Prospectus

2026–2027

YSGOL GYMRAEG COED-Y-GOF

Welcome to Ysgol Gymraeg Coed-y-Gof

In Ysgol Gymraeg Coed-y-Gof, inclusion, wellbeing and community are at the heart of everything we do.

We believe in nurturing the unique talents and abilities of every child, through providing an inspiring curriculum that develops adventurous, creative and confident learners through discovering and questioning.

It is imporatant that every child feels valued and supported, ensuring they can reach their full potential.

We are proud to be a school that celebrates collaboration, respecting each other and the Welsh language, where everyone belongs.

Warm regards,
Ms Carys Prytherch, Headteacher



Our community

Ysgol Gymraeg Coed-y-Gof is in Pentrebane, West Cardiff.

We welcome families from Pentrebane, Ely, Caerau, Fairwater, St Fagans and neighbouring areas.

Our community is diverse and welcoming. We celebrate diversity, sense of belonging, the Welsh language, culture and identity.



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People, partnerships and the school day



Class Teacher - Who is who?	
Headteacher	Carys Prytherch
Head of School and ALNCo	Laura Casey
Acting Deputy	Elin Jones
Head of infant department	Fran Davies
Masarnen	Elin Jones Mabon Edwards
Castanwydden	Ffion Morgans
Sycamorwydden	Non Rivers
Collen	Sioned Jones
Ywen	Manon Davies
Derwen	Aimee Meyer
Mes	Fran Davies
Enfys	Jess Murphy
Bedwen	Anna Jones
Onnen	Alun Evans
PPA	Becky McConnell Gareth Roberts

Open door

We operate an open-door policy, and parents/carers are welcome to conact the school. You can phone, visit the school or arrange an appointment with the headteacher or teachers - we're happy to listen and help.

Friends of Coed-y-Gof

The school has a very active Parents and Teachers Association, and we are extremely grateful for their successful efforts. They organise a varied programme of events each year. All parents are warmly invited to join, especially new families. The school enjoys a close relationship with parents and welcomes their ideas, talents and contributions.

School Hours

Morning	8.55am – 12.00pm
Afternoon	12.00pm – 3.10pm
Breakfast Club	8.10am – 8.40am

Breakfast club is FREE for everyone.
You need to register through the office.

School transport

Dedicated school buses transport pupils to and from school each day from Ely and Caerau. An escort service is provided on all routes. Parents should contact the Council's School Transport Department **(02920 872942)** to establish eligibility for transport.

Learning, curiosity and Curriculum for Wales

Wondering, questioning, exploring, and reflecting lie at the heart of learning at Ysgol Gymraeg Coed-y-Gof.

Four Purposes Curriculum for Wales

- **ambitious, capable** learners
- **healthy, confident** individuals
- **enterprising, creative** contributors
- **ethical, informed** citizens

Areas of learning and experience

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

Our learning through inquiry

We use the **Kath Murdoch** Inquiry Cycle to support and structure learning across the curriculum. The cycle guides pupils through:

1. **Tuning in**
2. **Finding out**
3. **Sorting out**
4. Going further
5. Making conclusions
6. **Taking action**

Welsh language education and language immersion

We are a Welsh school where the Welsh language is alive and used naturally daily. The children immerse themselves in Welsh throughout the curriculum and their school lives.

Activities and key experiences

- Physical Education (PE) weekly
- Swimming for years 4 and 5
- Outdoor activities
- Residential trip to Storey Arms for year 5
- Residential trip to Llangrannog for year 6
- A range of after school clubs that change regularly

Assessment and regular information for parents

- Continuous observations, discussions, questioning and evidence of work
- Internal assessments in school
- Personalised assessments in reading and numeracy
- Regular chances to talk with parents
- Yearly reports for parents / carers

Well-being, inclusion and safety



Our aim is that every child feels safe, is appreciated and recieves the support needed to thrive in Ysgol Gymraeg Coed-y-Gof.

Additional Learning Needs (ALN)

ALN Leader:
Mrs Laura Casey (ALNCo)

- We identify needs positively and work closely with enthusiasm to ensure the best outcome.
- Support is provided in mainstream classes wherever possible, through differentiation, additional resources, and adult support.
- Where necessary, we collaborate with external services to secure specialist strategies and individual plans for every learner.
- Our specialist education classes provide safe and supportive environments with skilled staff, and offer appropriate opportunities to participate in mainstream school activities where suitable.

Yr Enfys — Enfys Class provides support to develop the emotional wellbeing of pupils from Reception to Year 2, with a higher adult-to-pupil ratio.

Y Cwtch — The Cwtch is available for pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 who require additional literacy and numeracy support, alongside emotional health and wellbeing support.

Onnen — Onnen is the Specialist Resource Base for pupils aged 7-11 whose primary area of need is Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties (BESD).

Bedwen — Bedwn is the Specialist Resource Base for pupils aged 3-7 whose primary area of need is Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties (BESD).

- Places for the SRB's are allocated by the Local Authority through the Special Provision Request process. A place within a Specialist Resource Base is considered by panel and the most appropriate provision for the pupil is offered. Pupils are valued members of the school community and access mainstream sessions as frequently as possible.

Equal Opportunities

The school is sensitive to the needs of pupils with disabilities and makes every effort to ensure they are fully included in all aspects of school life. The school provides, and is willing to adapt, facilities and resources to meet the needs of pupils with disabilities.

Health and Safety

- Keep your child home if they are ill and inform the school. We will contact you if your child is unwell.
- If there is an accident or if a child has a head injury, we will inform you and discuss the appropriate steps.
- If there is an infectious illness, you must keep your child at home until the exclusion period ends, in accordance with Public Health guidelines.
- The school nurse will carry out health checks and parents will be informed if any follow-up treatment is required.
- The school can only administor medication that has been prescribed by a healthcare professional during the school day. Please contact the school office for the relevant form to be completed prior.
- Please inform us of any allergies or nutritional needs.
- We are a no nut school - please don't send in products containing nuts nor snacks.
- Please check your child regulary for head lice. Please let us know so that we can give other families the relevant information.
- If your child has asthma, please ensure they have a pump that is labeled in school (in the office), with the relevant forms completed.
- During sunny weather, please ensure your child brings, water, a sun hat to school and applies high-factor sunscreen before your child arrives at school.
- The school has trained First Aiders who hold appropriate workplace emergency first aid qualifications.

The wellbeing and safety of our pupils are of utmost importance. All staff have a responsibility to safeguard children, and any concerns are managed in line with Cardiff safeguarding procedures and, where appropriate, in partnership with external agencies.

Ms Carys Prytherch	Designated Safeguarding Officer
Mrs Laura Casey	Deputy Safeguarding Officer
Mrs Elin Jones	Senior Safeguarding Officer
Mrs Llinos Bradbury	Chair of Governors

General information for families

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform

- Red jumper or hoodie
- Red or white polo shirt
- Grey trousers/shorts/skirts
- Red and white summer dress
- Black shoes or trainers

PE outfit

- T-shirt: house colour or plain white
- Black shorts/leggings/tracksuit
- Trainers

- Official uniform is available at: YC Sports or K&M Embroidery.
- Stud earrings only - no bracelts or necklaces.
- Please label EVERY item of clothing.
- Pre - loved uniform is availale free from the school office.

LUNCH AND SNACK

School dinners can be booked on ParentPay.
Please book by 8am.

Fee fruit for all

Free milk for pupils in Nursery - Year 2

Please provide healthy snacks only for breaktimes.

COLLECTION, PUCTUALITY AND ABSENCE

- Please inform the office by 2:30 should there be any changes to collection.
- Please let us know of any absences and the reasons why,
- Holidays during term time will not be authorised.
- Please sign your child in at the office if they are late or sign out if you are collecting early.
- Please endeavour book medical or dental appointments are booked outside of schools hours.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Please see the Complaints Policy on the school website. The process consists of three stages:

1. Informal Consideration of a Complaint
2. Formal Complaint to Governors
3. Formal Complaint to the Education Authority

CHARGING POLICY

- Our main aim: educational visits which are affordable for all.
- We ask for a voluntary contribution.
- We ask for parental permission once for local visits but every time for visits which require transport.

CLASS DOJO

We use ClassDojo as a key communication tool between home and school. Through ClassDojo, parents and carers can receive school news, newsletters, and updates about events and activities, as well as communicate directly with staff when needed. It helps us maintain strong partnerships with families and keep everyone informed about school life.

ARBOR

We use Arbor, our online parent portal, to help families stay connected with school life. Through Arbor, parents and carers can report absences, book parents' evening appointments, register for clubs and activities, and receive important school information and communications.

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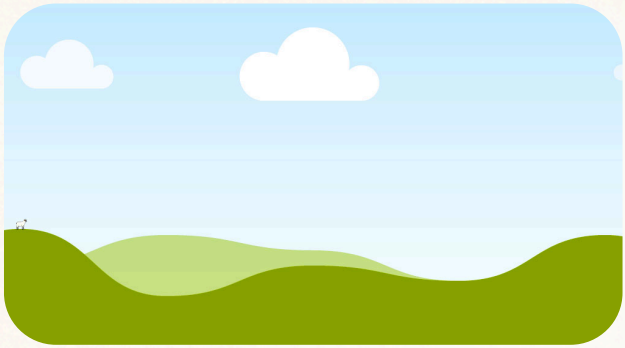
SOCIAL MEDIA

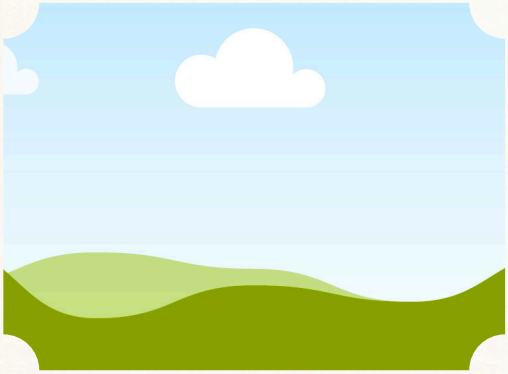
@coedygof
(Facebook)
Celebrating achievements and relevant information on school life in Ysgol Coed-y-Gof.

Ffrindiau Coed-y-Gof PTA
(Facebook)
Information on upcoming events and fundraising efforts

@ysgol.coedygof
(Instagram)
Celebrating achievements and relevant information on school life in Ysgol Coed-y-Gof.

@y_caban_
(Instagram)
A Welsh-medium wellbeing and additional learning needs (ALN) provision.





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