# Ysgol Meifod Prospectus

*'Learning and Growing Together'*

# 2024-2025

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**Ysgol Meifod**
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Dear All,

The Governing Body and Headteacher are pleased to provide this introduction to our school. If your child is joining us for the first time, we welcome you as parents and look forward to a happy and successful partnership over the coming years. If you already have a child at this school then this document renews the contact between us.

At Ysgol Meifod we strive to provide a broad, balanced, relevant and challenging curriculum in a happy, safe and secure environment where all children will be able to work in a stimulating, caring environment where they will be able to reach their full potential. We hope this prospectus gives you a clear understanding of our aims and provides you with the information about the curriculum, organisation and activities of the school that enables you to feel confident and assured of your child's education and happiness.

We aim to create an atmosphere conducive to learning and to make the learning process one which all the pupils will find within their grasp. The Governors and Headteacher wish to provide an atmosphere in which we can instil virtues of hard work, independence, good behaviour, and a caring attitude to others.

It is our belief that education should be a partnership between the school and the home and we encourage full parental involvement in the daily activities of the school.

We look forward to working in a close partnership with you to ensure that your child has a successful and inspirational time at school.

Yours faithfully,

Arwyn Jones
Head teacher

Ysgol Meifod is a small village to the north of Welshpool. The school is situated in the middle of the village, next to the village hall. Ysgol Meifod is an English medium School with Welsh taught as a second language. We have large grounds with a spacious sports field and playground where children are encouraged to take part in numerous activities.

We have excellent Foundation Phase facilities both inside and out. Their indoor classroom has specific areas such as a role play, art and craft and the outdoor area has a mud kitchen, track for bikes and trikes, garden... Children feel at home here and are able to fully experience their own environment.

The other two classrooms cater for children in Key Stage 2. These are:
Class 2: Years 3 & 4
Class 3: years 5 & 6
We have an office, Music room, PE store and kitchen which produces excellent school dinners on site.

We are also fortunate to have independent playgroup (Meifod Pre-School) on site, located in the mobile classroom. This operates during term time. We also work very closely with an independent childminder (Tiny Tots), which operates all year around.

All buildings are equipped with disabled access. The school is fully inclusive and children with disabilities are given every opportunity to participate fully in the curriculum and everyday life.

School lunches are cooked and served on the premises and Mrs Michelle Evans is the cook in charge. We also have a Breakfast Club that provides a healthy breakfast for children each morning from 8.20 to 8:40am, based in the school.

Safety is of paramount importance and at play times we have staff to oversee and supervise the pupils. The school has a security alarm and fire system.

The school is a Community School administered by Powys Education Authority

The address is: -

Education Department,
Powys County Hall,
LLANDRINDOD WELLS,
Powys,
LD1 5LG.

Tel. No. 01597 826000

## Ysgol Meifod Governors

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| Mr Phil Lewis | - | Chairman Community Governor |
| Mr Arwyn Jones | - | Headteacher |
| Mrs Rachel Lane | - | Staff Representative |
| Mrs Hayley Evans | - | Co-opted Member |
| Mr Tom Pritchard | - | Parent Governor |
| Mrs Jacqui Bullen | - | Parent Governor |
| Mr Christopher Edwards | - | Parent Governor |
| Vacant | - | LEA Representative |
| Vacant | - | LEA Representative |
| Cllr Jonathon Wilkinson | | Co-opted Member |

The Governing Body holds meetings regularly to fulfil its duty in the management of the school. They also regularly visit the school during the day and observe and take part in class activities. They have the responsibility to produce an annual report on the running of the school. This is located on the school website.

## Aims of Our School

At Ysgol Meifod we aim to provide our pupils with a learning environment in which each pupil will feel known and valued as an individual. The children are not only pupils in our school but valuable members of the community. Each child is an individual and has different academic, emotional and physical needs. We aim to ensure that each child achieves their full potential. The school is very much at the heart of the village enjoying community support and affection.

Our vision,

**We are a friendly, caring, kind and welcoming school; dedicated to growing and developing together!!**

which was developed with all stakeholders, is to develop our children to be good, valued citizens and lifelong learners. Children should enjoy and have fun in all aspects of school life through the new Wales Curriculum that will pursue the aspiration for every child to be:

**Ambitious capable learners** who are ready to learn throughout their lives.

**Ethical informed citizens** who are ready to be citizens of the World

**Healthy confident individuals** who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society

**Enterprising, Creative Contributors** who are ready to play a full part in life and work.

Our children will achieve these four purposes within a family ethos environment that nurtures the following values:

- **Trust**
- **Determined**
- **Responsible**
- **Commitment**
- **Teamwork**

Welsh values and culture are embedded along with nurturing children to become confident learners who have a positive mindset towards education and life in school.

The new Wales curriculum gives freedom over what we teach, how we teach it and crucially why we teach it. We will link the learning to the four purposes. What we teach will be through the 6 Areas of Learning (AOLEs):

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

using the cross-curricular skills of literacy, numeracy and digital competence, which are key to all learning experiences. Our curriculum will be personalised to our school, community and needs. Children will experience creative teaching through the 12 pedagogical principles that makes learning fun, engaging and allows then to think and work independently inside and outside the classroom. The local area and the wider community will be utilised whenever possible, in the planning and delivering of the curriculum.

## Teaching Staff

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| Headteacher | - | Mr Arwyn Jones |
| Foundation Phase Teacher<br>Class 1 - (Reception, Year 1 & 2) | - | Miss Ruth Parker & Mrs Rachel Whilding |
| Class 2 - (Years 3 & 4) | - | Mrs Sara Woolhouse & Mr Jones |
| Class 3 - (Years 5 & 6) | - | Miss Lowri John & Mr Arwyn Jone<br>Mrs Jane Richarson replacing Miss John from Sept 24 – Mar 25. |

## Peripatetic Teaching Staff

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| Peripatetic Welsh Teacher | - | Mrs Cheryl Andrew |

## Non-Teaching Staff

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| Teaching Assistant | - | Mrs M Bullough |
| Teaching Assistant | - | Mrs Susan Davies |
| Clerical Assistant | - | Mrs Ruth Tudor |
| Clerk to Governing Body | - | Mrs Mandy Bullough |
| Cook-in-charge | - | Mrs Michelle Evans |
| Kitchen Assistant | - | Mrs Margaret Jones |
| Midday Supervisor | - | Mrs Susan Davies |
| Midday Supervisor | - | Mrs Mandy Bullough |
| Cleaner-in-Charge | - | Temporary Cleaner |
| Breakfast Club Leader | - | Miss Hannah Carpenter |

## School Hours

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| Morning Session | - | 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. |
| Afternoon Session | - | 1.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. |

Hours spent teaching, including religious education but excluding statutory collective worship, registration, lunch and break times (per week):

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| Key Stage 1 | - | 24hrs |
| Key Stage 2 | - | 24hrs |

## Admission to School

The county's current admission policy is that children can be admitted to school full time in the September school year of their fifth birthday. Prior to this we encourage pupils to visit school for taster sessions. This is arranged with the head teacher.

## Pre-school

We are very fortunate to have excellent local providers.
The contact details are:
The Meifod Pre-School Playgroup leader is Shona Broome 01938 500300
Also, there is a childminder working with the school:
Tiny Tots Leader is Tracey Frost 01938 500754
They are C.S.S.I.W. Registered and Estyn inspected.

## Enrolling

All parents are requested by Powys County Council to complete an Admissions form requesting a place at the school when their child is four years old. The forms are available online from www.powys.gov.uk. All parents are requested to fill in a set of school forms with information about their child on entry to school.

## Preliminary Visits

Parents should make an appointment, to visit the school, whereupon the head teacher will discuss the provision of education in the school. They will be taken around the school to see, at first hand, the facilities, which exist, and be introduced to pupils and members of staff.

## Transition to High School

Most of our Year 6 pupils transfer to Ysgol Llanfyllin for High School or an Oswestry school. We work closely with these schools to ensure a smooth transition for our Year 6 pupils. Our pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 are invited to open evenings at these schools with their parents, during the autumn term. This provides parents and pupils with the necessary knowledge to make an informed choice. Pupils in year 6 then attend induction day(s) in the summer term prior to transfer.

## Lunch Time Arrangements

Meals are provided by the Schools Meal Service and cooked on the premises. The meals adhere to the Appetite for Life guidelines.

All Primary School pupils can have Free School Meals, funded by the Welsh Government.

You can send your child/children to school with a packed lunch from home. Please make sure that food is in a suitable, named container. No sugary/fizzy or very hot drinks please and no breakable containers for safety reasons. Children who eat lunches prepared at home will be supervised but not provided with drinks with their meal. As a Healthy School, we encourage parents to support us by monitoring the content of lunchboxes. Please ensure you provide your child with any utensils he/she may need to eat their lunch.

If you require information on low income Free School Meals please see Powys County Council website (www.powys.gov.uk) and you will find the 'Free School Meals' pages via the 'Schools and Students' section.

Please ensure you inform the school if your child has any allergies.

## Break Time

As a Healthy School we encourage the children to eat fruit or vegetables at break time. Please write a note if you wish your child to stay in at playtime for medical reasons.

## Holidays

As a school we set targets for attendance. The Education Authority discourages parents from taking their children out of school for family holidays and the Headteacher monitors attendance on a termly basis. The headteacher has the discretionary power to grant leave for the purpose of a family holiday and will consider every case on an individual basis. Parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw pupils from school for a holiday during term time. However, there may be circumstances that warrant a pupil taking time off in term time and therefore Headteachers are best placed to make the decision. The Education (Pupil Registration) (Wales) Regulations 2010 state that head teachers have a discretionary power to authorise leave for a family holiday during term time where parents seek permission. Except for exceptional circumstances, no more than 10 days leave should be granted for this purpose.

Parents will be notified of the school term dates at the beginning of the school year and regular newsletters via email / our school website.

## Behaviour

At Ysgol Meifod we expect high standards of behaviour from our pupils. We encourage children to learn and develop self-discipline and become aware of their responsibilities to the school as a community. Our rules are few, based on common sense, and concerned with the safety and well-being of the children. We aim to show children the consequences of their actions and encourage them, where necessary, to find a better way of sorting out their problems.

As staff, we endeavour to praise and reward good work, good behaviour, and thoughtfulness. However, children must be made to realise that inconsiderate behaviour is unacceptable and some form of sanction may be necessary. If the matter is more serious then parents will be invited to the school for discussion.

We follow the school's policy on behaviour which is available to view on our website.

## Reporting To Parents

We continually monitor children's progress and development during their time spent at Ysgol Meifod. We realise that teachers' judgements and on-going assessment are an important aspect of learning. Work is assessed in each AOLE and Cross curricular Area (literacy, numeracy and digital competence) in accordance with the Curriculum for Wales and teachers measure progress from day to day by marking written work, listening to children speaking and explaining their learning. Children are also assessed through activities/tasks set by the teacher, practical work and through on-line National Tests (Reading, Procedural and Reasoning tests).

There may be occasions when pupils need to be assessed by outside agencies such as Speech and Language or the Educational Psychologist. Parents are always consulted beforehand and invited to a meeting afterwards when the findings can be discussed, and advice given to the school and the parents. The school uses the Powys TYFU platform for all pupils with Additional Learning Needs.

Parents are encouraged to visit the school and discuss with the class teacher and headteacher their child's progress, or any matter of concern at any time during the school year. You will also be invited to formal consultations, or open afternoons, which are arranged in the autumn and spring terms and an informal evening in the summer term.

At the end of the school year every child is issued with a written report that describes attainment and progress made throughout the year and future targets if appropriate. The Welsh Government also produce reports for pupil's attainment (Years 2 to 6) in the National Tests – Reading, Procedural and Reasoning.

Children are given targets which are negotiated with the child and teacher. These targets are regularly reviewed and discussed with the children.

## Communication With Parents - Home/School Link

Since success depends upon close co-operation between home and school, parents are warmly invited to contact the school at any time if a problem occurs or advice is needed. We, in turn will contact parents whenever the need arises.

We aim to send out an email every week. Information is also available on the school website which is our main point of on-line contact. The school endeavours to keep parents as fully informed as possible.

Parents are asked to sign an agreement between themselves and the school that clearly sets out what we can expect of them and what they can expect of the school.

All new parents are invited to the school before their child starts so that they can inspect the facilities and meet the Headteacher and staff.

We have two Parents' Evenings where parents and teachers can discuss their children's work at appointed times.

There are also concerts, school functions and sports meetings that parents are invited to. We want parents to be productively involved in the children's school life.

The school has a **Friends of Ysgol Meifod**, which arranges social and fund-raising functions, and all parents are automatically members. The main aim of the Friends is to raise funds to provide all of the children with 'extras' to enhance their education. The Friends do an amazing job, raising thousands of pounds each year.

We encourage parents to become involved in their children's education. All new parents are invited to the school before their child starts to meet the class and headteacher.

Parents help with various activities at school, including listening to the children read, reading to them, assisting with sporting activities, craft/design sessions and supporting during swimming lessons etc. This help is invaluable to the pupils and the school is very grateful for this support. Every volunteer must have a valid DBS check. Please see your child's class teacher if you would like to become a volunteer.

The Headteacher and teaching staff are always happy to see parents to discuss any matters relating to their child or the life of the school at a mutually convenient time.

## Home Learning

The term 'Home Learning' refers to any work or activity which children are asked to do outside lesson time, either on their own or with parents. We encourage parents to take an interest in this and to learn with their children. Each child has a book called 'My Home School Learning Journey' which contains lots of this learning.

Homework is set regularly in all classes:

1. Reading / Phonics
2. Spelling
3. Learning tables
4. My Home Learning Journey

The aims of home learning are to:

- Develop an effective partnership between the school and parents in pursuing the aims of the school.
- Consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding, particularly in literacy and numeracy.
- Continue personal research to complement schoolwork
- Encourage the children as they become older to develop the confidence and self- discipline to study on their own.

## Equal Opportunities

All pupils must have an equal chance to participate in a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum that builds on their experiences and strengths. The school curriculum reflects awareness of the ethnic, gender, class and ability, experience and needs of all pupils. We promote understanding and valuing of ethnic differences and gender equality and cater for all abilities in its content and delivery. A copy of the School's Equal Opportunities Policy is available from the school upon request.

## Strategic Equality Plan

The school promotes the inclusion of all pupils. The school building has disabled access and there is a disabled toilet on site. All children are treated equally. A copy of the School's Strategic Equality Plan and Accessibility Plan is available from school upon request.

## Welsh Language

Welsh is taught as a second language throughout the school. Pupils are encouraged to practise their skill in informal and formal situations during the school day. Extra-curricular activities are arranged for older pupils to encourage them to use Welsh more freely including performing in the URDD and in a St. David's Day Concert. Bilingualism is a focus within the curriculum.

## Medical

If your child becomes ill during the school day you will be contacted via the contact numbers, you have given the school. It is therefore vitally important that you keep us up to date with these.

Members of staff have a current First Aid Certificate.

Parents are requested to inform the head teacher or class teacher of any relevant medical history that may affect the child's general development and education in school.

Any absences should be reported to school by 9:15 am. – either by phone or email. If notification has not been received the school will contact home to find out the reason for absence.

Children are responsible for their own inhalers. The school will administer most medicines and if you like us to do so please your child's teacher, to complete the necessary documentation.
If your child has a medical condition, please inform the school.

## Health And Sex Education

Health Education forms a natural part of the school curriculum. As children progress through the school, various topics of personal welfare and awareness are discussed. Children will look at the important health-affecting decisions they will have to make as they grow up and will be given information on physical development, good hygiene and general health matters. Sex and substance misuse education is given as part of our health programme in years 5 and 6. The governing body of Ysgol Meifod has decided that Sex Education should form part of the school curriculum and has written a Sex Education Policy. A copy is available on request. Parents are encouraged to inspect teaching materials before they are presented to pupils and have the right to withdraw a child from all or part of the course if they so wish.

## Additional Learning Needs (ALN)

All teachers are teachers of children with ALN and have a responsibility to meet those needs with the advice and support of Miss John, the Additional Learning Needs Co-Ordinator (ALNCo) / Mr. Jones (Headteacher) and external professionals as and when appropriate. Mr. Chris Edwards is the ALN Governor.

We realise the need for early identification of ALN and the importance of monitoring progress. Pupils with ALN will be fully integrated into the life of the school, enabling them to maximise their potential as learners and to contribute to the social and cultural activities of the school. A copy of our ALN policy is available from the school office upon request and the school uses the Powys TYFU platform for all ALN pupils.

## More Able and Talented (MAT)

The school makes clear provision for children who are more able and talented. Individual children are encouraged to participate in relevant activities to their ability/talent. A 'challenge' is set when appropriate.

## Looked After Children

The school is committed to supporting and promoting the education achievement of looked after children. Mr. Arwyn Jones is the named member of staff for promoting the educational achievement of looked after children.

## Physical Education

Our aim is for all children to participate and enjoy PE and as many different sports as possible. The school has a large playground and field, which is of immense benefit to the children to use for P.E., sporting activities and play.

The Physical Education Programme is divided into four areas:

1. Health, fitness and well-being activities
2. Creative activities
3. Adventurous activities
4. Competitive activities

The children are transported to the Leisure Centre at Llanfyllin for swimming lessons. We have a very successful record at swimming galas with several of our pupils competing at county level. We also play friendly football and netball matches against other small schools.

After school football, netball, hockey, cross country and rounder clubs are available at certain times of the year. The school has a large playing field and during the summer term children take part in cricket, tennis and athletics. The school has its own very enjoyable Sports Day and competes in a bi-lingual Area Sports with other local schools.

Pupils in KS2 take part in outdoor education activities.

All children have PE during the week. They are to bring their bags on a Monday and change in school. Bags contain trainers, black/grey shorts of tracksuit bottoms and a white T or polo shirt. Black or grey hoodies when the weather is colder.

## Religious Education And Collective Worship

It is our aim to help children in their Social, Spiritual and Moral development which enrich their own lives and in turn the ethos of our school. We will encourage children to understand the meaning and wonder of life and how and why people worship. Religious Education is provided in accordance with S.A.C.R.E. (Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education) and the LEA policy.

The school is not affiliated to any religious denomination. We link studies closely with the idea of moral standards. We endeavour to increase the awareness of our children of other religions and cultures, which we hope, will make them better citizens.

Collective Worship takes place daily and the children are given the opportunity to listen and participate. Elements include children taking part, listening to stories, singing hymns and saying a prayer. Parents who wish their children to be excluded from Collective Worship are asked to contact the Head teacher.

The Impact Schools Team visits the school once a term. Their group leader Mr Huw Ellis always provides an inspiring service.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

A range of extra-curriculum activities are organised for the children. The school runs clubs such as: Football, Netball, Cricket, Rounders, Urdd club and of course Breakfast Club.

We will inform you of these activities through email / our website.

## Links With Industry

We have recently increased our links with local industry and have been supported by local businesses. Local business contacts include The King's Head, The Village Stores and Post Office and James Pickstock (Oil).

## School Security

All visitors to the school during the day are requested to enter through the main entrance and are asked to sign in and out. During the daytime all doors into the school are locked. Children are supervised at all times when outside.

## Safeguarding

Ysgol Meifod is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Ysgol Meifod has a Safeguarding policy that is updated annually. Copies can be obtained from the school office or via the school website. All staff have undertaken Child Protection Training. Concerns are logged on 'My Concern'.

The school is also part of the Powys Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass is the early reporting system informing schools that a child or young person has been exposed to domestic abuse.

In extreme circumstances, if we deem a child to be at risk, we are duty bound to contact the local Children's Services to raise our concern without seeking consultation or permission from the child's parent. All staff in the school are aware of their duties regarding child protection matters and have regular training in our safeguarding policies and procedures.

To ensure our own staff are suitable to care for children they undergo an enhanced Disclosure and Barring check prior to being given unsupervised access to children. These checks are updated every three years. In addition to this a member of staff will not commence employment at our school until two suitable written references have been obtained.

Our Child Protection Officer is Mr. Arwyn Jones- Head Teacher. The Deputy Child Protection Officers are Mrs. Rachel Whilding, Miss Ruth Parker, Mrs. Sara Woolhouse and Miss Lowri John.

The Governor responsible for Child Protection is Mr. Jonathon Wilkinson.

## Community Involvement

Ysgol Meifod is very much at the heart of the village. The local community is regularly informed of all school activities and always supports the school. Posters are also regularly displayed promoting school and community events.

We feel that we have a responsibility as citizens to the world outside of school and so believe in the importance of heightening the children's awareness of the world and supporting needy causes. The children are involved in making decisions about whom we support and many fundraisers are held for charities such as the Wales Air Ambulance, Save the Children, Sports Relief and Children in Need. The School Council play an important role in organising our charity support.

## Attendance

It is expected that each pupil be present at each session when the school is open, the exception being illness or a medical appointment. The attendance of each child is registered at 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

The Headteacher requires an explanation for each absence with a telephone call or email on the first morning of absence (before 9:15am).

If a pupil wishes to be excused from a lesson of Physical Education/Games a note must be received from the parent/guardian to explain the reasons.

**HOLIDAYS** - As a school we set targets for attendance. Powys Education Authority discourages parents from taking their children out of school for family holidays and the Headteacher monitors attendance on a monthly basis. The headteacher has the discretionary power to grant leave for the purpose of a family holiday and will consider every case on an individual basis. Parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw pupils from school for a holiday during term time. However, there may be circumstances that warrant a pupil taking time off in term time and this is why head teachers are best placed to make the decision. The Education (Pupil Registration) (Wales) Regulations 2010 state that head teachers have a discretionary power to authorise leave for a family holiday during term time where parents seek permission. Except for exceptional circumstances, no more than 10 days leave should be granted for this purpose.

Attendance Data: Target: 92% Actual for 2023-24 was 93.78%

## National Curriculum and Assessment Results

The 'Regulations' protect the confidentiality of the results of individual pupils in schools with a small number of pupils eligible for assessment. Headteachers are not required to display any information as regards the results of the National Curriculum Assessment tests in the School Prospectus. Therefore, on these grounds, the Governors of the school have decided not to publish this information.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic the Welsh Government have stated that there will be no reporting of outcomes in Year 2 or Levels in Year 6 for the academic Year 2021-22. As the school is implementing the new curriculum for Wales from September 2022 outcomes in Year 2 and Levels in Year 6 there will be no further reporting of such standards in the future.

## Complaints Procedure

The school has an 'open door' policy, which means any concerns are to be raised with the person involved as soon as possible. Should this not be satisfactory, then parents are advised to contact the Headteacher in the first instance about complaints. There is a copy of the LEA complaint procedure in school.

Should it not be possible to resolve any complaint or concern satisfactorily in this way the complaint should be put in writing and sent or given to the Headteacher. The school will then deal with your complaint as follows:

- Formally acknowledge it within five working days;
- Tell you the name and telephone number of the person looking into your complaint;
- Respond to it within twenty school working days or, if it is not possible to give you a complete answer, tell you what is being done to investigate and how long it is expected to take;
- Tell you if it has to be dealt with under a special procedure.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint you can write to the Chairman of Governors. Should you still not be satisfied and want to take the matter further you will be told who else you can write to at that stage.

## Charging Policy

The Governors have a policy on charges for school activities. The school realises the importance of trips to enhance pupils' experiences and ask parents for voluntary contributions to cover the cost. A copy of our Charging and Remissions Policy is available from the school office upon request.

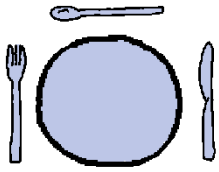
## GENERAL INFORMATION - SUMMARY

**Contacting the school if problems arise**: If parents have any concerns about their children they should contact their child's teacher at the earliest opportunity. It helps to discuss a problem straight away and almost always resolves the problem. Should this not be satisfactory, then the headteacher is to be involved.

**School Transport**: To qualify for primary school transport, pupils must reside 2 or more miles from the nearest school, measured by the shortest walking distance, whenever practicable within existing transport routes. Further information is available from Admissions & Transport, Powys County Hall, Llandrindod Wells 01597826000.

**Trips**: Teachers organise a range of trips and visitors to school. Parents MUST sign a consent form to allow their child to attend a trip. A risk assessment is undertaken before each trip.

**Lunch Time Arrangements:**



Meals are provided by the Schools Meal Service, cooked on the premises and eaten in the village hall. Children who bring packed lunches also eat in the village hall, at the same time as children having school meals.
The meals adhere to the Appetite for Life guidelines. Vegetarian alternatives are available. All Primary School meals are free.

You can send your child/children to school with a packed lunch from home. Please make sure that food is in a suitable, named container. No sugary/fizzy or very hot drinks please and no breakable containers for safety reasons. Children who eat lunches prepared at home will be supervised but not provided with drinks with their meal. As a Healthy School, we encourage parents to support us by monitoring the content of lunchboxes. Please ensure you provide your child with any utensils he/she may need to eat their lunch. If you require information on low income free school meals please contact Powys County Council on 01597 827462 or email montawards@powys.gov.uk or go to the Powys website (www.powys.gov.uk) and follow the 'Schools and Students' and then 'Free school meals and help with school clothing' links.

**Parents in School**: From time-to-time parents act as voluntary helpers in school helping with art/craft activities, swimming, providing transport for sporting events, making costumes for productions. All help is at the request of the Headteacher and all volunteers must be DBS cleared. Please contact the Headteacher if you would like to offer help.

**No Smoking Policy**: We have a strict No Smoking Policy; parents and visitors are requested not to smoke anywhere within the school buildings and grounds.

**Mid-Morning Snack**: All children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack and a bottle of water from home daily. The school does not encourage crisps and sweets to be eaten.

**Uniform**: Pupils wear school uniform daily. The pupils wear a bottle green sweatshirt, gold polo shirt with dark trousers, shorts or skirt. During the summer girls wear green gingham dresses purchased from clothes outlets.
Please ensure that all uniform and kit is clearly marked with your child's name.
Jewellry is not to be worn in school as it presents a safety risk to your child and to other children. The school also requests that children do not wear make-up.
The Foundation Phase children require a pair of wellingtons for some of their outdoor activities.

An order for sweatshirt/polo shirt can be placed at the school office or through Mid Wales Embroidery. Sweatshirts are £9.50, Polo shirts are £8.75 and Cardigans are £13 each.

**Contact:** Parents should ensure that the school has more than one telephone number to contact in case of an emergency. The phone number of your place of work and of a family member or neighbour should be made available to the school.

## A message from the Headteacher – Mr Arwyn Jones

It is such a privilege to be entrusted with the education of the pupils of Meifod and the surrounding area. I am sure you agree that we are working in partnership with parents to help the children fulfil their potential, in a happy caring environment. I hope this prospectus will help to give you a flavour of what the school is really about – the children.

**Arwyn Jones**

## 2024 – 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR [1]

| Autumn Term 2024 | Non-Pupil Days | No of School Days |
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| Monday 2 September<br>to<br>Friday 25 October | Monday 2 September [2] | 40 days |
| **Half Term – Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November** | | |
| Monday 4 November<br>to<br>Friday 20 December | | 35 days |

| Spring Term 2025 | Non-Pupil Days | No of School Days |
|---|---|---|
| Monday 6 January<br>to<br>Friday 21 February | Monday 6 January [2] | 35 days |
| **Half Term – Monday 24 February to Friday 28 February** | | |
| Monday 3 March<br>to<br>Friday 11 April | | 30 days |

| Summer Term 2025 | Non-Pupil Days | No of School Days |
|---|---|---|
| Monday 28 April<br>to<br>Friday 23 May | | 20 days |
| **Half Term – Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May** | | |
| Monday 2 June<br>to<br>Monday 21 July | | 36 days |

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| **Good Friday:** | Friday 18 April 2025 |
| **Easter Monday:** | Monday 21 April 2025 |
| **May Day Bank Holiday:** | Monday 5 May 2025 |
| **Spring Bank Holiday:** | Monday 26 May 2025 |
| **Royal Welsh Show:** | Monday 21 July to Thursday 24 July 2025 |

Please note:

We are in the Llanfyllin Cluster.

- 30 September and 1 October 2024
  Welshpool and Llanfyllin Clusters

- 7 July 2025
  Welshpool and Llanfyllin Clusters