touch, and voice to improve reading and spelling. Links are made between the visual, auditory and tactile pathways.

We have also introduced Trauma Informed Schools UK. A trauma informed school is one that is able to support children and teenagers who suffer with trauma or mental health problems and whose troubled behaviour acts as a barrier to learning. . It provides essential elements which ensure an accurate, differentiated approach to a child's individual needs. [www.traumainformedschools.co.uk/what-is-a-trauma-informed-school]

You can find out more information on all our school interventions via our website www.albertprimary.co.uk.



Parental Support

More and more families are becoming involved in the life of the school. The school is very grateful for the continued support of the parents and friends of the school, who assist with a variety of activities which benefit the learning and ethos of continued development purported by the school. If you are available to volunteer in the future please contact the school.

The School Environment

SECURITY

Governors would like to thank all parents who assist us in protecting our school property.

Governors continue to take measures to prevent vandalism and work closely with the caretaker and Local Authority Officers.

SCHOOL TOILETS

The school provides fully functional separate toilet/ suites for both girls and boys. Toilets are cleaned daily and any issues arising from use is actioned as a priority.

BUILDINGS :

The school made attempts to continue with its programme of modernisation and refurbishment throughout the year. The school was awarded funding for the refurbishment of a external disused toilet block in the main yard. This work is has now been completed and pupils are beginning to enjoy using this additional resource.

External Toilet Block Refurbishment 2021





People and Roles : Governors

Prospectus :

The School Prospectus is updated annually to include any changes required by the Welsh Government or other related bodies. A copy of the prospectus is issued to parents whose children are starting school for the first time, or transferring from another school. A revised copy, with our new staffing details, can be found on our school website at www.albertprimary.co.uk. Paper copies can be requested from school.

Curriculum :

Each Governor sits on the Provision Committee. It provides the Governing Body with a wider view of the curriculum and the effective teaching and learning at Albert Primary.

Policy reviews

During the year governors have approved a number of policy updates. These include the school's Anti-Bullying Policy. [Available on the website]

Finance Committee :

Restrictions in school budgets have been well publicised. Careful prioritisation, effective management and close scrutiny have ensured we have remained with an appropriate allocation. Without question, the major reason behind this is the close working relationship that exists between the Headteacher and the Leadership and Management Committee.

The latest financial statement for the school year April 2020 to March 2021 can be found in this publication.

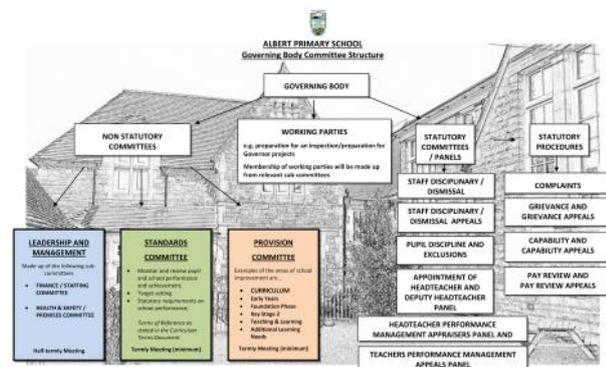


The Governing Body : November 2021

We have a high level of expertise within the staff & governors and we are committed to continued professional development. The governors ensure that the focus for the school is to raise standards of teaching, learning and care of the pupils. Governors are involved with the analysis of school data and setting the School Improvement Plan.

Governors regularly review school policies to ensure they are up to date and valid. Our key policies can be found on our website. Governors also receive regular training via the support unit of the Local Authority, including data and safeguarding.

The Governors restructured their main committees last year. The effective working of the Governing Body has been recognised by the school's Improvement Partner, Mr D Evans.



Title	Initial	Surname	Position	Sector	Start	End
Miss	R	Cox	Clerk	Clerk	01/09/2018	
Ms	J	Elias	Vice Chair / ALN	Community	01/09/2018	01/09/2022
Mrs	J	Hillier	Chair	Community	01/09/2019	01/09/2023
Ms	L	Sommerin		Community	06/11/2021	06/11/2025
Ms	L	Donovan		Community	14/10/2021	14/10/2025
Mr	A	Gilbert	Head	H/T	01/01/2017	
Mr	M	Chorley		LA	16/10/2019	16/10/2023
Ms	L	Lewis		LA	02/07/2018	02/07/2022
Mrs	H	Southam	Safeguarding	LA	21/09/2021	21/09/2025
Ms	L	Williams		LA	02/07/2018	02/07/2022
Mrs	L	Fahy		MAR	19/05/2021	19/05/2022
Dr	J	Hunt		Parent	12/10/2021	12/10/2025
Ms	D	Kitchiner		Parent	01/10/2020	01/10/2024
Ms	C	Wilcock		Parent	13/11/2019	13/11/2023
Mrs	K	Shelton		Parent	30/09/2019	30/09/2023
Ms	J	Marsden		Parent	01/10/2020	01/10/2024
Ms	K	Rix		Staff	11/11/2020	11/11/2024
Mr	R	Thomas		Teacher	11/11/2020	11/11/2024
Mrs	S	Osborne		Teacher	04/09/2017	04/09/2021





Curriculum

The Curriculum for Wales 2022 seeks to allow for a broadening of learning, supporting settings and schools to be more flexible in their approaches, and them to be innovative and creative.

At the heart of this change are the four purposes of the curriculum, setting out the aspirations for all children and young people by the age of 16, enabling them to be successful learners, who play an active part in their community and wider society, and who are prepared to thrive in an increasingly complex world.

The four purposes of the curriculum are to develop children and young people 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.

Curriculum for Wales 2022 has also been developed to reflect the strengths that the Foundation Phase has brought to education in Wales. The Foundation Phase ethos, principles and pedagogy will continue to be central to the delivery of early years education and have been incorporated across Curriculum for Wales 2022 to ensure it is appropriate and accessible for all practitioners and learners.

Curriculum for Wales 2022 organises learning around six areas of learning and experience which are:

- **Languages, Literacy and Communication**
- **Mathematics and Numeracy**
- **Science and Technology**
- **Expressive Arts**
- **Health and Well-being**
- **Humanities**



Each of the areas of learning and experience has been designed to support learners to realise the four purposes of the curriculum, and they encompass existing subjects and disciplines. The areas of learning and experience are designed to operate together as part of a holistic curriculum.

Welsh

Albert Primary School is an English Medium School; Welsh is taught as a second language to Foundation Phase and Junior classes along the guidelines set by the National Curriculum document for Welsh. Every effort is made to ensure that all important signs in the school are bilingual.

At Albert Primary School we aim to create a strong Welsh ethos. We hope to provide our pupils with knowledge of Wales and its rich culture. Welsh is given a prominent and visual role throughout the school with teachers and children working towards the natural development of Welsh as a second language. Each year we celebrate St David's Day with great style, providing competitions and concerts for parents of children in the Foundation Phase. Children participate in an Eisteddfod, culminating in the ancient chairing of the Bard ceremony.



Partnerships, Parents and Community Links

The school has an extensive partnership both within and beyond the school community. These links are vital in enriching and broadening the curriculum. The school continues to work closely with our feeder comprehensive schools, Initial Teacher Training and Learning Support Training Colleges. A community-focussed school is one that provides a range of services and activities to help meet the needs of its pupils, their families and the wider community.

We also run workshops and Families Learning Partner class events to enable parents to support their children's learning. The school has an active and supportive Parent & Teachers Association (SOAP) who have again been very busy this year! We have enjoyed some fantastic events and the PTA have been raising money and have purchased many items for the school.



The governors would like to thank all of the members of the PTA, parents and friends of the school for supporting fundraising events.

The school has a well developed link with the Police who visit regularly to deliver lessons to the children on a range of agreed topics including internet safety, smoking, substance misuse and keeping safe. They have also delivered e-safety training to parents. We have also strengthened our links with local PCSOs this year who have supported the school in many ways including problems with parking outside the school. We also have good links with the Fire Service.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2021/2022

Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2021	Thu 2 Sept 2021	Monday 25 Oct 2021	Friday 29 Oct 2021	Friday 17 Dec 2021	72
Spring 2022	Tuesday 4 Jan 2022	Monday 21 Feb 2022	Friday 25 Feb 2022	Friday 8 Apr 2022	64
Summer 2022	Monday 25 April 2022	Monday 30 May 2022	Friday 3 Jun 2022	Friday 22 July 2022	59
TOTAL					195



- ii) **Thu 2 Sept 2021** will be a designated INSET day for **all** LEA Maintained Schools. The remaining four INSET days to be taken will be at the discretion of each individual school following appropriate consultation with staff.

All schools will be closed on **Monday 2 May 2022** for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Significant dates: Christmas Saturday 25 December 2021
 Easter Good Friday 15 April 2022
 Easter Monday 18 April 2022
 May Bank Holidays Monday 2 May 2022
 Monday 30 May 2022



School Times under normal operations

School times have been revised currently due to COVID restrictions

Nursery

9.00am to 11.30am
1.00pm to 3.30pm

Foundation Phase

9.00am to 12.00pm
1.00pm to 3.25pm

Key Stage 2

9.00am to 12.30pm
1.30pm to 3.30pm

INSET days for the forthcoming academic year. Please mark these dates on your calendars as school will be closed on these dates:

Friday 22nd October 2021

Friday 18th February 2022

Friday 4th April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022

Summer Term Additional INSET Day**

**This additional inset day, announced by the Welsh Government, to take place in the summer term to prepare for the new curriculum, may alter after negotiation with Stanwell and other Penarth primary schools.



The main school doors (Reception – Y6) open at 8.50am.

The children may enter the building, hang their coats and bags up and go straight to their classes from this time.

Learning time starts at 9.00am.

The children should be in their classes ready to learn by this time.



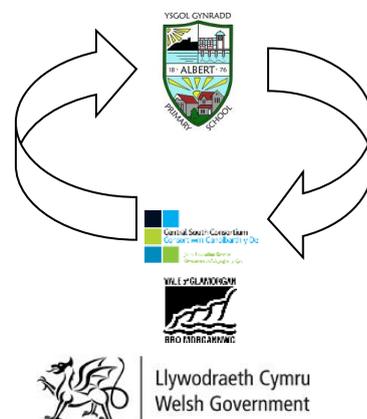
Staff / Governor Training



We have a high level of expertise within the staff and governors and we are committed to continued professional development .

The governors of the school are committed to providing opportunities for teaching and support staff to access high quality continuing professional development (CPD) in order to continue to raise the standards of teaching, learning and care of the pupils at the school.

Members of staff and governors have attended courses throughout the year, dealing with a wide variety of subjects to enhance the delivery of the curriculum and their responsibilities within the school in line with the School Improvement Plan. They are also involved in regular in-school sessions.



School Council : Pupil Voice

The 2020-2021 School Council had a disrupted year due to the school Covid closures.

However during the year they held regular meetings discussing suggestions and ideas from class surveys.

School council representatives are annually invited to a Governing Body Meeting to meet the Governors and to have a shared dialogue on how we can all work together to improve our school even more.

S.O.A.P. [PTA]

The Governing Body would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA [SOAP] for its hard work over the past year. Successful fundraising boosted funds throughout the year. The money will be used for the benefit of your children.

Email: albertrdsoap@gmail.com

Web: albertrdsoap.wixsite.com/soap

Facebook: [facebook.com/SupportersofAlbert](https://www.facebook.com/SupportersofAlbert)

Elspeth Harding (Chair)

Laura Evans (Vice Chair)

Chetna Upadhyay-Murphy/Emma Lewis (Co-Secretaries),

Lisa Jones (Treasurer)

Gemma Crutchley (Vice Treasurer)

SOAP Team

Staff Representative - Mrs G Haldenby

In the school year September 2019 - August 2020 S.O.A.P have helped fund:

Purchases over £100 :

Griffin Books, Floella Benjamin event £90

Buddy Benches £1500

'MyOn Reading resource £1000

Buddy Bench [KS2] £575

If you want to make a direct difference to your child's education and make financial choices, then please join SOAP – *'many hands make light work'*





Vale of Glamorgan Albert Primary School Outturn Report 2020/21 Balance Sheet Summary

DETAIL	ANNUAL BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL
EMPLOYEES	1,422,497.00	1,418,132.61
TEACHING EMPLOYEES	1,073,494.00	1,074,806.04
NON TEACHING EMPLOYEES	169,144.00	150,170.21
GRANT EMPLOYEES	179,859.00	193,156.36
INTERNAL RECHARGES EXPEND	96,197.00	110,308.78
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PREMISES	86,026.00	73,402.93
CLEANING AND DOMESTIC SUPPLIES	30,800.00	26,161.28
ENERGY	21,210.00	16,980.03
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	500.00	362.10
RATES	16,184.00	16,184.00
REPAIRS & MAINT OF BUILDING	11,926.00	9,834.06
WATER SERVICES	5,406.00	3,881.46
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	62,221.00	45,634.77
CATERING	204.00	0.00
COMMS AND COMPUTING	9,598.00	8,257.97
EQUIP, FURNITURE & MATERIALS	27,813.00	17,440.04
EXPENSES	100.00	18.00
GRANTS & SUBSCRIPTIONS		3,265.00
MISC EXPENSES	8,278.00	-9.27
PRINTING STATIONERY & OFFICE EXPS	15,000.00	15,296.20
SERVICES	1,228.00	1,366.83
TRANSPORT	500.00	116.40
CAR ALLOWANCES	500.00	116.40
CUSTOMER RECEIPTS	-19,771.00	-34,019.23
CHARGE FOR SERVICE		-825.00
DONATIONS		-1,070.75
RENTAL INCOME	-6,000.00	-2,185.00
SALE OF PRODUCTS		-16,176.58
SECONDMENT INCOME	-13,771.00	-13,761.90
GOVERNMENT GRANT	-192,037.00	-263,049.56
OTHER GOVERNMENT GRANTS	-6,045.00	-6,045.00
WG GRANTS	-185,992.00	-257,004.56
INTERNAL RECHARGES INCOME	-36,949.00	-44,433.31
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Total 101004	1,418,684.00	1,306,093.39

OPENING BALANCE	MOVEMENT	CLOSING BALANCE
46,720.13	65,870.48	112,590.61



'Helping us to help ourselves learn'

While children are at Albert Primary School, we do all that we can to meet their needs and provide a happy, safe learning environment. We place great importance on the close partnership between home and school.

We recognise that it is by working together that we strive to ensure our children become happy, confident and successful individuals, making a positive contribution to the world in which we live.

A Gilbert (Headteacher)



We're on the Web :
www.albertprimary.co.uk



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