

Roath Park Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Parc y Rhath

Governor Report to Parents & Carers Academic Year 2023-24



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Chair of Governors - Welcome Message

Dr Richard Harris

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to our Governor's report at the start of the academic year 2024/25. Although it is called the Governing Body Report to Parents, this document is for families, carers, teachers, staff, pupils and everyone else who is part of our wonderful school community – we hope that you find the information useful, interesting and informative.

I can barely believe that it has been a year since I last wrote this message to you. At that time, we had undergone a number of significant changes to our leadership team with relatively new appointments as Head and Deputy Head, along with a new Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governing Body. I am very proud of how everything has seamlessly progressed over the last 12 months with important strides made in delivery of the new(ish) Curriculum for Wales and many other areas. As Governors we are regularly updated on how progress across the school is measured, with consolidation of our strengths and a detailed School Development Plan that targets where we believe we can enhance the learning of your children. The ethos of continuous improvement is embedded in all that we do.

We continue to petition the Local Authority to progress remedial work to our school buildings with scaffolding and other patchwork repairs a constant reminder of our frustration. I must apologise for this most visible disappointment.

Earlier this year Governors and our fantastic School Senedd wrote to various leaders within the Welsh Government and Local Authority to plead our case for work to commence. Following a response from the Cabinet Secretary for Education, we understand that provision has been made by the Welsh Government for Local Authorities to support repairs and maintenance, so we will continue to apply pressure to make sure Roath Park is at the top of the queue.

Although important, this is not just a question of the school looking nice – left unchecked the maintenance issues will become a safety concern, and our inability to clean or open windows leads to a poor learning environment for pupils and staff across our school.

As we were a year ago, we are still looking forward to the opportunity of welcoming Estyn to our school to undertake their latest inspection. I am still genuinely excited at this prospect, especially as we have invited Heads of other local schools to share lessons with us from inspections they have recently received. We welcome the opportunity for a constructive and expert critique of how we are delivering our responsibilities to educate and develop our pupils.

Our school is an excellent school, and it is a fantastic opportunity for the hard work of all our staff to be recognised and celebrated. I would ask you all to support Mr Fitzgerald and his team once the inspection is announced as it will inevitably be a stressful time for all our community.

Finally, I would like to offer a reminder that Roath Park Primary School does not terminate at the walls and the gates. It is a very special school that reflects our surrounding communities and we are determined to continue to provide a warm welcome for all those who can contribute positively to our work.

We would like you all to feel that you are part of our school team and I would encourage and challenge you to find ways to contribute to our ongoing success – in particular, two opportunities stand out.

Firstly, we will be holding elections in a few months to appoint new Parent Governors for a 4-year term. I know from experience that this role can seem a bit mysterious in terms of the commitment and expertise required, so we are planning a 'Town Hall' event after half-term to explain what the role entails. We would like to invite both individuals who are interested in standing for election (or are a bit curious!) and for those people who want to cast their vote in an informed way.

Secondly, we are seeking wider participation with our 'Friends of Roath Park' team. It is astonishing to me how much benefit this small group has given to our school in recent years with events like the Summer Fayre, Christmas market, Quiz Night, Spot the Oddity, etc. being expertly delivered with the minimum of fuss. Many, many thousands of pounds have been raised that are fed directly back into targeted purchase for your children. Please contact them to enquire how you can help – imagine how much more they could achieve with broader support...

I hope you will enjoy reading this report – if you have any queries or comments, please contact Mr. Fitzgerald or myself and we will do what we can to help.

Thank you,

Richard Harris

Email address: ChairGB@roathparkprm.co.uk

Senedd Parc y Rhath | Roath Park Senedd

Since 2021 our school has benefitted from having a pupil voice 'Senedd'. Members of the Senedd Team are responsible for;

- Providing a voice for pupils across the school which will improve experiences and learning
- Supporting the well-being of all children and adults across the school
- Helping to appoint and recruit new members of staff
- Networking with local small business, organisations and charities
- Promoting events and raising awareness within their committees

Our Senedd Team for 2024-25 is made up of the following committees;

- Rights and Equality
- Education
- Sports and Health
- Environment and Future Generations
- Welsh language and Culture
- Transport and Active Travel

The Senedd is coordinated and facilitated by the following members;

- First Minister: **Ada**
- Deputy First Minister: **Daisy**
- Presiding Officer: **Finn**



Thank you for reading all about our Senedd Team. We look forward to meeting you in the future

Ada

Daisy

Finn

School Vision, Aims and Mission Statement

The following vision has been developed by staff, pupils, parents, governors and members of the community.

“At Roath Park Primary School we aim to deliver a bespoke curriculum that has at its heart the attributes of a **family-oriented, multi-cultural community**. We **care passionately** about our children’s **well-being**, their **individuality** and their **diversity**. Our **teaching** and **learning** opportunities **aspire** to excellence. They **serve to reflect** the **challenges** of the fast-paced and **evolving** world we inhabit. We seek to prepare our pupils to understand what it means to be **Welsh**, whilst developing as **Global Citizens** and **leaders** of the future.”

The school vision statement is

Living Together, Learning Together, Growing Together

Bwy Gyda’n Gilydd, Dysgu Gyda’n Gilydd, Tyfu Gyda’n Gilydd

At Roath Park Primary School, we aim to work with you to ensure:

- That our children have a good foundation of knowledge from which to build, in order to develop their potential
- That children leave Roath Park literate, numerate and self-motivated
- Equality of opportunity for all children, irrespective of race, religion, gender, ability or social background
- That our children are happy, caring individuals, respectful of other people, their property and the property of the school
- That as a school we play our full part in the life of the local community
- That our children develop enquiring minds, enhanced self-image and are proud of their achievements
- That we consistently examine and review the quality, breadth and progression of the curriculum that we offer to pupils and adapt and improve it accordingly
- That we provide a caring, stimulating environment where quality teaching and learning takes place
- That all sections of the school community adhere to our whole school anti-racism policy at all times
- That all sections of the school community are consulted when whole school policies are reviewed and updated.

Our mission is:

At Roath Park Primary School we are committed to working towards equality regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation and the creation of an inclusive culture in which every individual, regardless of ability or background, is enabled to participate and is valued as a member of the school community. We therefore promote positive approaches to difference and foster respect for people of all cultural backgrounds.

These protected characteristics are taken from the Equality Act 2010

Contextual Data

Staffing Levels	Teaching	HLTAs	Teaching Assistants	Admin & Finance	Caretaker Cleaners	Midday Supervisors	Kitchen Staff	Total
	22	3	24	2	1 + 4	8	4	68

Autumn 2023

No. on Roll	N	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Total
All Pupils	61	51	60	57	60	60	60	60	471
FSM		1	2	9	12	11	13	14	59

ALN Register	No. of pupils	19	eFSM	No. of pupils	59
	% of school roll	5.1% (inc. Nursery) 5.9% (exc. Nursery)		% of school roll	12.5% (inc. Nursery) 14.4% (exc. Nursery)

Attendance

September 2023 - July 2024

	N	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Average
Attendance	78.8%	91.67%	92.30%	94.69%	94.50%	94.25%	94.40%	94.62%	93.77%
Authorised		6.35%	5.85%	3.57%	3.85%	3.90%	2.99%	3.70%	4.71%
Unauthorised		1.97%	1.57%	1.66%	1.64%	1.85%	1.49%	1.68%	1.69%

Roath Park has a dedicated Attendance Officer who supports teachers and office staff in First Response calls. Families are contacted the morning of a non-attendance if the school has not been notified. Staff have the opportunities to speak with families directly on the gate and attendance is part of a focussed discussion for Parent/teacher evenings. The Local Authority meets with our Attendance Leader on a termly basis to monitor absences and support families who require it.

A range of effective processes and procedures have been put in place and embedded over the years to improve attendance.

Attendance data:	2020 / 2021: 93%	2021 / 2022: 92%	
	2022 / 2023: 93%	2023 / 2024: 93.77%	

	Attendance:
Excellent	Above 99% - always in school on time and ready to learn!
Good	96% and above - very rarely late for school.
Improvement Required	Below 96% or occasionally late to school.
Cause for Concern	Attendance is below 90% or child is frequently late to school.

School attendance is a focus during Parent/Teacher events where individual percentages are shared with parents and carers. Attendance percentages are also shared on annual written reports, with the table below.

Parents who plan to take children out of school for holiday leave are asked to email the Headteacher outlining details and reasons for the absence from school. If a child is absent due to unexpected illness, we ask that parents /carers contact Mrs Lark first thing in the morning to explain the reason for absence. In the interests of children's safety, the Attendance Officer or school office staff will enact our First Response and contact the family if they have not contacted the school before 9.30am.

In line with Welsh Government guidelines, the Headteacher is no longer authorised to agree to absence from school for holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances. He also has clear guidelines from the Welsh Government which allows him to authorise absences for medical appointments, days of religious observations, external examinations etc. The Local Authority has now introduced Fixed Penalty Notices which will be used in Cardiff in the following circumstances:

- Where there is a minimum of 10 unauthorised sessions (5 school days) in the current term (these do not have to be consecutive);
- Where pupils persistently arrive after the close of the registration period i.e. more than 10 sessions in the current term;
- For a period of absence from school due to a holiday that was not authorised by school;
- Where a pupil has regularly come to the attention of the police during school hours and is absent from school without an acceptable reason.

For more information please see: [Fixed penalty notices for non-attendance at school](#)

Punctuality: Punctuality is also monitored daily. School starts at 8.55am. Pupils arriving after the 8.55am bell are recorded as present, while those arriving after the class registers have closed are recorded as absent. Along with absences, punctuality is monitored by our Attendance Officer and when punctuality becomes a concern, parents/carers are contacted.



#EveryDayMatters
www.cardiff.gov.uk/schoolattendance



**STRONGER
FAIRER
GREENER**



School Development Plan 2023-24 – Review of Progress

Staff at Roath Park Primary collaborate with all parts of the school community to identify priorities, plan and action developments and to closely monitor outcomes. The Governing Body monitors school improvement priorities through regular visits to the school for meetings, learning walks and listening to learners; it also spends time on scrutiny of documentation and ensures that a rigorous appraisal procedure of the Headteacher and staff is adhered to.

Priority	Persons responsible <i>Estyn Inspection Areas</i>	Progress against priority
1 - Design, implement and embed our Curriculum and Assessment procedures at Roath Park	Michael Parsons & Jane Marker <i>(Learning / T&L Experiences)</i>	Strong progress to end of year – especially with regard to curriculum breadth and progressive learning and teaching. Curriculum and assessment will continue to be at top of school’s priorities next year. The Success Criteria will be altered to reflect how the priority is evolving.
2 - Provide good provision and teaching to support language development across the school	David Newbury & Michael Parsons <i>(Learning / T&L Experiences)</i>	Strong progress made throughout the year. Oracy has been the driver behind language development across the LLC AoLE and wider curriculum. MER has shown further improvements will need to be made in Welsh. New CSC advisor for Welsh has met with LLC and Curriculum leaders and a clear plan is in place to enable further development.
3 - Provide high quality learning opportunities and experiences across design, science and technology	Nicola Wright & Sandi Burnett <i>(Learning / T&L Experiences)</i>	Strong progress made, particularly with regard to technology. Opportunities to apply DCF skills have been woven through broader topics and learning e.g. through VR headsets, Chromebooks, iPads, Micro:bits or various online apps. STEM week and MER activities throughout the year have highlighted Science and Maths as two areas to focus on next year. Technology will remain a focus but Science and Design will continue as a priority on the SDP.
4 - Effectively support all learners to be resilient and choose appropriate strategies in social settings	Annie Tiani-Tanzi & Lewis Fitzgerald <i>(Care, Support and Guidance / Well-being and Attitudes Towards Learning)</i>	Very strong progress made throughout the year. Care, support and guidance at Roath Park is a huge strength. Bespoke support through Thrive and ELSA is embedded and we will continue to bring best practice into the classroom setting. Priority will continue to be focus and further work will take place at cluster level.
5 - Pupil progress reflects the quality of teaching and learning across all phases	Jane Marker, Rachell Smith, Michael Parsons & Chloe Owen <i>(Leadership / Learning)</i>	Strong progress made here, particularly with regard to curriculum design and purpose. This will be enhanced by coming back to our overarching topics, long term planning and application of core skills. The principles of progression are mandatory and will be a focus for professional learning and collaboration next academic year.

Staffing Structure 2023/24

The Strategic Leadership Team:

Lewis Fitzgerald	<i>Headteacher</i>
Jane Marker	<i>Deputy Headteacher</i>
Rachell Smith	<i>Leader of Progression Step One [Engage]</i>
Michael Parsons	<i>Leader of Progression Step Two [Inspire]</i>
Chloe Owen	<i>Leader of Progression Step Three [Empower]</i>
Jamie-rose Rigby	<i>Leader of Achievement and Inclusion</i>

The Middle Leadership Team / AOLE Leaders:

David Newbury	<i>Leader of Language, Literacy and Communication</i>
Richard Lewis	<i>Leader of Mathematics and Numeracy</i>
Annie Tiani-Tanzi	<i>Leader of Health and Wellbeing</i>
Nicola Wright	<i>Leader of Science and Technology</i>
Amy Phillips	<i>Leader of Expressive Arts</i>
Melissa Evans	<i>Leader of Humanities</i>

Teaching Team:

Rachell Smith	<i>Nursery</i>	Amy Phillips	<i>Year 4</i>
Nicola Wright	<i>Reception</i>	Julian Husband / Annie Tiani-Tanzi	<i>Year 4</i>
Kira Gibson	<i>Reception</i>	James Loizos	<i>Year 5</i>
Michael Parsons	<i>Year 1</i>	Millie Evans / Jane Marker	<i>Year 5</i>
Emily Thomas / Claire Williams	<i>Year 1</i>	Chloe Owen	<i>Year 6</i>
Ellinor Watts	<i>Year 2</i>	Richard Lewis	<i>Year 6</i>
Sandi Burnett	<i>Year 2</i>	Catrin Bateman	<i>PPA / Interventions</i>
Paula Kent	<i>Year 3</i>	Annie Tiani-Tanzi	<i>PPA / Year 4</i>
David Newbury	<i>Year 3</i>	Jamie-rose Rigby	<i>PPA</i>
Sue Ivens	<i>Family Engagement Teacher</i>		

Teaching Support Team:

Karen Brown	<i>Higher Level Teaching Assistant</i>
Shubeena Shaz	<i>Higher Level Teaching Assistant</i>
Julie Summers	<i>Higher Level Teaching Assistant</i>
Hajerun Nessa	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Amina Islam	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Rafia Bashir	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Tess Wyatt	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Louise Trask	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Sue Burns	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>

Zaibun Nisa	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Sandra Jones	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Cath Murphy	<i>Teaching Assistant / Thrive Practitioner</i>
Sohad Said	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Marina Galli	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Mandy Heathfield	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Jo Watts	<i>Teaching Assistant / Thrive Practitioner</i>
Nadia Jamil	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Sultana Khairul	<i>Teaching Assistant (EAL/EMTAs)</i>
Saskia Matthews	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Mandy Wong	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Irene Revell	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Rose Webber	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Jane Richards	<i>Teaching Assistant / ELSA and Well-being</i>

Office and Business Support Team

Beverley Lark	<i>School Administrator</i>
Neena Hunter	<i>School Business and Finance Officer</i>

Estates Team

Carson Burnett	<i>Site Manager</i>
Angela Harvey	<i>Cleaner</i>
Yan Guan	<i>Cleaner</i>
Jo Wellbeloved	<i>Cleaner</i>
Kelly Harvey	<i>Cleaner</i>
Julie Summers	<i>Cleaner</i>
Jessica Yarr	<i>Cleaner</i>

Midday Supervisors

Anne Power	<i>Mid-Day Supervisor</i>
Angela Harvey	<i>Mid-Day Supervisor / Breakfast Club</i>
Verna Seager	<i>Mid-Day Supervisor / Breakfast Club</i>
Yan Guan	<i>Mid-Day Supervisor / Breakfast Club</i>
Jo Wellbeloved	<i>Mid-Day Supervisor</i>
Jesmin Neher	<i>Mid-Day Supervisor</i>
Kalsoom Majid	<i>Mid-Day Supervisor</i>
Humerah Rehman	<i>Mid-Day Supervisor</i>

Catering Team

Kelly Harvey
Louise Leon
Kristy Mesher
Jemma Mills
Bandita Thomas

Governing Body Membership

1. Governors' Meetings with Parents

There is no longer a requirement to hold an annual parent meeting. Section 94 of The School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 enables parents of registered pupils at the school to request up to three meetings per year with the governing body via a petition. Details of how to request a meeting are available on the supplementary information section of this report or on the Welsh Government (WG) website.

No meeting was requested by parents in the academic year 2023-2024.

2. Governors

- The Governing Body and the Headteacher share responsibility for the strategic management of the school, acting within the framework set by legislation and by policies of the Local Authority (LA). The Headteacher has full responsibility for the internal management of the school.
- The Governing Body meets at least once a term, usually every half-term. In addition, sub-committees meet regularly to discuss specific issues. They report to the full Governing Body for formal ratification of proposals.
- The minutes of Governing Body meetings are available from the school administrator.

Our Governing Body is a combination of appointed and elected members and is the employer of the staff.

Our governing body is made up of people from a variety of backgrounds. The school Governors are a group of individuals, who are elected, nominated or co-opted and are representative of parents and staff, the Local Authority and the local community. School Governors work with the Headteacher and are responsible for setting the strategic direction of the school.

The minutes of Governing Body meetings are available from the Clerk to Governors: Mrs Hannah Carlson. These can also be found on our school website. The full Governing Body meets at least once a term, sometimes more frequently. In addition, sub-committees meet regularly to discuss specific issues.

Election of next Parent Governor: 13th December, 2024

The Governing Body structure for our school for the forthcoming year will be as follows:

Governor	Role	End of Term
Dr Richard Harris	Chair of Governors Parent Governor chairgb@roathparkprm.co.uk	6/1/2027
Dyfi Allen	Vice Chair of Governors Community Governor	23/5/2027
Gareth Brown	Local Authority Governor	24/01/2024
Councillor Peter Wong	Local Authority Governor	22/7/2026
Hannah McCarthy	Local Authority Governor	29/09/2026
David Morris	Local Authority Governor	25/01/2028
Simon Williams	Community Governor	25/11/2024
Sameh Otri	Community Governor	15/9/2025
Natasha Jones	Community Governor	2/3/2027
Jane Foulner	Community Governor	17/09/2028
Dennis DeWidt	Parent Governor	19/01/2027
Rachel Cable	Parent Governor	13/12/2024
VACANT	Parent Governor	
Carson Burnett	Staff Governor	31/10/2026
Jane Marker	Teacher Governor	30/8/2026
Amy Phillips	Teacher Governor	30/8/2026
Lewis Fitzgerald	Headteacher	n/a
Hannah Carlson	Clerk Roath Park Primary School Pen-y-wain Rd, Roath CF24 4BB	n/a

Governing Body Sub Committees

As well as regular full governing body meetings the governors are appointed to sub committees depending on their skills and interests. The committees are 2023/24 are:

Staff Disciplinary & Dismissal	Disciplinary & Dismissal Appeals	Pupil Discipline and Exclusions	Headteacher Performance Management
Peter Wong Richard Harris Gareth Brown Dyfi Allen Reserves: All non-staff governors	Dennis De Widt Jane Foulner Simon Williams Reserves: All non-staff governors	Richard Harris Peter Wong Natasha Jones David Morris Reserves: All governors	Richard Harris Simon Williams Dyfi Allen
Finance and Resources and Health/Safety	Standards, Curriculum, Ethos and Wellbeing	Additional Learning Needs and Community	Head/Deputy Head Appointment
Dennis De Widt Richard Harris Gareth Brown Simon Williams Carson Burnett Jane Marker Jane Foulner	Hannah McCarthy Richard Harris David Morris Sameh Otri Jane Marker Amy Phillips Natasha Jones	Peter Wong Dyfi Allen Sameh Otri Lewis Fitzgerald Carson Burnett	Richard Harris Peter Wong Simon Williams Natasha Jones
Other Staff Appointments	Policies	Complaints staff / Grievance	Safeguarding
Simon Williams Lewis Fitzgerald Jane Marker Gareth Brown Natasha Jones	Richard Harris Simon Williams Dyfi Allen	Gareth Brown Sameh Otri David Morris	Richard Harris Jane Foulner Lewis Fitzgerald

Policy Tracker

Review Policies to be updated this term (Autumn 2024)

Children who are Looked After (CLA) Policy

Collective Worship Policy

Educational Visits Policy

Learning & Teaching Policy

Online Safety Policy

All policies can be found on the school website – www.roathparkprimaryschool.co.uk

Yearly Planner 2024-25 (year ahead)

Roath Park Primary School, Cardiff | Ysgol Gynradd Parcy Rhath, Caerdydd Yearly Planner | Cynllunydd Blynyddol 2024-25

Term Dates			
	Term Starts	Half Term	Term Ends
Autumn Term	2/9/24	28/10/24 to 1/11/24	20/12/24
Spring Term	6/1/25	24/2/25 to 28/2/25	11/4/25
Summer Term	28/4/25	26/5/25 to 30/5/25	21/7/25

INSET Days	
Day	Date
1	Monday 2 nd September 2024
2	Monday 4 th November 2024
3	Friday 20 th December 2024
4	Monday 3 rd March 2025
5	Monday 2 nd June 2025
6	Monday 21 st July 2025

Family Consultations	
These will all be face-to-face events. Year 1 will run a 'Stay and Play' event in September and then a formal consultation in March.	

	Event 1	Event 2
Nursery, Reception & Y1	WB 23 rd Sept 2024	WB 11 th March 2025
Y1, Y2 & Y3	8/10/24 9/10/24	11/3/25 12/3/25
Y4, Y5 & Y6	15/10/24 16/10/24	25/3/25 26/3/25

Written report to families:
Monday 7 th July 2025

Year Group Assemblies / Events	
Class	Date – all 9.30am unless stated
Nursery	Fun Days: Wed 4 th June & Wed 18 th June 2025
Reception	Friday 13 th June 2025
Year 1	Friday 16 th May 2025
Year 2	Thursday 20 th March 2025
Year 3	Friday 21 st February 2025
Year 4	Friday 24 th January 2025
Year 5	Friday 18 th October 2024
Year 6	Monday 11 th November 2024

Christmas Concerts		
	Show 1	Show 2
Reception	5/12/24 - 10am	5/12/24 - 2pm
Nursery	15/12/24 - 10am	15/12/24 - 2pm
Years 1 & 2	8/12/24 - 10am	8/12/24 - 2pm
Years 3 & 4	12/12/24 - 2pm	12/12/24 - 4pm
Years 5 & 6	19/12/24 - 2pm	19/12/24 - 4pm

Other Events / Occasions		
Eisteddfod: 7/3/25	World Book Day: 10/3/25	Christmas Parties: 19/12/24
Children in Need: 15/11/24	Yr 6 Leavers Evening: 17/7/25	Discos: 24/10/24 13/2/25
R – Y2 Sports day: 26/6/25	Y3-6 Sports Day (AM) 20/6/25	Cinema Nights: 28/11/24 1/5/25

Classes & Contact Emails		
Staff only check emails during working hours (8.30am – 5.00pm)		

Class	Teacher	Email
Nursery	Miss Smith	rsmith@roathparkprm.co.uk
Rec E	Miss Evans	mevans@roathparkprm.co.uk
Rec G	Miss Gibson	kgibson@roathparkprm.co.uk
1P	Mr Parsons	mparsons@roathparkprm.co.uk
1W	Mrs Watts	ewatts@roathparkprm.co.uk
2B	Mrs Burnett	sburnett@roathparkprm.co.uk
2W	Mrs Wright	nwright@roathparkprm.co.uk
3W	Miss Williams	cwilliams@roathparkprm.co.uk
3N	Mr Newbury	dnewbury@roathparkprm.co.uk
4HT	Mr Husband Mrs Tiani-Tanzi	jhusband@roathparkprm.co.uk atianitanzi@roathparkprm.co.uk
4K	Miss Kent	pkent@roathparkprm.co.uk
5L	Mr Loizos	iloizos@roathparkprm.co.uk
5P	Miss Phillips	aphillips@roathparkprm.co.uk
6L	Mr Lewis	rlewis@roathparkprm.co.uk
6O	Miss Owen	cowen@roathparkprm.co.uk

Role	Name	Email
Headteacher	Mr Fitzgerald	lfitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk
Deputy Headteacher	Ms Marker	jmarker@roathparkprm.co.uk
ALNCo	Mrs Rigby	irigby@roathparkprm.co.uk
General	Office	roathparkprm@cardiff.gov.uk

Living Together, Learning Together, Growing Together

Curriculum for Roath Park



Roath Park Primary School, Cardiff
Ysgol Gynradd Parc y Rhath, Caerdydd

Roath Curriculum 2022 | Cwricwlwm y Rhath 2022
Curriculum Rationale | Rhesyemeg y Cwricwlwm

Our Vision & Values

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The keywords that appear most frequently when discussing our vision are...



Curriculum for Roath 22

- aims:**
- Creates ambitious & passionate lifelong learners
 - Creates rounded pupils ready to face all challenges of school and beyond.
 - Creates pupils who have skills that can be applied to a variety of situations they encounter.

A Curriculum Developed from the School Outward...

Curriculum for Roath 22 will develop learners interests and knowledge from their community to the wider world. We will ensure our community is represented and we create ethic, informed citizens of Roath, Cardiff, Wales and the World.



- Have a positive mind set, ready to learn
- Learn through mistakes and be ready to grow
- Have pride in your community and your personal achievements

Living Together, Learning Together, Growing

Roath Park Purpose



A strong focus on Welsh culture embedded throughout.

A place of identity in the local and global world.



Our School Vision

Our school vision was created with input from all of our key stakeholders. We began with a collective input from many of our children and all of staff members. We considered what values were pivotal to our whole school community with a focus on a learner centred education.

Once drafted we shared with our Governing Body and our families to receive feedback. We had open and honest discussions on a range of platforms to ensure all voices were listened to. Our current school vision was launched in September 2020 and is the foundation of our school. We collaborate with our community to help to guarantee our provision is relevant, enriching and progressive for our learners.

To inform our curriculum design we have engaged with Welsh Government, Central South Joint Education Services, Anti Racism and Area Based Learning training and staff from not only within our cluster schools, but also from an international perspective as many of our teachers have had opportunities for professional learning and development abroad to ensure we are offering the best Wales, and the world can offer. School leaders and teachers all undertook professional training in regard to the new curriculum and have completed action research, lead by Cardiff University, to ensure focussed learning and progression for each child.

Our learners have input in every stage of their learning – from planning through to assessment, where to go next and ways forward! Their voices, cultures and experiences are at the centre of our Curriculum for Roath.

Curriculum for Roath and the Four Purposes

Curriculum for Roath aligns to the national aspiration of the four purposes and covers the mandatory elements which means our curriculum is broad, balanced and includes learning opportunities within and across all of the Areas of Learning and Experiences (AOLEs).



Our curriculum must:

- Enable learners to develop in the way described by the four purposes
- Provide for appropriate progression and accord with the principles of progression set out in the 'Progression Code'
- Be suitable for learners of different ages, abilities and aptitudes
 - Be broad and balanced
- Encompass the concepts set out in the 'Statements of What Matters Code'
- Provide for learning and teaching that encompasses each of the AOLEs
 - And include
 - Welsh
 - Relationships & Sexuality Education
 - Religion, Values & Ethics
 - cross curricular skills

Learner Progression and Arrangements for Assessment

Our assessment arrangements are fundamental to ensuring progression for each child. We use a wide range of formative assessment strategies, across the year, to check progression of each child and groups of learners, to inform our next steps for each learner.

We are guided by the 5 Principle of Progression, which underpin all AOLEs.



<https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales>

Children who require support are identified through our ongoing formative assessments, as are learners who will benefit from additional challenge. Children are at the core of our assessment arrangements and have active engagement with their teacher and support staff to reflect on their learning and consider how they can make their next steps.

Our evidence informed assessment focuses on progress, not a final summative outcome/judgement. We promote and encourage the concept of lifelong learning and provide constant opportunities for our learners to progress by making connections across all of the AOLEs, and in the out into the real world.

Reviewing our Curriculum for Roath

As Curriculum for Roath is child centred we expect our learning contexts to change regularly based on the cohorts of learners. This is how we will meet the needs of our learners and continue to work toward our school vision.

All leaders, teachers and support staff will complete a variety of self-evaluation activities to gain and insight into how effective the curriculum is. We will use these activities to review what we are doing, monitor learning and make changes and adaptations when necessary.

We will continue to engage with stakeholders including our community, our Governing Body, our ITE partnership, the local authority and Consortia, the Welsh Government and school across Cardiff, Wales and the world to keep our curriculum meaningful, progressive and bespoke to the learners in our wonderful school.

Roath Park Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Parc y Rhath, Caerdydd

Living Together, Learning Together,
Growing Together
Byw Gyda'n Gilydd, Dysgu Gyda'n Gilydd,
Tyfu Gyda'n Gilydd



Additional Learning Needs

There is a new Legal Framework in Wales which sets out the way learners with ALN (Additional Learning Needs) are supported, called 'ALNET: Additional Learning Needs Education Tribunal Act 2018'. Mrs Jamie-Rose Rigby is our school's Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator (ALNCo) and is responsible for ensuring this framework is adhered to.

Mrs Rigby works with staff, children and parents to identify pupil's learning needs and put in place support where needed to help them reach their potential. Through Person-Centered practice and approaches, we make sure that children and their parents' views and feelings are listened to when making decisions about how to support them. Sometimes, children need some support to help them with their learning, and this doesn't necessarily mean that they have an additional need. A key role of our ALNCo is to work with parents, staff and other professionals to identify where a child may have an additional learning need (ALN). If a child has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than their peers, or has a disability that impacts on their access to education they may have ALN. This decision is made in collaboration with parents, staff and other stakeholders or parties that may be involved in the child's education, as part of a Person Centered meeting. Children with ALN require support that is different or additional to what schools usually offer and is known as Additional Learning Provision or ALP.

If a child has ALN, an Individual Development Plan (IDP) will be prepared by Mrs Rigby based on the information shared in the Person Centered meeting. The IDP is an agreed plan of how a child with ALN will be supported and contains important information about a child's areas of need and how these can best be met. The IDP will be reviewed at least annually and the additional learning provision set out in the IDP will be monitored regularly through tracking of progress a child is making. The IDP is a new document that has been brought in as part of the new ALN Code of Practice, and replaces previous documentation such as Statements.

Roath Park Primary school prides itself on being an inclusive school, where individual pupil's needs are carefully considered and support provided is meaningful and targeted to ensure that each child is helped to enjoy their learning experiences and achieve their potential.

Languages

We are an English medium school and are very proud of our rich and diverse community that we serve. At present we have **43.4%** of our pupil population with English as a Second Language. The majority of these pupils are “second” generation families, i.e. the children or grandchildren of families.

The languages spoken in our school are:

Arabic Bengali Bengali (Any Other) Chinese Chinese (Cantonese) Chinese (Mandarin/Putonghua) Czech English and/or Welsh/Cymraeg Gujarati	French Hindi Hindko Hungarian Italian Japanese Korean Kurdish Latvian Lithuanian Nigerian Panjabi	Pashto/Pakhto Persian (Dari) Persian (Farsi) Polish Portuguese Romanian Spanish Swahili (Any Other) Tamil Telugu Turkish Urdu
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Race Equality

The Strategic Equality Plan also gives clear guidance to accord high priority to the promotion of race equality and seeks to negate the effects of discrimination faced by ethnic minority pupils. Through it's Hate Crime and Positive Relationships Policy school has a duty:

- to report
- to eliminate unlawful discrimination
- to promote equality of opportunity
- to promote good relations between persons of different racial groups

The school records any incidents, witnessed or reported, and monitors the success of follow up support strategies.

Destination of Pupils

Year 6 pupils transition to a range of secondary schools. We host an annual Secondary Admissions meeting where we share how / when to apply and the criteria for Secondary School Admissions.

The data shown below reflects the 2024-25 entry to secondary schools including the destination of former Year 6 Roath Park Primary School pupils.

RPPS Admissions – 2024/25 Secondary Admissions

Cardiff High 50% 30 pupils	Cathays High 38.3% 23 pupils	Llanishen High 0% 0 pupils	St Teilo's CIW 8.3% 5 pupils
Corpus Christi RC High 1.7% 1 pupil	Whitchurch High 0% 0 pupils	Willows High 0% 0 pupils	Bro Edern (Welsh) 0% 0 pupils

60 pupils so 1 pupil = 1.7%

Preferences – 2024/25 Secondary Admissions

1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	3 rd Choice	No Offer (Applied on time)
54.4%	22.1%	15%	8.5%

1 pupil = 1.7%

Sport, Activities & Extra Curricular Clubs

Across the year a range of extracurricular clubs are offered either after school or at lunch times. These include netball and football clubs, art, drama/musical theatre, along with sewing, chess and lego club. We have a cwtsch club and Nursery has a lunch time club.



All children have at least 2 hours of physical activity a week in P.E and Games where children develop their confidence and team-building skills through activities such as hockey, badminton, dance and much more.

We have official partnerships with the Football Association of Wales and Glamorgan Cricket who come in to deliver skills sessions and provide opportunities for children to watch professional sport. We have Sports Day every year for all year groups. Years 3-6 Sports Day is held at Cardiff Met and the younger year groups hold theirs over on Roath Recreation Ground. We enjoy having family members coming to support these events. Extra-curricular sports club help develop skills further and often lead to playing matches against other schools.



Community Links

We are very proud to serve the community of Roath which is within the Plasnewydd electoral ward. Plasnewydd (meaning New Manor or New Place in English) is an electoral ward. It falls within the parliamentary constituency of Cardiff East. It is bounded by the electoral wards of Cyncoed (Roath Park) to the north; Penylan to the northeast; Adamsdown (main Newport Road) to the southwest; and Cathays (Cardiff to Caerphilly railway) to the west. It covers what is now the community of Roath.

The Corner (currently being repaired)

The school is lucky to have access to a resource in the Corner Community Classroom. The classroom, which is housed in an old shop, has held many events including:

- Community learning
- Charity events, e.g. MacMillan Coffee Morning
- Headteachers from visiting European countries
- Pop-up shops
- PTA Meetings
- Parties for local families



Cardiff Metropolitan University

The school has a formally recognised partnership with Cardiff Sport and the Initial Teacher Training school at Cardiff Metropolitan University. The school regularly visit the sports facilities at the university campus to enhance the opportunities we offer our pupils.

The school is a lead clinical teacher training partner with Cardiff Metropolitan University. The school is keen to promote links with local businesses and other organisations within our community and benefits greatly from their support.

We have strong links with our Cardiff High Cluster group. Rhydypenau Primary, Lakeside Primary, Marlborough Primary, Howardian Primary and Cardiff High School. We attend their half-termly senior leadership cluster meetings and their Area of Learning (AOLE) meetings. This supports our transition work as well as the development of new educational initiatives such as the Curriculum for Wales and Additional Learning Needs reform.

We have established links with a number of local sports organisations, including Glamorgan Cricket Club. The children at school have benefited from the coaching provided by experts within these organisations and thoroughly enjoyed being involved in sporting initiatives during the year.

Children have had many opportunities to listen to a wide range of speakers from various community groups. These include our community police (our designated PCSO is PC Rachel Hocking- she can be contacted through the SW Police Control room), school nurse, the fire brigade, healthy school representatives, Road safety team, NSPCC and Show Racism the Red Card (who have also delivered training to our staff).



We have also been fortunate to benefit from workshops from a range of parents with specialist skills and knowledge in different fields eg medicine, nutrition, expressive arts and the entertainment industry, different religions, different languages and cultural backgrounds.

Pupils have been on a range of trips both local and further afield. Examples of trips include: Technquest, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff Castle, Barry Island, St Fagans, and Welsh Senedd. We organise trips to local businesses to ensure our learners have a holistic approach to the world of work. Many of these trips also have a focus on sustainability. Our Year 6 cohort take part in residential trips in Wales and England. We also have projects running with schools in Europe; we organise visits in both France and Wales to make these partnerships purposeful and allow the children to develop their friendships and experiences beyond the classroom. Year 5 have a 3-day residential trip to Llangrannog Urdd Centre in Llangrannog, West Wales.

Contributions from the Harvest Festival are distributed to Cardiff Food Bank, The Whallich and the Huggard Centre.

Mrs Richards and her pupil fundraising group organised local and National charities that we support include Ty Hafan, Children in Need, Noah's Arc, Comic Relief, Macmillan Cancer, Velindre Hospital and the Christmas Jumper appeal (Save the Children)

We continue to benefit too from the positive contribution made by parents and volunteers at the school. Parents have been actively involved in the school in a number of ways: they have accompanied children on school trips while some give support to children's learning within the classroom (particularly with reading) and in workshops for students in relation to the world of work and careers.

The school values the importance of local businesses and industry; we take the pupils to such places as often as possible. The positive impact of these trips is that learners develop a deeper understanding of the world of work and learn about a range of opportunities that they might one day like to pursue. Sustainability is also a key feature in the provision for our children. Trips to places such as Viridor, Omega Wales and Siopa Sero teach our children about sustainable and environmentally friendly ways of living.



Toilet Facilities

There are 3 adult toilets in the Progression Step One building (one with disabled access and a shower).

Progression Step Two and Three building has 2 female toilets, 2 male toilets and one disabled toilet and shower.

The Nursery environment has 4 toilets.

Reception and Year 1 access 9 toilets in total split into two adjoining rooms.

Year 2 and Year 3 have 5 female toilets and 2 male toilets and a urinal.

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 have 5 female toilets and 2 male toilets and a urinal. The female toilets have provision for sanitary wear and disposal.

Toilets are cleaned regularly by cleaners employed by the school. The site manager is responsible for ensuring that toilet paper, soap etc. is available for use by pupils and staff and inspects and replenishes these daily. During PSE lessons we reinforce the need to wash hands after using the toilet and there are pupil posters to promote good hygiene displayed throughout the school. All maintenance is completed in house, with a contractor coming in once a term to complete any additional work.

Active Travel

We encourage the children and our families to travel actively to school. This could be via walking, cycling or using a scooter. For those families who live further afield, we talk to the children about the benefits of using public transport and 'parking and striding', which we define as parking a few streets away from school and then walking the rest.

We have a Year 6 Active Travel team who regularly deliver assemblies to their peers about the multiple benefits of travelling actively on both their health and the environment. Children in Year 1 to Year 6 complete an online 'travel tracker' every morning. If the children have travelled actively to school on most days within that month, they receive a themed travel tracker badge. The badges are different each month.

Each year we participate in the annual Sustrans 'Big Walk and Wheel' where the whole school will make their best efforts to travel to school actively and sustainably. The results of this are entered online and are compared to other schools across Cardiff, Wales and the UK. In March 2024 we came 2nd in Cardiff, 2nd in Wales and 24th in the U.K (out of 916 schools).

Please find our 'Active Travel Roadmap' on the next two pages



Roath Park Primary School

Active Travel Roadmap



2019 - 'Safety First'

- Pupils working with PCSO
- Unattended camera installed on Pen-Y-Wain Road
- Sustrans and Cycle UK memberships created
- Pupils create safe parking / Active Travel video

2020 - 'Let's get Active'

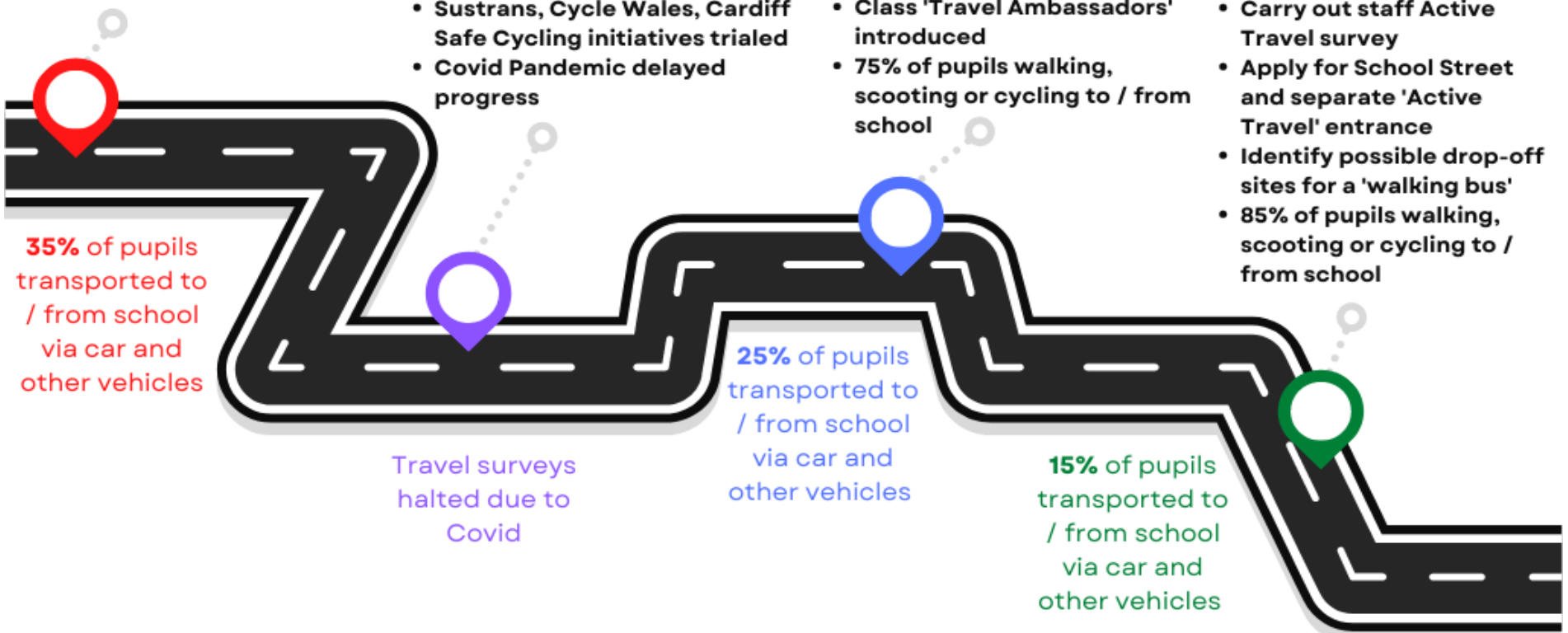
- RPPS Active Travel community group set up
- Travel Ministers roles launched for Year 6 Pupils
- 'WeCount' traffic sensor installed
- Sustrans, Cycle Wales, Cardiff Safe Cycling initiatives trialed
- Covid Pandemic delayed progress

2021 - 'Moving on up'

- New bikes and scooters provided by Cardiff LA
- Travel Minister roles launched for Year 6 Pupils
- 'WeCount' traffic sensor installed
- Living Streets 'Wow Tracker' introduced
- Class 'Travel Ambassadors' introduced
- 75% of pupils walking, scooting or cycling to / from school

2022 - 'Going green'

- 7th in Wales for % of pupils walking to school
- Purchase new bikes and scooters
- New bike storage solutions
- Carry out staff Active Travel survey
- Apply for School Street and separate 'Active Travel' entrance
- Identify possible drop-off sites for a 'walking bus'
- 85% of pupils walking, scooting or cycling to / from school



35% of pupils transported to / from school via car and other vehicles

Travel surveys halted due to Covid

25% of pupils transported to / from school via car and other vehicles

15% of pupils transported to / from school via car and other vehicles



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Active Travel Roadmap



2023 - 'Going green'

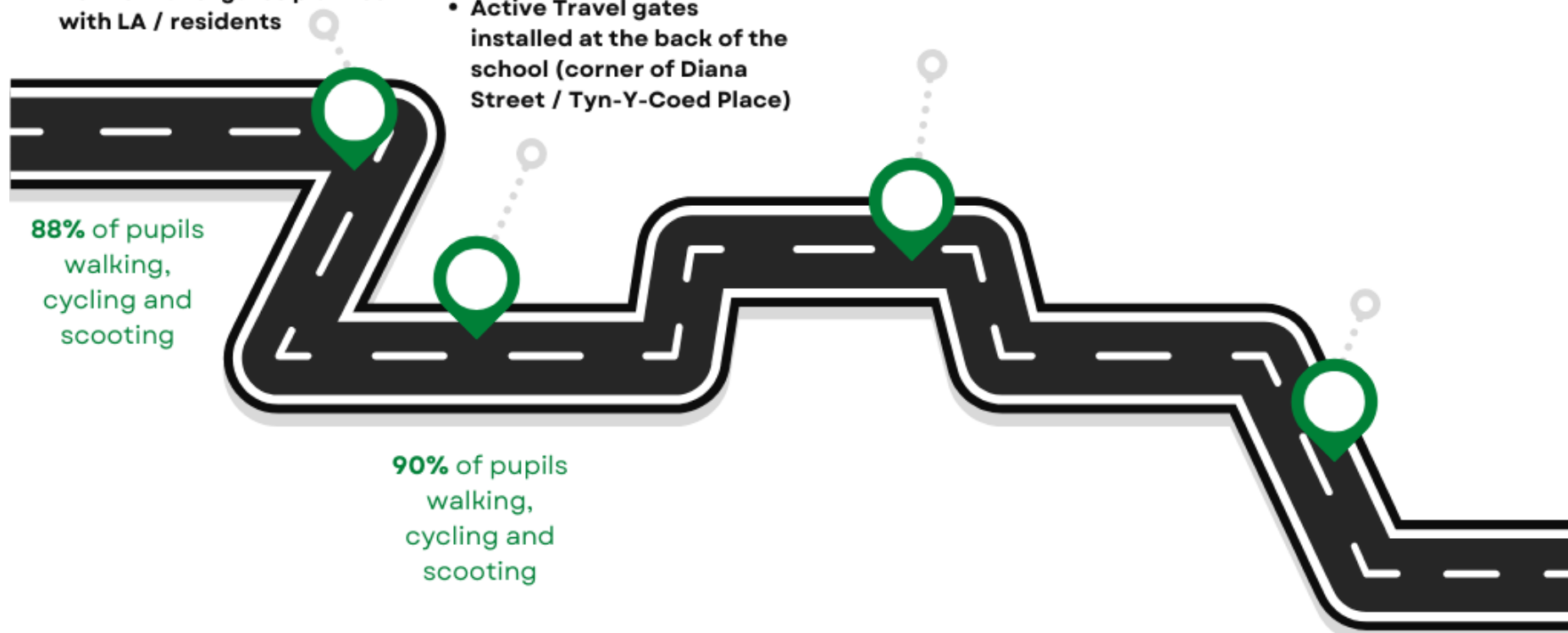
- Sustrans 'Big Walk and Wheel'
- Wow Tracker - 3rd in Cardiff / 5th in Wales % of pupils travelling 'actively'
- 'Wow Tracker' Top Ten - 4th in Wales for walking to school
- 'School Street' consultation for Diana Street / Tyn-Y-Coed Place
- Active Travel gates planned with LA / residents

2025 -

2024 - 'Going green'

- Assessment for Sustrans Active Travel School 'Gold Award'
- Big Walk and Wheel Event in March
- 'School Street' installed on Diana Street / Tyn-Y-Coed Place
- Active Travel gates installed at the back of the school (corner of Diana Street / Tyn-Y-Coed Place)

2026 -



Friends of Roath Park

Friends of Roath Park (PTA) play an active part in the life of the school. During the academic year 2023/24 Mrs Yvonne Perkins was the chairperson of the Friends of Roath Park.

The Friends of Roath Park Team also include:

- Secretary – Linda Rathkey
- Communication Officer – Shaun Houke
- Treasure – Tim Earlam (co-opted)

The school thanks Mrs Perkins and the team for the many wonderful events that they organised during the year for the continued excellent support she and the team provides.

The successful events held by the Parent Teacher Association in 2023/24 included:

- Winter Fayre
- Spot the Oddity
- Easter Egg Collection
- Community Day
- Quiz Night
- Summer Fayre

In the 2023-2024 academic year the Friends of Roath made several purchases for the school, meaning that the events they held had a direct impact on our children. The purchases this year included sports equipment, drones and book vouchers.

Friends of Roath Park have a long-term goal of purchasing more secure bike storage to support the school's Active Travel Status.

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