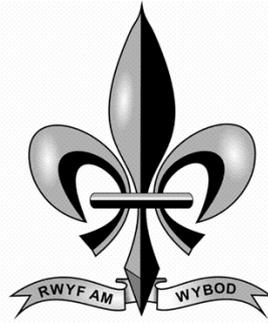


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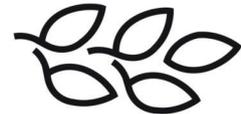
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"Together we care, share and achieve"



Llanhari Primary School

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A welcome from our Head Teacher

Gair o groeso gan ein Pennaeth

Dear Parents/Carers

On behalf of myself, the governors, staff and pupils of Llanhari Primary I would like to welcome you to our excellent school. Our school motto is *"Together we care, share and achieve"* which underpins our commitment and dedication in nurturing all children to achieve their best.

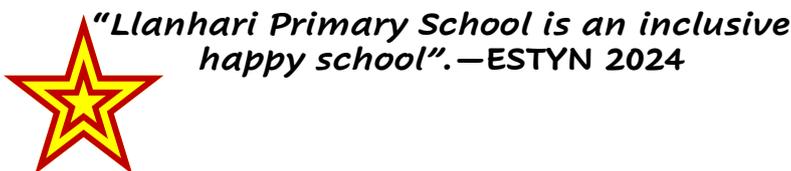
This brochure has been produced with the help of our 'Parent Council' to provide you with an insight into our school. It is full of information that will help you familiarise yourself with many of our structures and routines. We have included QR codes to further information where relevant. I hope you find it useful.

Choosing the right school for your child is vitally important. We all want the best education for our children, but also we want our children to be safe, happy and to feel secure. We believe we offer all of these things. We pride ourselves on our academic results but we are equally as proud of our caring, happy and friendly school ethos.

We place great emphasis on developing a strong partnership between home and school, as it is through working together in an atmosphere of mutual respect and support that we can provide what is best for our children, in order that they may be happy and fulfil their potential.

I believe we are an extremely effective school and all the staff are committed to preparing your child for a lifelong journey of discovery and learning.

I am incredibly proud to be the head teacher of this high performing, caring and inclusive school.



Emma Coates Head Teacher/Pennaeth

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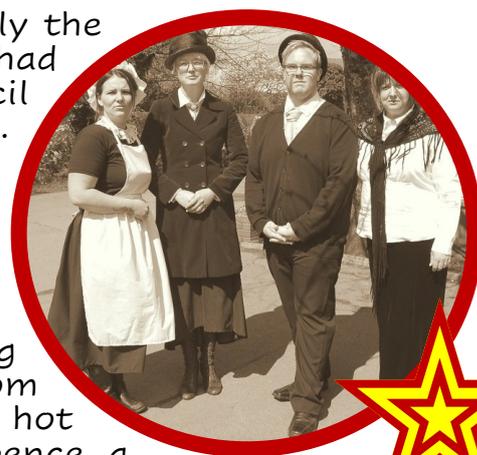


A history of Llanhari Primary

The first school in the village to be administered by Local Government Authority was built in 1913 and was popularly known as 'The Tin School'. It was primitive in the extreme and made of timber with a corrugated tin roof. It had squeaky floors, cumbersome furniture, one exit and its classrooms were often subdivided by a large blackboard.

The present school was built in 1935 on roughly the same site. By then the number of pupils had trebled due to the construction of council houses at Addison Avenue and Tylacoch.

For 15 years Mr David Rees, the first Head Teacher, had fought for an ultra modern school building that consisted of classrooms, two lobbies, a medical room, a Head Teacher's room and kitchen.



The major problem faced by the school during World War II was finding room for 78 evacuees from Rainham and Gillingham in 1940. A year later a hot dinner scheme was introduced at one and sixpence a week. The Butler Act of 1944 saw pupils aged 11 attending Cowbridge and Tonyrefail Schools and Dolau Secondary Modern at Llanharan.

The post war era saw much council house building at Pant Gwyn and the numbers on roll rose rapidly until in the mid 1960s it reached 398! During this period the village 'Annual Outing' was a highlight of school life. The 1960s also saw 'pupil centred' learning flourish and a new subject 'Environmental Studies' brought a greater knowledge for pupils of the importance of the village's history, church, mining, local business and agriculture. An important history book was launched at the school in 1974. Since the 1970s pupils have attended Y Pant Comprehensive School.

Interesting events that have occurred since 1980 were the Golden Jubilee Celebrations, the introduction of school uniform, a successful choir competition at Bridgend, a very prestigious 'Beaker Burial' project and the 'Hundred Years of education in Llanhari' Exhibition two years ago.

May the school motto "Rwyf am wybod" (I'm for knowledge) remain as long as the buildings themselves.

David Francis, Local Historian





Llanhari Primary School

An introduction from the children.

Welcome to Llanhari Primary School. At Llanhari Primary we have a range of facilities including: trim-trails, an outdoor classroom, I-pads, Chromebooks, football pitch and a nature reserve. We hold fundraisers for 'Children in Need', 'Comic Relief', 'Sports Relief', 'Velindre' and 'NSPCC'. At our primary school we keep ourselves fit and healthy by doing football, netball, tennis and multi-sports in our afterschool clubs. We have amazing teachers who encourage us to do our best and are like our friends. We also have friendly and caring pupils. Even the dinner ladies are like friends. At Llanhari we have achieved our Platinum Green flag, meaning we are an eco-friendly school and as our motto says

*'Together we care, share and achieve',
Year 6 pupils*

Our Mission Statement

"Together we share, care and achieve"

Our school values



In partnership with all stakeholders we have developed 6 core values that we encourage and develop as the key dispositions we would like all our pupils to acquire during their time at our school. They are:

Happiness, Perseverance, Independence, Kindness, Confidence, Respect.



Llanhari Primary School

Our Vision

At Llanhari Primary School we aim to provide a wide range of enriching learning experiences, along with the support and guidance that an individual needs to reach their potential. We aim to foster a love of learning that is lifelong, enabling our children to become Healthy Confident Individuals, Ethical Informed Citizens, Ambitious Capable Learners and Enterprising Creative Contributors

Teaching and Learning

Llanhari Primary School is clear and focused in its aspirations for the school's curriculum. We aim to offer an exciting curriculum which inspires all of our children and staff to achieve their full potential. Our staff are highly qualified and experienced practitioners who strive to keep the children at the 'cutting edge' of their learning.

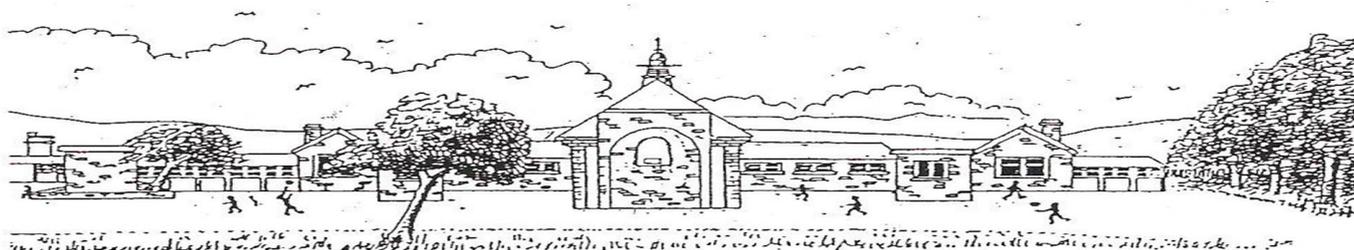
It is our aim to foster and encourage children to be highly motivated, have thirst for knowledge, a love of learning and most importantly to have confidence in themselves and what they can achieve.

Our school community is always prepared to embrace new initiatives which will assist in our aims. We will seek to achieve this through a curriculum that:

- is both 'literacy rich' and 'numeracy rich'.
- prepares pupils for 21st century skills in ICT and the digital curriculum.
- has highly effective interventions to support and stretch all learners.
- supports Environmental Sustainability and Global Citizenship.
- includes a rich Curriculum Cymreig that celebrates our Welsh heritage.
- teaches respect for other religions and cultures.
- is based on a wide range of inspiring topics and educational visits.



"The school's vision for its curriculum is clear and places a strong emphasis on preparing pupils to become resilient and creative learners"—ESTYN 2024





Llanhari Primary School

School staffing structure

Head Teacher: Mrs E. Coates

Deputy Head Teacher: Mrs R. Elphick

Foundation Phase Leader of Learning: Mrs J Evans

Additional Learning Needs Coordinator: Mrs R. Elphick

Teaching Staff			
Class 1	Mrs J. Evans	Class 4	Miss T Burke
Class 2	Mrs J. Evans	Class 5	Mr C Griffiths
Class 3	Mrs R Elphick/ Mrs K Roderick	Class 6	Mrs D Cook
Foundation Learning Support Staff		Learning support staff	
Class 3	Mrs Lemonheigh	Mrs J. Jones	
Class 2	Miss C Osborne	Special Needs Support Staff	
Class 1	Mrs Z Williams	Mrs S Apperley + Mr W Jones	
Administration Staff		Maintenance Staff	
Mrs C. Shipman		Mr P. Roberts	



"All staff have warm relationships with pupils that support the caring ethos that permeates the school" - ESTYN 2024





Llanhari Primary School

Our Governing Body

Name	Type of governor	Appointed by	Retirement date
Mr M Cleverley Mrs C Hunt Mr E Edwards	LEA	Council Members	23/10/2026 01/10/2029 28/09/2029
Cllr J Dilworth	Minor Authority	Community Council	18/05/2027
Mrs V Davies Mr C Lewis Mrs C Lambert	Community Governors	Governing Body	23/09/2029 23/11/2028 23/09/2029
vacancy Mrs J Pring Mrs S Thorne Mrs K Welsh	Parent	Parents	- 03/10/2027 13/02/2028 19/03/2028
Mr C Griffiths	Teacher	Teaching Staff	08/10/2027
Mrs J Jones	Staff	Non-Teaching Staff	11/09/2028
Mrs E Coates	Headteacher		
Mrs A. Phillips	Clerk to the governors		

Our Chair of Governors is Mr Colin Lewis



"Governors work well with the headteacher and staff, providing effective support to the school. They know and represent the school and community well."—ESTYN 2024





Llanhari Primary School

School Curriculum

The Four Purposes

We will be supporting your child to be:

- an ambitious, capable learner, ready to learn throughout their life
- an enterprising, creative contributor, ready to play a full part in life and work
- an ethical, informed citizen, ready to take part in Wales and the world
- a healthy, confident individual, ready to lead a fulfilling life as a valued member of society.

These are called the 'four purposes' of the curriculum

Areas of Learning Experience

As well as literacy, numeracy and digital skills, there are 6 areas of learning and experience. Everything your child learns will be connected to these areas.



In **Expressive Arts**, your child will explore art, dance, drama, film and digital media and music to develop their creative, artistic and performance skills

In **Humanities** they'll learn about the world, society and events in the past and present. They'll explore the challenges and opportunities that face us, and what ethical action we can take to safeguard the world and its people in the future



In **Mathematics and Numeracy**, your child will develop their understanding of numbers and use symbols in maths. They'll explore shapes and measurement and learn about statistics and probability.

Health and Well-being is about looking after their physical and mental health including emotional well-being. They'll learn about healthy eating and how to make good decisions, deal with influences and develop healthy relationships.



In **Languages, Literacy and Communication**, your child will learn about languages. They'll understand and use Welsh, English and other languages. They'll study and create literature, and communicate in spoken, written or visual ways.

In **Science and Technology** your child will learn about biology, chemistry, physics, computer science and design and technology. They'll learn about design and engineering, living things, matter, forces and energy, and how computers work.



The curriculum also covers: • human rights • diversity and respecting differences • experiences and skills for careers and the workplace • learning about local, national and international contexts • developmentally appropriate relationships and sexuality education.

"The development of pupils' creative skills is a strength of the school" -ESTYN 2024



What Matters

Your child's learning will focus on things that matter to them now and when they grow up. Each area of learning and experience contains statements of what matters which shape learning for children of all ages. These help your child think about what they're learning and how topics link to each other, to work and to life. They also support your child to progress each year as they build their understanding and skills.

There are more opportunities for your child to learn important skills for life that will help them to:

- appreciate the world around them
- ask questions, look at evidence, make decisions and solve problems
- explore, communicate, create plans and find solutions
- build resilience and manage their well-being
- work with others and
- make decisions about their future career based on meaningful experiences in learning, work and entrepreneurship

An example of how this works in the Science and Technology area of learning and experience, one of the statements of what matters is: 'The world around us is full of living things which depend on each other for survival.' As your child learns, they'll think about this in different ways, like this:

- I know that there are endangered animals.
- I understand that what I do has an impact on the environment, people and animals.
- I can identify ways to reduce the impact of climate change on the environment, humans and animals

Learning in a way that works for your child

Our curriculum develops your child's knowledge, skills and experiences. They will move forward as they learn more, their understanding of things gets deeper, their communication skills grow and their skills improve.

There may be times when they move forward quickly or slow down to make sure they understand a topic or because they discover something that interests them. Learning isn't always linked to their age. It won't happen in the same way, or at the same time for everyone.

Assessment

Assessment is part of your child's learning every day. They'll work with their teachers to understand how well they're doing. This is important to help them see where they are in their learning, plan their next learning steps, spot any issues or extra support they need and to help their teacher find ways to challenge them and see how well pupils are doing.



Welsh in School

Llanhari Primary is an English Medium school, however we are proud of our Welsh roots and take every opportunity to celebrate our heritage. We use incidental Welsh around the school at every opportunity and encourage pupils to use Welsh phrases in lessons and on the playground. We also incorporate Welsh heritage in our learning topics, for example in art we look at Welsh artists events and hold our own annual Eisteddfod.

Religious Education



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Religious Education is now known as Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE). It is a statutory requirement of the Curriculum for Wales and is mandatory for all learners from ages 3 to 16. RVE forms part of the Humanities Area. This Area encompasses geography; history; religion, values and ethics;

business studies. These disciplines share many common themes, concepts and transferable skills, whilst having their own discrete body of knowledge and skills.

There is no parental right to request that a child is withdrawn from RVE in the Curriculum for Wales

Collective Worship

The school is not affiliated to any particular religious denomination, but we do have an act of worship every day. Either we meet as a whole school, as Foundation Phase or Key Stage 2 groups, or in individual classrooms. The acts of worship usually follow a Christian theme, or try to encourage our school values. It is also a time when the whole school shares in the success and achievements of individual children.

We have regular visits from our local vicar, who leads and shares our acts of worship. Each class presents one class assembly during the year, when family members are invited to come and watch.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the acts of worship on religious grounds. This process is undertaken in consultation with the head teacher.

Physical Education Lessons

We have P.E. and movement lessons every week. Children are required to bring a change of clothes for hygiene reasons. Children bring black shorts and white t-shirts. Please write your child's name on the labels of any clothes that are brought to school, you wouldn't believe the amount of lost property left at the end of every day!

Teachers plan well for the spiritual, moral social and cultural development of pupils through classroom activities, collective worship and creative art.—ESTYN 2024



Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

At Llanhari Primary School we value the importance of Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE) to help and support young people through their physical, emotional and moral development. From September 2022 all teaching staff (class teachers) will teach RSE as part of the Curriculum for Wales. Opportunities will be provided in Year 6 for separate lessons on physical changes, conception and birth. Other members of staff, including the School Nurse will teach aspects of RSE and will be supported by the class teacher

There will be a whole-school approach – from Nursery to Year 6 and all learning in RSE will be developmentally appropriate. The subject will be taught in a cross-curricular way, encompassing all the elements within Personal, Social and Health Education topics, as well as expanding on human relationships, human and physical development and reproduction, sexuality and the risks of sexual activity.

*Parents should be aware that children cannot be withdrawn from these Science lessons.

Further information from Welsh Government can be found on the HWB website



Home Learning

Home learning is a very important part of a child's education, raising levels of achievement and attainment and can add much to a child's development. We recognise that the time and resources available limit the educational experience that any school by itself can provide; children benefit greatly therefore from the mutual support of parents and teachers, in encouraging them to learn both at home and school. Indeed we see home learning as an important way of establishing a successful dialogue between teachers and parents. One of the aims of our school is for children to develop as independent learners, we believe that home learning plays a significant part in the children's acquisition of these important skills.

Whilst home learning is important, it should not prevent children from taking part in the wide range of out-of-school clubs that play an important part in the lives of many children. We are well aware that children spend more time at home than at school, and we believe they develop their skills, interests and talents more fully when parents encourage them to make maximum use of the experiences and opportunities that are available outside of school. Please see our 'Homework Policy' for more information.

"Staff demonstrate good subject knowledge and communicate clear objectives to promote effective learning amongst pupils"—ESTYN 2024





Valuing Pupil Voice

At Llanhari Primary we have a school Senedd that all junior pupils are members of. There are 5 departments that the children can choose to support: School Council, Eco-Committee, Healthy Heroes, Digital Leaders, and Crew Cymraeg. They meet monthly and are key to pupil voice having and impact on our school. Here is a message from two of the groups:

School Council

At Llanhari Primary the School Council work hard to solve problems and help make the school a better place. The school council are voted for by the children in each class. We wear a special badge so other children know who to go to if there is a problem. We meet regularly and have helped improve our school. For example, we have carried out playtime surveys and planned improvements to our yard. We zoned off areas of the yard for different activities and Mrs Coates bought new benches and games. We help the teachers provide excellent lessons. We helped make a guide for teachers on marking and we completed a 'learning walk' of our classrooms to help teachers improve the learning environment. We also present in assemblies to let the children know what we have been working on. We are the voice of the children. Our opinion matters.

Eco-Committee

The Eco-Committee work hard to keep the school grounds litter free and we are a waste free school. We help the other children recycle all our waste and we also go out on the school grounds to do litter picks. We have been shortlisted 3 times for a 'Love where you live award' and won one for our waste free recycling initiative. We have been awarded our 'Platinum Green Flag' twice and our '6th Healthy School Leaf'. We sometimes do an assembly in front of the school so they know our 'Eco' activities. We have a fruit tuck shop and sell the fruit for 25p each. The Eco-committee also try to save as much electricity as possible by having signs around the school by the light switches that say 'Turn me off!'



**"Keep Clean
Keep Green**

**At Llanhari Primary School we
Reduce, Reuse and Recycle"**



The school's Senedd has six different pupil groups and these give nearly all pupils a good opportunity to make an active contribution to the school. - ESTYN 2024



Admission Arrangements

Nursery

Rhondda Cynon Taff is the admissions authority for Llanhari Primary School. The school follows the LEA Admissions Policy.

All applications for Nursery class places must be made online via the Council's School Admission Team:

www.rctcbc.gov.uk/applyforit, tel:01443 281111.

There is a standard 'admission number' established for every school, which limits the annual pupil intake. Llanhari Primary's standard admission number is 28.

Government legislation allows parents to express a preference when selecting a school. A map of the catchment area can be obtained from the council's admissions team. When more than 28 preferences are expressed for nursery admissions, places are allocated in accordance with the criteria defined in the Council's 'Starting School' booklet.



It is common practice for parents to approach their preferred school, who will ensure that you receive an admission form at the appropriate time and forward your details to the Local Authority. Alternatively, you can ensure that the council receives your child's details by contacting the School Admission Team. When such an application is made, it would be appreciated if notice could be given to the school in order that our information can be kept up to date. Children enter our nursery class in the September after their third birthday. This year we are able to offer full-time places to all nursery pupils if they are ready, this is reviewed annually.

Pre-Nursery

We can currently take 28 pupils into our nursery class. If we have spaces we do admit pre-nursery pupils. Currently pre-nursery children can start the term after their third birthday. The school will contact parents if spaces are available.

Reception

All pupils have to apply again to enter our Reception class. All applications for Reception class places must be made via the Council's School Admission Team in the same way as applications are made for Nursery places. There are normally places available each year for pupils who enter in our nursery class. However, it should be noted that officially admission of a child to our nursery does not in any way guarantee subsequent admission to our Reception class.

"Early years provision builds effectively on pupils' starting points using a play-based approach that enables them to explore and develop at their own pace."—ESTYN 2024



Induction Process

Every effort is made to ensure that the transition to full-time schooling is a smooth and positive process. All children receive a visit from our Nursery Staff before starting school. This visit gives parents the opportunity to ask questions in the comfort of their own home.

All children start off part time and build up gradually to full time according to the individual need of the child. They may initially start with an hour or two in the morning, build up to staying for dinner then trying a full day. Some children are full time within a week!

Toilet Training

We would prefer the children to be toilet trained before starting school (unless the child has a particular special need.) This includes being able to clean themselves as well as pull down and pull up their own trousers or pants.

Although as a school we prefer children to wear uniform, in nursery we allow them to wear jogging bottoms if your child finds this easier for toileting.



Transition from primary to secondary school

Llanhari Primary has excellent partnerships with its cluster schools. The majority of our children go on to attend Y Pant Comprehensive School, however we also work closely with a whole range of other schools that our pupils have gone on to join.

Prior to our year 6 pupils leaving, we ensure we support them emotionally and physically through the latter months of their time with us. We play an active part in a transition scheme with Y Pant Comprehensive. Our pupils attend Y Pant for lots of transition events over the year and in the summer term, a transition day is usually held, where they are taught a whole host of lessons. In the summer term the children also take part in a transition adventurous activity. All the schools in the cluster take part and this is a great way for the pupils to meet new friends ready for year 7.

Y Pant Comprehensive holds open evenings for year 6 parents in the autumn term. These offer parents an opportunity to tour the school and ask any questions.

There is a robust whole school system in place to identify the learning needs and track the well-being of pupils. Strong links with parents support this work. —ESTYN 2024





Llanhari Primary School

Wrap around care

After school club



SOCIABLE
EDUCATIONAL
LOVING
CREATIVE
AFFORDABLE

Selca Day Nursery provides wrap-around care for those children attending local schools. They collect and drop off to/from Llanhari Primary School. Their breakfast club starts at 7:30am - 9:00am from the breakfast club premises at Llanharan's OAP Hall where the children are then dropped off at their local schools. The children are

then collected at the end of school and taken to Llanharan Welfare Hall where tea is provided. Their price list is as follows: Breakfast Club: £15.00 (7am starts available at an additional £1 fee, must be booked in advance)

Afterschool Club: £15.00

Wrap around with 1:00pm collection: £32.00

Breakfast club

We provide a free breakfast club under the scheme funded by the Welsh Government. For those wanting to participate, we open at 8:10am every school day. We serve toast, cereal and juice. There are lots of activities in breakfast club to keep us all busy while we wait for school to start. The club is run by Breakfast Club supervisors who are also members of school staff. If you would like your child to come to our free breakfast club, you need to register for a place at www.rctcbc.gov.uk >schools and learning >resident >school catering.



Attendance and absences

We have many initiatives and incentives that reward good attendance across the school.

If your child is ill and has to take time off school, please make sure that the school knows why they are absent and keep us informed if they have to stay off for any length of time. This can be done by telephoning the school, there is a voice mail option for you to leave a message. If your child has a hospital, dental or opticians appointment that can't take place after school, please bring in your appointment card for our records. We work closely with the Local Authority Attendance Team to help families struggling with their child's attendance and a variety of support is available.

Fixed penalty notices are issued for poor and unauthorised attendance, further details are available in our Attendance policy. In line with Local Authority policy, the school cannot authorise holidays in term-time, unless there are special circumstances and at the head teacher's discretion.



An effective system is in place for tracking attendance and robustly following up absences.

—ESTYN 2024





Llanhari Primary School

Our school website

www.llanhariprimary.com

Our school website provides a place to find out all you need to know about our school, including term dates, school lunches, newsletters, policies and events. Each class also uses twitter which is updated regularly by staff and pupils. The website also has a comprehensive gallery of photographs from school events such as Christmas concerts and Eisteddfod performances.



Text and email service

The school operates a text and email to parents service. This is a valuable service that, for example, sends out quick reminders, can let parents know if after school clubs are cancelled or inform parents if their child is absent from school.

Social media

The school has a Facebook account that is used to share information and reminders and to direct parents to new additions to the website.

Class Dojo

The school has a Class Dojo account that can be downloaded as an app or viewed online. Class Dojo is our reward system, but it also has an excellent communication feature. This enables teaching staff to share photos and reminders with their classes. There is also a whole school feature that is used to communicate key messages. Login information is available from your class teacher.

School Routines

Foundation Phase:

Morning Session: 9:am—12:00pm

Lunch time: 12:00pm—1:00pm

Afternoon Session: 1pm—3:15pm
(Nursery-3:00pm)

Key Stage 2:

Morning Session: 9:am—12:05pm

Lunch time: 12:05pm—1:00pm

Afternoon Session: 1:00pm—3:15pm

Class 1 and 2 Pupils have their own entrance for drop off and collection. Class 3 line up in their classes on the infant yard every morning. Class 4-6 line up in their classes near the Hall entrance. Children are met by the class teachers in the morning. If it is raining, the hall doors are opened at 8:50am so pupils can line up in the dry.

School Security

The safety of our pupils is paramount. All visitors to the school are to report to the main reception, located at the front of school where our secretary is on hand and to welcome them. All other external doors to the school are locked during school hours. All gates except the main gate into the school are locked at 9:10am and reopened at 3pm.





Llanhari Primary School

Additional Learning Needs

As outlined in the ALN Code for Wales 2021, it is our aim in Llanhari Primary School to 'support the creation of a fully inclusive education system where all learners are given the opportunity to succeed and have access to an education that meets their needs and enables them to participate in, benefit from and enjoy learning.'



We recognise the need to create inclusive learning environments and use high quality inclusive teaching approaches to meet the diverse needs of all learners. This universal provision includes effective differentiation, collaborative group work, individual and/or small group intervention, as well as whole class teaching. Where applicable, reasonable adjustments are made to ensure learners can access the environment and curriculum. However, if a child does not make the expected progress, despite this provision, assessments will be carried out and measured over time, to ascertain whether a child has an additional learning need (ALN).



In deciding if a learner has ALN consideration must be given to the definition of ALN as described in the ALNET Act:

Definition of Additional Learning Needs:

- (1) A person has additional learning needs if he or she has a learning difficulty or disability (whether the learning difficulty or disability arises from a medical condition or otherwise) which calls for additional learning provision.
- (2) A child of compulsory school age or person over that age has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she—
 - (a) has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
 - (b) has a disability for the purposes of the Equality Act 2010 (c. 15) which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of facilities for education or training of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream maintained schools or mainstream institutions in the further education sector.
- (3) A child under compulsory school age has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she is, or would be if no additional learning provision were made, likely to be within subsection (2) when of compulsory school age.
- (4) A person does not have a learning difficulty or disability solely because the language (or form of language) in which he or she is or will be taught is different from a language (or form of language) which is or has been used at home.

Under the new ALN system, for any learner identified as having an ALN, the school will create and maintain an Individual Development Plan (IDP) and take all reasonable steps to ensure that the necessary additional learning provision (ALP) to meet the assessed need, is secured. It will be created through collaboration with the learner and the learners' parents/carers in conjunction with any other professionals that might be involved, using a range of person centred practices. In most cases, the IDP will be maintained by the school. However, for a small number, where the complexity of the additional provision required to meet the needs of learners is unreasonable to expect a mainstream setting to provide, the IDP will be maintained by the local authority.



"Dedicated and skilled support staff provide beneficial support for targeted pupils" - ESTYN 2024



Children Looked After

Our vision is to support looked-after children with all aspects of their education, monitor their achievements, and assist them in overcoming any barriers to success, ensuring they achieve their full potential.

On placement in the school, an effective, high quality personal education plan (PEP) is initiated as part of the child's care plan. The PEP sets clear targets related to academic achievement, out-of-school activities, and personal/behavioural targets. The PEP adopts a holistic view, placing the child at the centre of the process and taking on board their views and opinions. Parents and/or family members and carers are also fully involved.

Additionally, we liaise closely with a multitude of agencies to support the child and accommodate them on their road to success. Mrs R. Elphick and Mrs E. Coates have responsibility for Children Looked After at our school.

Arrangements for the disabled

We are a fully inclusive school and pride ourselves on the care we provide for pupils with additional needs. The school building has facilities to accommodate disabled children and adults. It is fully compliant with current regulations. We are committed to inclusion and full access to the curriculum and all aspects of school life for our children. Occasionally health and safety issues demand that some exceptions be made. In these instances each case is looked at on an individual basis and a suitable alternative is negotiated.

Toilet Facilities and Cleaning



Our school has the appropriate number of toilets for children, staff and visitors which are easily accessible from all parts of the school. Any operational or cleanliness issues are promptly dealt with by staff. All toilets are cleaned at the end of the day. There are disabled toilets within the school.

Medicines

If you would like your child to receive medication in school you will need to complete an authorisation form available from the School Secretary. Medicines cannot be administered without signed approval and staff approval. Please see administering medicines policy for more details.

Please note we can only administer medicines prescribed by your G.P.



Llanhari Primary School

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Safeguarding and Child Protection are key priorities at Llanhari Primary School. We aim to support vulnerable children to ensure they are safe as they can possibly be. Our school is committed to ensuring the safety and protection of all children and will take action to safeguard their well-being. We acknowledge that children have a right to protection and this is supported in the general ethos of our school.

When there are concerns it will be necessary to make a referral to Children's Services and we work in partnership with a range of outside agencies to safeguard children

The school's policy applies to the whole school workforce, along with volunteers, governors and any contractors working on the school site. In particular staff recruitment and selection—ensuring all staff (volunteers etc.) have been appropriately DBS checked for their suitability, using safe recruitment procedures.

At Llanhari Primary we have a comprehensive safeguarding/child protection policy. All staff undertake safeguarding training that equips them to recognise and respond to child welfare concerns.

These concerns are then passed to the:

Designated Child Protection Officer: Mrs E. Coates (Head Teacher)

or in her absence:

Deputy Designated Child protection Officer: Mrs R. Elphick,

They follow strict guidelines on how to deal with any concerns as set out in the 'All Wales Child Protection Procedures'.

The nominated Governor for Child Protection is: Mr C. Lewis

ELSA and MELSA Support

We are fortunate in our school to have 2 members of staff specially trained to support pupils emotional wellbeing. Mrs Jackie Jones and Mrs Rachael Lemonheigh work with groups of pupils or individuals in classes or in our specially adapted nurture room. They are trained to develop pupils self-esteem, friendships and confidence. They have also received specialist training to support pupils in times of trauma such as a serious illness or a bereavement.



The school has a caring ethos that enables it to target its provision effectively to meet the wide range of pupils' individual need—ESTYN 2024





Parental Involvement

At Llanhari Primary School we are proud of our strong links with parents. We are always looking for ways to develop new partnerships and our door is always open to parents with new ideas and suggestions.

Parent's Evenings

Parents evenings are held every term. These give you an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and view their work. These can take place in person or via a telephone call. You are of course welcome to contact the teachers at other times if you have worries or concerns.

Reporting to parents

Written reports are given to all parents termly, followed by a parents evening where you can come and discuss your child's report if you so wish. Details of any assessments attained by the children will be included if relevant. At the end of the year, parents of children in Year 2 to Year 6 will also receive the results of any national literacy and numeracy tests.

ALN Parents meetings

Parents meetings are arranged for pupils on our Special Needs Register termly. These meetings are held with the school ALNCo and class teacher, and sometimes they will be observed by the school's governor for ALN who may be gathering information. In these meetings parents are made aware of their child's target on their IDP and have an opportunity to discuss progress or worries.

Parent and Teacher Association (PTA)

We have a thriving PTA at Llanhari Primary School. They plan and deliver fundraising activities for children and parents throughout the year. The PTA has arranged a variety of events such as Halloween disco, Breakfast with Santa, Sports day refreshments and an end of year prom. The funds raised go directly back to the children in our school, purchasing resources or paying for events that would otherwise be out of our reach. They have also successfully obtained a number of grants to provide substantial additions to the school, particularly the new trim trail and yard markings. If you would like to join the PTA speak to Mrs Coates.



Parent Council

We have a very successful and well established Parent Council at Llanhari Primary. The Parent Council is made up of representatives from every class. They meet half termly and have a direct input into school improvement. They work on a

range of issues, for example, reviewing the new homework policy, writing reading guides for other parents and developing new transition arrangements. During the meetings parents have the opportunity to raise questions from other parents. The minutes from these meetings are shared with all parents so they can see how their questions have been addressed.

Parent Workshops

We hold regular workshops and talks for all parents. For example, we have held talks on developing phonics and reading, how we teach maths and e safety. We also held a very successful maths evening to showcase how maths is taught so parents could experience an actual lesson.



Parent Programmes

We offer a wide range of training programmes for parents in partnership with Communities for Work and the Local Authority. For example, 'Slow cooker course', 'Parent Puzzle' on behaviour management, Level 2 (GCSE) Maths. The school will advertise the programmes when they are available.



We were the first school in Wales to achieve the Investors in Families Diamond award

Flying Start

Our local Flying Start health visitor holds a range of programmes to support new mums and babies in the school. The sessions are advertised and available to those parents in the Flying Start area.

Helping in school

Our mums, Dads and community members can help the school in a lot of ways. Currently volunteers help with reading and after school clubs. We enjoy having parents working within the school and if you want to help please contact the school office.



"Family engagement is a strength of the school. The school has developed a range of valuable partnerships with families that contribute positively to raising standards"—ESTYN 2024



Llanhari Primary School

Term dates + holidays

The school year runs from 1st September of one year to 31st August the following year and consists of three terms. Dates for the commencement and ending of the school terms vary from year to year but broadly they are:

- Autumn term—September to December
- Spring term—January to March/April (depending when Easter falls)
- Summer term—April to July



Term dates 2025-26

Term	From	To
Autumn 2025	Monday, September 1 2025	Friday, October 24 2025
Half Term	Monday, October 27 2025	Friday, October 31 2025
Autumn 2025	Monday, November 3 2025	Friday, December 19 2025
Christmas Holidays	Monday, December 22 2025	Friday, January 2 2026
Spring 2026	Monday, January 5 2026	Friday, February 13 2026
Half Term	Monday, February 16 2026	Friday, February 20 2026
Spring 2026	Monday, February 23 2026	Friday, March 27 2026
Easter Holidays	Monday, March 30 2026	Friday, April 10 2026
Summer 2026	Monday, April 13 2026	Friday, May 22 2026
Half Term	Monday, May 25 2026	Friday, May 29 2026
Summer 2026	Monday, June 1 2026	Monday, July 20 2026

Mon 1 Sept 2025 and *Monday 20 July 2026 will be designated INSET days for all LEA Maintained Schools. The remaining three INSET days to be taken will be at the discretion of each individual school following appropriate consultation with staff. ***It is intended that this INSET Day will either be taken on Mon 20 July 2026 or at an alternative time for example in the form of twilight sessions.**

All schools will be closed on **Monday 4th May 2026** for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Significant dates:

- Christmas - Thursday 25 December 2025
- Easter - Good Friday 3 April 2026
- Easter Monday - 6 April 2026
- May Bank Holidays
 - Monday 4 May 2026
 - Monday 25 May 2026





Healthy School

We are a 'Healthy School' and have achieved our 6th 'Healthy Schools leaf' and our 'Silver' Sustrans Award. We encourage the children to be as healthy as possible. Children are only allowed to bring in healthy snacks for breaktime from home, no crisps or chocolate are allowed in school.

Fruit Tuck Shop

Class 1, 2 + 3 provide their own fruit at snack time. Parents pay £1 a week towards this.

Drinks in school

Children are encouraged to drink water in school and have access to drinking water whenever they want. Drink bottles can be brought from home and refilled in school, but only water is allowed. We also sell school logo water bottles, available from the reception.

Cycle to school

A considerable number of pupils cycle (or scoot!) to school which we actively encourage. We regularly take part in 'Bike to school' weeks and 'Bling your bike' competitions. Cycle proficiency training' takes place in Year 6 and we access cycle maintenance training through our partnership with 'Halfords'. Pupils have access to a bike rack to store their bikes during the day and we promote the safe wearing of cycle helmets.

School nurse.

The school nurse, can be contacted on 01443 443763 and she also visits the school regularly to carry out standard health checks and deliver RSE lessons to year 6. She is very happy to meet with parents when she will talk about any health issues that might be worrying you. Ask at the school reception if you wish to see her.

Head Lice

Sometimes head lice can be a problem in school. Please could parents check their child's hair weekly with a nit comb. If head lice are found, phone the school and a standard letter can be sent home to everyone in that class. If we spot head lice in your child's hair during the school day we will telephone parents and request they are treated immediately to prevent the spread.

"The school actively promotes the importance of healthy eating and encourages physical fitness and mental well-being through a range of activities and clubs"—ESTYN 2024



School Meals

At Llanhari Primary School our cooks work really hard to make healthy appealing school dinners. All pupils, including Nursery pupils in full time education, are now entitled to receive a free nutritious meal every day they attend school.

Free school Meals

Even though all primary children are receiving a free school meal there are further benefits you can access, so it is important to still apply for free school meal entitlement. Once you are entitled to free school meals you could automatically qualify for a **Schools Essentials Grant**. This is an annual payment of £125 towards uniform, PE Kit, IT, extra curricular activities etc.



Application forms and further information is available on the RCT website— (QR code)

Free school meals are available to children whose parents or guardians are currently receiving one of the following benefits:

- Child Tax Credit – where total annual income is also less than £16,190
- Income Support (with responsibility for children)
- Income Based Job Seekers' Allowance (with responsibility for children)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of state Pension Credit
- Pupils who receive Income Support or income-based Job Seekers' Allowance in their own right are also eligible to receive free school meals
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related) (ESA (IR)).
- Universal Credit (if working, annualised net earnings must be £7,400 or lower)



- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



Packed Lunches

Children are welcome to bring a packed lunch to school. Please remember we are a 'Healthy School' and this also refers to lunch boxes.

All children eat their lunch in the school hall and supervised by mid-day supervisors.



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Llanhari Primary School

School Meals

2025

PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WEEK 1	<p>Cheese & Tomato Pizza, V Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza, or Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake V</p> <p>Served with Garlic and Herb Wedges</p> <p>Carrot sticks and sliced Cucumber</p> <p>Fresh Fruit & Frozen Yoghurt</p>	<p>Beef & Veggie Meatballs in tomato sauce served with pasta or Cheese & Potato Bake V</p> <p>Served with Green beans and Mixed Vegetables</p> <p>Apple Sponge & Custard</p>	<p>Pork Sausage or Quorn Fillet V</p> <p>Served with Gravy and Mashed Potato</p> <p>Swede or carrots and Broccoli</p> <p>Cocoa Cookie & Fresh Fruit Slices</p>	<p>Mild Chicken Curry served with rice or Tomato Pasta V</p> <p>Served with Sweetcorn and Garden Peas</p> <p>Banana Flapjack</p>	<p>Fish Goujons, Bubble Salmon Fillet or Veggie Burger V in a whole meal bun</p> <p>Served with Chips</p> <p>Coleslaw and Baked Beans</p> <p>Fruit Sundae</p>	<p>Available daily!</p> <p>Salad</p> <p>Jacket potatoes with fillings</p> <p>Fresh Fruit</p>
WEEK 2	<p>Rainbow Veggie Pizza, V Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza or Mac n' Cheese V</p> <p>Served with Herby Diced Potatoes</p> <p>Carrot sticks and Sliced Cucumber</p> <p>Fresh Fruit & Frozen Yoghurt</p>	<p>Beefburger in a wholemeal Bun or Fishless Fingers V</p> <p>Served with Plain Wedges</p> <p>Coleslaw and Garden Peas</p> <p>Rice Crispy Cake & Fresh Fruit Slices</p>	<p>Roast Chicken or Glamorgan Sausage V</p> <p>Served with Gravy and Mashed Potato</p> <p>Swede or carrots and Broccoli</p> <p>Carrot Cake & Fresh Fruit Slices</p>	<p>Tuna Pasta or Tomato Pasta or Veggie Curry served with rice</p> <p>Served with Sweetcorn and Garden Peas</p> <p>Cocoa & Orange Sponge Cake with Custard</p>	<p>Breaded Fish Fillet or Quorn Dippers V</p> <p>Served with Chips</p> <p>Baked Beans and Sweetcorn</p> <p>Waffle Finger Served with Fruit & Ice Cream</p>	<p>50/50 bread</p> <p>Fresh Fruit</p> <p>Yoghurt Milk and Water</p> <p>If you have any allergies, intolerances or special dietary requirements please contact catering here</p>

www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolcatering

This menu complies with the WG 'Healthy Eating in Schools Food and Drink Standards'
Menu subject to change based on availability of ingredients



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Llanhari Primary School

School Uniform



Our school uniform is a burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan, burgundy fleece or a reversible shower proof jacket. To go under the sweatshirt we wear gold or burgundy polo shirts. These should be worn with a grey skirt or trousers. In the summer children can wear shorts with our polo shirts or red or yellow gingham dresses. The embroidered uniform along with a range of bags and accessories can be ordered online from 'Myclothing.com'. Uniform is also ordered on a regular basis through the school for those parents who don't have access to the internet.



P.E.

Pupils need to change for P.E. Lessons. They will need black P.E. shorts and a white t-shirt. Trainers are worn outdoors but bare feet or daps are worn in the hall, depending on the activity. Children will know what day they have PE at the beginning of each term. P.E. bags are available online and remember—label everything !

Shoes and jewellery

Everyone in school tries really hard to make sure we are safe from accident or injury, but this is really difficult if children wear heeled shoes, boots, clogs, platform soles or flip flops. All children should wear flat school shoes with school uniform every day. We also ask that children refrain from wearing any jewellery other than stud ear-rings and a watch. Children are not allowed to wear any other jewellery unless there is a supporting letter specifying religious grounds. Please support us in enforcing these rules for health and safety reasons..

Mobile Phones

Children are allowed to bring mobile phones if they walk home from school on their own. They need to ask permission if they want to bring their phone and must give it to their teacher to look after throughout the day. Mobile phones will be confiscated if found with the pupil. Confiscated phones must then be collected by the parent.

Lost and damaged property

Children are not allowed to bring valuable equipment, like computer games, air pods etc. to school. Lost or damaged items belonging to staff or children are not covered by our insurance. We are taught to respect our own and other peoples property, but things do get broken or lost occasionally.

It would be helpful if all bags, property and clothing could be labelled with full names. If belongings get lost and children's names are not on them, they go into the lost property box in the hall. Could Mums and Dads please check lost property every so often, so that items can be returned to their owners. Lost property is kept for a term and then any unclaimed items are given to local charities.



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Extra Curricular Activities

Clubs

We pride ourselves on the number of opportunities that are available for pupils outside of the normal school day. We have a club to suit almost every interest ranging from football to choir; cookery to ukulele and Spanish to gardening. Our clubs are enjoyed by all ages, including parents either during the school day or after school. Parents have had the opportunity to join in with 'Zumba' and 'Cookery' classes.

Parents have had their own cookery classes but can also join with their children at their classes, learning to cook together. Without the support of the local community and our teachers giving up their spare time these clubs would not be available and we are immensely grateful.

Just have a look on the school web site at the range of clubs we offer! www.llanhariprimary.com



Music

Our choir meets weekly and we sing lots of different songs from Welsh traditional to pop songs. We have previously sung for the British Legion, Llanhari Community Association, and Llandaff Cathedral, as well as singing at a variety of school events throughout the year. We offer a range of music lessons at the school. We have had children learning to play the trombone, cornet, ukulele, samba drums, and guitar. All lessons are booked via the RCT Music service. Details are available from reception.

Sporting achievements

The school is very proud of its sporting achievements and the pupils that take part in a wide variety of sporting activities. We have developed successful links with external sporting organisations such as Cardiff City Football Club to enrich pupils learning experiences.

We work hard to promote exercise as part of a healthy lifestyle and actively encourage pupils that sport is for all, regardless of ability.

Children in year six have the opportunity to be Sports Ambassadors and undertake training in this role, leading to them running their own sports club. We are fortunate at Llanhari Primary to have a large playing field and extensive grounds for a variety of sporting activities.



"The youngest pupils benefit from purposeful opportunities to use outdoor areas to develop their physical skills. There are opportunities for the older pupils to take part in a fitness club, football and gardening club " - ESTYN 2024



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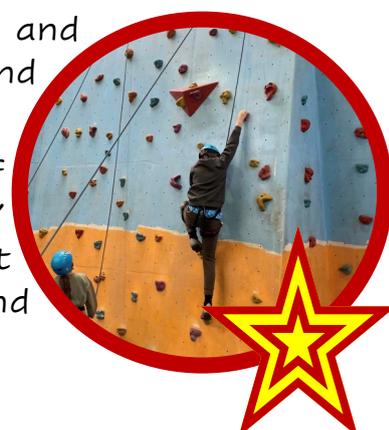
Educational Visits

Our teachers make sure our learning is interesting and fun by taking pupils out for educational visits and school trips. The trips are linked to the topics we are studying. Our teachers always make sure that a risk assessment is completed about every school visit or trip, so that everyone is safe.

If you want to help our teachers on any of the trips, please get in touch. We welcome any help.

In the summer term year 5 and 6 usually go on a two night residential visit to Gwersyll Yr Urdd, Llangrannog, in West Wales. This is a tremendous opportunity for us to improve our Welsh, our self esteem and improve our self-confidence. It is always an enjoyable and adventurous trip for all concerned.

At the end of Year 6 all pupils take part in a range of activities as part of the transition arrangements with Y Pant Comprehensive. All the schools in the cluster take part and this is a fantastic opportunity to meet new friends and teachers ready for year 7.



Charging policy

We feel that taking the pupils on a relevant visit to make the subject 'come alive' can enhance classroom studies. Such visits are not compulsory and therefore, parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution to assist funding the school visit. Costs of school trips are kept as low as possible with school funds (raised from events and raffles) subsidising most trips. If sufficient funds cannot be generated by voluntary contributions from parents, it may be necessary to cancel a visit, but this has not occurred yet.

The school has been fortunate that parents have responded positively to the requests for voluntary contributions in respect to educational visits. It is also school policy to include pupils whose parents have not contributed to the cost of the trip, so no child misses out. The additional cost is borne by the school fund. Many parents also take advantage of our savings scheme for larger trips.

The school's 'Charging Policy' can be found on the school website.

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Promoting Good Behaviour

At Llanhari Primary School we encourage positive attitudes towards self-discipline and high standards of personal behaviour which are expected at all times. A great deal of time, thought and effort is spent on establishing an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect between adults and pupils.

We aim to make the school a place where pupils will feel safe and secure in an environment where they can work and play, sharing and cooperating with others. Pupils are expected to behave in a reasonable and responsive way showing thoughtfulness and awareness of the needs and rights of others. They are also encouraged to care for things they use and develop a responsible attitude towards the environment.



At Llanhari Primary we have a School Council. A representative from each class is elected and meetings are held regularly with the school's deputy head teacher, Mrs Elphick. The representatives are encouraged to air any problems encountered by their friends and to suggest improvement that could be made to enhance school relationships and environment.

School and class rules are kept consistent across the classes so as children move through the school the rules remain the same. Pupils are reminded of them regularly and they are on display in every class. They are common sense, simple rules to ensure the safety of all and to assist in living alongside others in a small community.

Consequences of poor behaviour will vary according to the incident and is most effective when supported by the home. Where there is cause for concern we would ask to meet with you to discuss the problem and ask for your help as we work together to develop strategies to resolve it. Conversely, we would appreciate you contacting us if you have any concerns about your child's behaviour. In the event of it becoming necessary to exclude a pupil from the school, the child's parents would be informed and will have the right to make representation to the school Governing Body.



Our 'Anti-Bullying' policy and zero tolerance approach to bullying promotes a clear message that bullying behaviour is unacceptable. Pupils are encouraged to tell an adult about any bullying concerns. Every child has the right to feel safe and secure in school.



Llanhari Primary School

Equal Opportunities Policy

The staff at Llanhari Primary School aim to meet the needs of every pupil irrespective of belief, race, gender, religion, social class or ability. This is important in helping give every child access to all areas of the curriculum.

The staff are actively committed towards the following aims:

- To provide equal opportunities in learning and experiences for all pupils.
- To create and maintain a happy working and learning environment that reflects and takes into account the different beliefs, cultures and languages to be found within the school.
- To monitor, review and improve the provision of resources within the school to meet the educational needs of all children.
- To work toward the elimination of inequality of opportunities, or prejudice, as and when this occurs.
- To ensure that boys and girls have equal access to all benefits, facilities or services offered by the school, including extra-curricular activities.



Racism

Racism will not be tolerated in any form. Pupils who suffer abuse or harassment will be strongly encouraged to report such behaviour to their teacher or to Mrs Coates. All incidents will be recorded and investigated. Parents will be informed of their child's involvement and will be asked to ensure that such behaviour will not be repeated.



Complaints Procedure

The class teacher will deal with any minor problems, but if you are not satisfied, the Head teacher will always meet concerned parents in order to resolve difficulties.

A parent who is still not satisfied should contact the Chair of Governors. The school's Complaints Policy and Procedure can be accessed via our website or a paper copy can be requested from the school office.



"Pupils across the school work collaboratively and show respect to each other." ESTYN 2024



"Together we care, share and achieve"

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