WANTED – VOLUNTEERS

NEW GOVERNORS

What are we looking for?
We currently have vacancies for three LEA and one community governor.

'Giving Our Best, Creating Our Future'

At Ysgol Y Faenol:
We maximise the skills and talents of our school community by providing experiences that are fun and challenging in a caring and happy environment.

We believe in:

- **Nurturing skills and talents**
- **Promoting a love of lifelong learning**
- **Building self esteem and confidence**
- **Working together as a team**
- **Caring for and respecting one another**

What is a Governor?

A governor is someone who:-

- is a volunteer;
- cares about teaching, learning and children;
- represents those people with a key interest in the school, including parents, staff, the local community and the LA;
- has time to commit to meetings and other occasions when needed;
- is willing to learn;

- is able to act as a critical friend who supports the school but who also challenges and asks questions about how the school works and the standards it achieves;

Local Authority (LA) governors are appointed by the LA which maintains the school. LA governors may present the LAs views but they are not delegates of the LA and they cannot be mandated by the LA to take a particular view.

Community governors are invited by other governors to join the governing body and are appointed by the governing body. Community members bring their own experience or skills to the governing body and can act as a link with the community in which the school serves. Community governors usually live or work in the community of the school area and are committed to the good government and success of the school.

What does the governing body do?

A school's governing body is responsible for making decisions that are in the best interests of the pupils. Together with the headteacher, the governing body sets the school's aims and priorities.

The school is accountable to the governing body. The governing body is responsible for the conduct of the school, and must promote high standards of educational achievement.

The governing body:

- sets the purpose and aims of the school within an agreed policy framework
- agrees the school improvement strategy, which includes setting statutory targets
- monitors and evaluates the work of the school
- the effectiveness of the policy framework, progress towards targets, and the effectiveness of the school improvement strategy
- appoints and performance manages the headteacher
- responds to reports from the school improvement service and Estyn as necessary
- makes sure that parents are involved, consulted and informed as appropriate
- makes information available to the wider community as required

Our Governors come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of Ysgol Y Faenol and are the link between the school and the community it serves. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

• an interest in the performance of the school.
• a desire to contribute to and represent the community.
• an open and enquiring mind

- the ability to look at issues objectively
- the confidence to ask questions and join in debate
- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- the ability to work well with others
- time to spare

If you match the above description, you may be the very person to become a Governor at Ysgol Y Faenol. Everyone has something to offer and we want people from as many backgrounds and with as wide a range of interests as possible.

What can we offer?

- A chance to develop skills in strategic management
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our school
- Training to develop an understanding of specific school management issues
- A sense of achievement in making a difference

Being a governor is a fantastic way of enhancing your skills and experience in a rewarding role.

What commitment is expected of a governor?

Governors are expected to:

- serve a term of four years from the date of appointment;
- attend at least one governing body meeting during each school term and may be asked to attend committee meetings;
- be prepared to participate as a member of a working party or committee of the governors from time to time;
- be prepared to devote time to visiting the school in order to observe the work of the school at first hand;
- attend training courses arranged by the LA which are free of charge and which will improve your skills and contribute to your personal development.

Being a governor can be enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding. Please don't be put off by thinking that you have to have specialist expertise or knowledge. Enthusiasm and interest is much more important to start with and there is tried and tested training and support available to help you throughout the four years term of office. And remember, you will be joining a long established governing body and will be supported by fellow governors with many years of combined experience.

If you are interested, please contact Rhian Jones, Headteacher on 01745 583370
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https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/resident/education/school-governors/being-a-governor.aspx