



# Ysgol Heol Goffa

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## Our Mission Statement:

At Heol Goffa our aim is to open the doors to the future by providing a happy, caring community where all have equal worth, are respected and inspired to achieve the best for themselves and others.

**Head Teacher:** Miss Ceri Hopkins

**Deputy Head Teacher:** Mrs Helen Ley

## School Hours:

08.50-3.00

## Term Dates:

See Carmarthenshire County Council or visit our school website.





Ysgol Heol Goffa is a special school for pupils aged 3 – 19 years located in Llanelli, Carmarthenshire.

We provide excellent learning opportunities for all our pupils who have a range of abilities and needs including moderate, severe, profound and multi additional needs, autism and pupils with social emotional and behaviour needs.

We celebrate every pupil's individuality and personalise the curriculum to meet their needs and support and celebrate every success.

### Leadership team

Ysgol Heol Goffa is led by Headteacher Miss Ceri Hopkins with Mrs Helen Ley our Deputy Headteacher.

### Governing body

The governing body has the collective and legal responsibility for the overall direction of the school and its strategic management. This includes the effective financial management of the schools delegated budget and the responsibility for ensuring that the schools' financial resources are utilised in support of improving learning outcomes in the most effective and efficient way.



## Pawb yn Gallu

### Vision

At Ysgol Heol Goffa our values underpin everything we do. We encourage each other to become independent, ambitious individuals who are confident, creative and capable. We reach for the stars to fulfil our potential.

### Values

**Belonging** - Together we are a family

**Be Joyful** - We have fun while we grow and learn

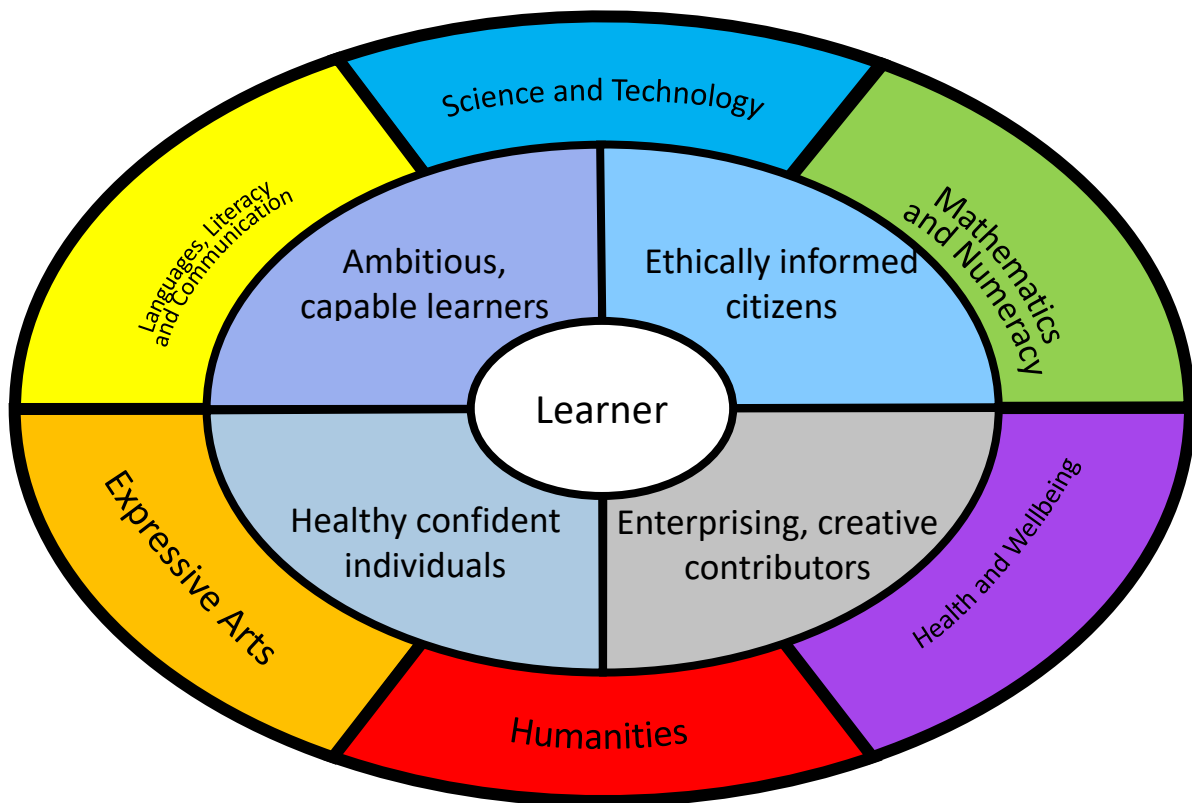
**Be Caring** - We are there for each other

**Be Independent** - We support each other to be the best we can be

**Be Respectful** - We treat others how we want to be treated







## CURRICULUM

At Heol Goffa we are committed to providing a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum which is based on experiential learning.

The Curriculum for Wales has allowed us to develop our own personal curriculum for Heol Goffa, enabling learners to develop towards the **four Purposes** across **six areas of learning and experience**.





At Heol Goffa, we encourage use of a range of methods of communication, selecting appropriate methods for the pupil individual needs in consultation with Speech and Language Therapist.

Many of our pupils communicate through speech, some use sign or body signing. We offer regular 'Signalong' training for the staff. Some pupils use PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System). This involves the use of growing number of syllables to represent items enabling the child to ask for things they need or want. PECS can be used alongside emerging speech to support the child's communication.

Objects of Reference (OOR) are a limited number of objects used to symbolise or provide a cue for the child for specific activities or places they need to go to. These help the pupil to develop their anticipation of what is coming next in their day.



## School Meals

School meals are cooked on the premises daily and copies of the menu are available on the Carmarthenshire County Council website.

Mealtime is very much part of the school day and is seen as a teaching and learning opportunity.

Some pupils are eligible for free school meals- please ask if you are unsure.

Pupils who wish to bring a packed lunch, sit at the table with their class group and are included in the social and self-help training associated with mealtimes. Special dietary requirements can be catered for – please ask.

The cost of free school meals for all pupils can be found on the Carmarthenshire County Council website and payments can be made through ParentPay.

## Transport



Pupils are transported to and from school via Carmarthenshire County Council's transport department. Requests for transport are made via this route.

We have three wheelchair accessible minibuses available to transport pupils to extra curricula activities, educational visits and residential visits.







## Parent Involvement

At Ysgol Heol Goffa we aim to work as partners with parents to maximise pupil learning, progression and enjoyment of school and prepare them for important transitions at different phases of school life.

We have an open-door policy and value and welcome discussion with parents and discussion with parents and carers on all aspects of school life.

ClassDojo is used to inform parents of school events, share celebrations and, also to pass on important information.

We welcome our parents into school to participate in and celebrate special events and achievements throughout the year.

The parent staff association (PSA) plan and organise events.





## **Medical Matters**

We follow strict guidance from the local authority and Welsh Government as set out in the W.G document Supporting pupils with healthcare needs.

The school has access to a named off-site school nurse employed by the local health board.

Support and training are received from the Community Children's nurses for any child specific medical needs.

Qualified First Aid staff deal with illness and injuries occurring during the school day. Parents will be notified if a pupil becomes unwell or is involved in an accident or incident requiring medical attention.

## **Medication in school**

Medication can only be given in school if written parental and headteacher consent has been obtained. Medication should be in the original container with the pharmacy label attached. Further information can be found in the Administering Medication in School policy on the website.







### Keep us up to date.

We ask all parents to complete a Medical Details form every September to ensure we have the most up to date information for the pupils. Parents are asked to notify the school if there are any changes to the pupil's medical needs during the school year.

## Therapies

We offer a range of therapies in school, including the following:

Hydrotherapy

Speech & Language

Physiotherapy

Rebound Therapy

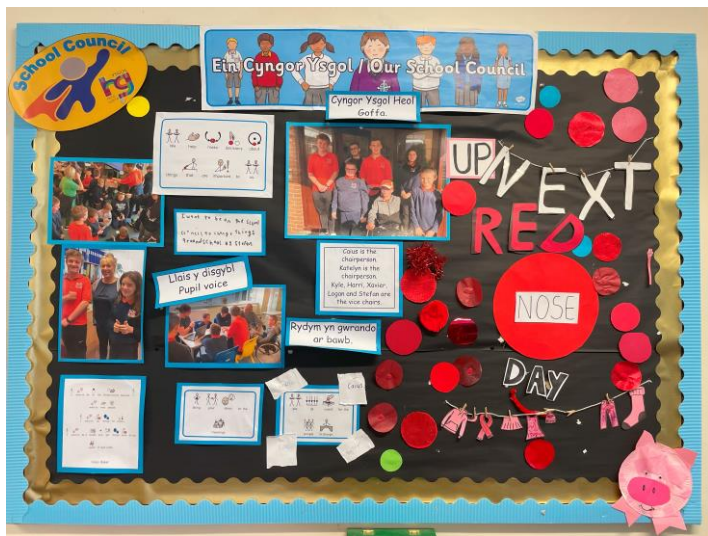
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Talkabout

Multi-Sensory Learning

Equine Therapy





Dear Parents, Carers and our School Community,

We hope the information shared here will help give you an idea of the wonderful things that happen at Ysgol Heol Goffa. We are a school that thrives on delivering a bespoke and individualised curriculum that meets the needs of all our learners through exciting activities and opportunities. We pride ourselves on the progress that our learners make during their educational career here.

Links with our parents, professionals, and the local and wider community, are essential in assisting us to enable our pupils to receive the very best educational experiences and the most relevant and appropriate opportunities to develop their independence and life skills in preparation for the world after they leave our school.

During these currently challenging times we will continue, along with your support, to do all we can to ensure the children are as safe as possible and that school remains a calm, happy and consistent place where your children look forward to attending.

Please make sure you are signed up to our communication systems: Class Dojo, Twitter, and Facebook to keep up to date with activities, events and local and national announcements.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Miss Ceri Hopkins  
Headteacher