



Ysgol
Hamadryad

Schools Sessions Policy

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A secure anchor before setting sail**

Headteacher:

Mrs Rhian Carbis

Chair of Governors:

Dr Dafydd Trystan

Ysgol Hamadryad

Date of the policy: May 2016

Responsibility: Headteacher and the Governing Body.

Review: May 2017, May 2018, May 2019 and November 2020

Consultation

This policy was established and reviewed by the Headteacher and in consultation with the governing body.

Purpose

- The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the structure of the school day provides the best possible framework for teaching and learning. Our aim at Ysgol Hamadryad is to allow sufficient time to ensure delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum and collective worship, as well as the necessary time for registration and breaks.
- The Changing of School Session Times (Wales) Regulations came into force on 1 April 2009. Section 32 of the Education Act 2002, as amended by the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008, sets out who is responsible for determining the dates of school terms, school holidays and the times of school sessions. For Ysgol Hamadryad, the governing body determines the times of school sessions (with the local education authority determining the dates of the school terms and holidays).

Roles and responsibilities of Governors

The governing body at Ysgol Hamadryad will ensure that, if changes are being considered to the school day, the Headteacher will consult fully with the staff, parents, pupils, and the LEA and:

- Prepare a statement specifying the proposed change and, if required to do so by the LEA,
- Provide a copy of the statement to all parents and make copies available for inspection at the school
- Call a meeting, if requested by parents to discuss the proposed change
- Consider any comments made and decide whether to implement the proposed change, with or without any modification
- Inform the LEA and parents of any change at before it takes effect

Minimum weekly teaching times

DfEE Circular 7/90 sets out the following suggested minimum weekly teaching times as a guide for schools:

Foundation Phase - 21hrs

Key stage 2 - 23hrs 30min

While the above guidance does not outline the standard minimum hours to be operated by schools. It stands as non-statutory guidance and has advisory status only.

At Ysgol Hamadryad

We teach for:

21 hours and 15 minutes - Foundation Phase

24 hours - Key Stage 2

Please see the School Day below.

Arrangements for policy monitoring and evaluation

- The annual review of the curriculum will consider whether an appropriate amount of time is allocated to each curriculum area. If required, recommendations for a change will be made to the governing body by the Headteacher.
- When changes are made feedback will be sought from pupils, staff and parents at the end of year.

The school bell rings at 8:40am to ensure that all pupils are in their classes by 8:45am.

DAILY ORGANISATION

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
08:45 08:55	Registration	08:45 08:55	Registration
08:55 10:15	Teaching Session 1	08:55 10:15	Teaching Session 1
10:15 10:30	Playtime	10:15 10:30	Playtime
10:30 10:45	Snack	10:30 12:00	Teaching Session 2
10:45 12:00	Teaching Session 2	12:00 13:00	Lunch
12:00 13:00	Lunch	13:00 14:30	Teaching Session 3 & 4
13:00 14:15	Teaching Session 3	14:30 15:00	Assembly
14:15 14:30	Playtime		
14:30 15:00	Assembly		

Chair of Governors Signature:



Headteacher's Signature:

Rh. Corbis

Date: November 2020