

Priory Church in Wales School, Brecon



Ysgol yr Eglwys yng Nghymru Priordy, Aberhonddu



*'Celebrating
Imagination,
Creativity and Belief'*



At Priory Church in Wales Primary School, we are dedicated to developing a learning environment that enables God's children to realise their true potential.

'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full' John 10:10

With the care and support of our teachers and friends, we learn to become respectful, responsible, generous and resilient learners. Mantle of the Expert and our Christian beliefs enable us to work together imaginatively and value each other's' strength and interests.

Welcome to Priory Church in Wales School

Croeso I Ysgol yr Eglwys yng Nghymru Priordy

We hope you find our school directory helpful, in these pages we have shared with you all the information we think you need to help you get to know our school just a little better! Of course, if there is anything else you need to know then please don't hesitate to contact us at school, the details for email and telephone numbers are found on the last page.

Diolch yn fawr

Key Information

Arrivals and Departures

Children should not arrive on the school premises before 8:50 am, at which time the side gate will be opened. The bell rings at 9:00am to start registration. The side gate will be locked after registration at 9:15 am arrivals after this time will be marked as late in the register and entry to the school will be via the main school entrance. School finishes at 3:30 pm with pupils picked up from their class doors.

Please be mindful of everyone's safety whilst parking to drop off / pick up your child. The Cathedral has very kindly agreed for parents to park during the following times for free in their carpark.

8:45 am – 9:15 am

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Please note parking outside of these times you will be issued with a parking fine.

School Uniform

We have a set uniform to offer a practical and smart appearance for all of our pupils. Our school specific supplier for jumpers/cardigans with logos on is www.printsofwales.co.uk, please contact them directly for printed school uniform. However, please don't feel that your child must wear the printed tops. We are more than happy for them to wear grey bottoms, white polo tops and a supermarket / generic blue jumper or cardigan. We are an incredibly creative school where we work outside, cook, paint, sculpt with mud and clay so your child will get dirty so don't worry about having expensive uniform! All children need an inexpensive pair of trainers in school as we do fitness every day. Please ensure every single piece of clothing is labelled with your child's name. During bad weather, please make sure your child has a warm coat to wear at playtimes.

After School Club

After School club provision is provided in school from 3:31 pm until 5:30 pm. Bookings must be made via the club mobile which is 07494461556. The club has a closed Facebook page with activities / information shared regularly, please request to join if you would like to find out more.

Please note the club operates a 24-hour cancellation notice or a 50% charge will be added to your bill. Cost is £7.00 per session; payment must be made at the end of each week via Parentpay.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club opens from 8:00 am, the children enter through the hall door which faces onto the side carpark. Breakfast is served until 8:40 am.

The cost of childcare during this time is £1.50 per child, per session with payment through your child's Parentpay account. For those pupil's in receipt of free school meals the club is provided free of charge.



Who's who

Teaching Team

Acting Headteacher – Miss Claire Pugh *Designated Safeguarding Lead*

Acting Deputy Headteacher / ALNCo – Mrs Shelley Hughes

Reception team – Mr Ian Mansfield (tchr), Mrs Annmarie Wilson (LSA), Mrs Christina Resch (LSA)

Year One team – Miss Janet Davies (tchr), Mrs Andrea James (LSA)

Year Two team – Miss Amanda Blain (tchr), Mrs Natalie Nickless (LSA)

Year Three team – Mrs Angela Howell (tchr), Mrs Charlotte Belcher (LSA)

Year Four team – Mrs Shelley Hughes (tchr), Mrs Liz Williams (LSA)

Year Five team – Mrs Annie Thomas (tchr), Mrs Liz Davies-Jones (LSA)

Year Six team – Mrs Lisa Preece (tchr), Mrs M Orton (LSA)

HLTA- Miss A Evans

ALNCo LSA – Mrs L Evans

Our Headteacher Mrs Lynsey McCrohon is currently on secondment with the Local Authority.

Our Governing Body

Acting Headteacher – Miss Claire Pugh

Chair – Cllr. Matthew Dorrance

Vice-Chair – Mrs Kim Woods

Ex-Officio – Mr Stephen Power

Community Governor - Cllr. Chris Walsh

Foundation Governor – Father Mark Clavier

Foundation Governor – Captain Jonathan Morgan

Foundation Governor – Mrs Anne Sweeting

Parent Governor – Mrs Cat Stockdale

Parent Governor – Mr Barry Jones

Staff Governor – Mrs Lisa Preece

Ancillary Staff Governor – Miss A Evans

Clerk to the Governing Body – Mrs Sharon Lloyd

Curriculum Summary

We have been extremely fortunate to have worked alongside colleagues from across Wales as both a Pioneer School and Lead Enquiry school to help shape, develop and research teaching approaches suitable for learners in our school community and beyond. Below is our curriculum for Wales summary approved by the Governing Body on 5th July 2022. This summary will be revised regularly.

Our curriculum at Priory Church in Wales School has been co-constructed through engaging with stakeholders over the last six years whilst researching, developing and evaluating curriculum approaches in our role as Pioneer School, Lead Enquiry School and Training School for Mantle of the Expert.

An Inclusive Curriculum

At Priory Church in Wales School we are committed to providing all of our learners with an inclusive curriculum, a curriculum that brings learning alive for all of our pupils and provides an authentic context for learning. We will provide stimulating and well-resourced learning environments that enables the pupils to collaborate, explore and apply skills in real-life tasks. We have considered our Additional Learning Needs provision and how we will meet the needs of different groups of learners.

The Four Purposes

The four purposes are at the heart of our curriculum development. Our school aims to support all learners to become:

- ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives
- enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work
- ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world
- healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society

What Matters Statements

At Priory Church in Wales School we are committed to providing a curriculum that gives the children a sense of agency and purpose for learning. We will develop the key concepts, knowledge and skills as described in the 27 statements of what matters and in line with the Statements of What Matters Code.

Areas of Learning and Experience

At Priory Church in Wales School our curriculum will provide learning experiences through the 6 Areas of Learning (AoLEs) of:

Language, Literacy and Communication; Expressive Arts; Science and Technology; Humanities; Maths and Numeracy; Health and Well-Being

Learning, Progression and Assessment

At Priory Church in Wales School we will ensure our curriculum approach embraces the 12 pedagogical principles. Our curriculum, supported by effective teaching and learning, enables learners to make meaningful progress. Over time our learners will develop and improve their skills and knowledge. Our curriculum focuses on understanding what it means to make progress in a given area or discipline and how learners should deepen and broaden their knowledge and understanding, skills and capabilities, and attributes and dispositions and is informed by the progression code. This will then in turn support our approach to assessment, the purpose of which is to inform planning for future learning. Assessment will be embedded as an intrinsic part of learning and teaching. All learners will be assessed on entry to the school.

Welsh and English

As an English medium school learning will take place in Welsh and English from the Early Years onwards.

Cross Curricular Skills

At Priory Church in Wales School our curriculum will develop the mandatory cross-curricular skills of literacy, numeracy and digital competence. Our curriculum will enable learners to develop competence and capability in these skills and to extend and apply them across all areas. Learners will be given opportunities across the curriculum to:

- develop listening, reading, speaking and writing skills
- be able to use numbers and solve problems in real-life situations
- be confident users of a range of technologies to help them function and communicate effectively and make sense of the world around them

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

At Priory Church in Wales School we will promote knowledge and understanding of part 1 of the UNCRC and of the UNCRPD, among those who provide learning and teaching.

Careers and Work-Related Experiences (CWRE)

Our curriculum will incorporate careers and work-related experiences for all of our learners.

Relationships and Sexuality Education Code (RSE)

Our school curriculum embraces the RSE guidance and the mandatory RSE code. Our RSE provision will have a positive and empowering role in our learners' education and will play a vital role in supporting them to realise the four purposes as part of a whole-school approach. Helping learners to form and maintain a range of relationships, all based on mutual trust and respect, is the foundation of RSE. These relationships are critical to the development of emotional well-being, resilience and empathy.

Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE)

Religion, values and ethics (RVE) is a statutory requirement of the curriculum for Wales and is mandatory for all learners from ages 3 to 16.

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

As RVE is a locally determined subject, the agreed syllabus specifies what should be taught in RVE within the local authority and our curriculum will reflect this guidance.

Review and Refinement

Our school curriculum will be kept under review in order to respond to the outputs of professional inquiry, the changing needs of learners and social contexts and needs. This will ensure our curriculum is both inclusive and responsive, meeting the needs of all learners. The reviews will take into account the views of stakeholders and will be agreed by the Governing body. We will publish a summary of our curriculum and revise this summary if changes to the curriculum are made during the review process.

We Are A Church in Wales School



We are a Church in Wales School within the Diocese of Brecon and Swansea and as such ensure we offer an education which is steeped in the values of being a loving, kind and forgiving person. We treat others how we would like to be treated ourselves, and this shines through in relationships, ethos and values every day. We have close relationships with Brecon Cathedral and other places of worship in the town and celebrate, welcome and rejoice in other faiths and cultures and finding out how they make the world a special and interesting place.

Pedagogical Approaches



Mantle of the Expert

Our main pedagogical approach in school is Mantle of the Expert (MoE). MoE works with the teachers planning a fictional context where the students 'step into drama' and take on the responsibilities of an expert team. The team are commissioned by a client to work on tasks that embrace an interdisciplinary approach and ensures all pupils learn through an authentic context with greater agency and autonomy of the class teacher. It makes sense to everyone and can challenge each learner to the fullest. This approach also builds strong relationships and assessment opportunities for the adults working with the class.

Singapore Maths

'Why solve five problems in one way when you can delve deeper into one problem and solve it five different ways?' At Priory CiW School we embrace the mastery for learning approach of Singapore Maths. It challenges the whole school community to its' fullest in becoming a mathematician and presenting our work in a variety of ways. The approach focusses on problem solving skills rather than mental arithmetic. Our pupils learn to think mathematically rather than reciting or applying formulas to number problems they don't understand. Learning begins with concrete objects such as blocks, buttons or dienes which then moves on to a pictorial stage of representing the work which then moves to abstract equations such as $15+10=25$.



Influenced by Reggio Emilia

Our school is influenced by the ethos and vision of the Reggio Emilia approach. You may notice that our classrooms may have different types of resources / layouts to what you may have expected. This change in environment known as the 'third teacher' is to allow all of our pupils to be as creative and innovative as they can possibly be. To sit in conference style tables and work more closely with a group of learners, to cook, become a carpenter or artist in an enabling and relaxed environment. Reggio Emilia philosophy values exploration and discovery, we believe their philosophy, in part which influences our work at priory School, enables us to develop our young learners with the 4 purposes of the new curriculum right at the heart of everything they do.



Additional Learning Needs Support

Our Additional Learning Needs co-ordinator ensures the needs of all of our learners are met. Working closely with your child's class teacher and Learning Support Assistant programmes of support are planned either on a 1:1 basis or through specific group tasks. If your child accesses extra provision to support with an area of learning they may need a boost with a letter will come home informing you of the intervention / programmes of support that are being offered. On occasions outside agencies may come into school and support staff in ensuring your child's needs are met. A copy of our Additional Learning Needs policy is accessed via our school website via the 'Information – Policies' section.

Further Information



Medication in school

Only prescribed medicines in the original container labelled with the child's name and dosage will be accepted in school. Please complete the administering medication form which is available in the school foyer before handing the medication to a member of staff. **DO NOT** send medication into school in your child's bag it must be handed to a member of staff.

Volunteering in our school

We welcome parental help in school. Parents and Grandparents help by listening to children read, come in and read to the class or help out with out of school trips and activities. All volunteers must obtain enhanced DBS clearance before working with us. Please speak to the Headteacher if you are interested in volunteering with us.

Communication with parents

We recognise the importance of communication to optimise the accessibility to pupils, parents/carers and the wider community. We operate an 'open door' policy to discuss any issues. Information is shared via email and text message service, please ensure if you change your contact details at any time then you inform the school office immediately. We also have a closed FACEBOOK group 'Priory Church in Wales School Newsboard', please ask permission to join to view photos and videos of the pupils at work. We hold three parent interviews during the school year to give you the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and to review your child's progress. If you have any concerns, at any time, please do not wait for parent interviews, come in to speak to a member of staff or the headteacher.

Food in school

All school meals are prepared daily from fresh ingredients in the school's kitchen by our dedicated catering staff. A half-termly menu is displayed in the school noticeboard and on our school website. The Welsh Government are committed to every child in Wales receiving a free school dinner, the roll out is currently with our reception class and will move up through the school by year group and as when the initiative is ready. Until your child's class can access a free school dinner the charge will be £2.35 per day with meals paid for via Parentpay. If your child is in an older year group and think you may be eligible for free school meals, then please apply directly via the Local Authority website. Please ask at the school reception for more information.

Children are welcome to bring in a packed lunch we ask that this is a healthy lunch. Please do not include chocolate bars, sweets and fizzy drinks. **Nuts or items which contain nuts are not permitted because of children's allergies.**

All children are encouraged to bring in a mid-morning snack. Again, we would ask they bring a healthy option such as a piece of fruit, raw vegetable, yoghurt or dried fruit.



Contact Details



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