



YSGOL RHIW-BECHAN



Ffrindiau Yn Cyd Ddysgu

Friends Together, Learning Together

Polisi ar Addoli ar y Cyd.

A Policy For Collective Worship

This policy was adopted by the Governing Body of Ysgol Rhiw-Bechan in May 2025

Signed: _____
Chair of Governors

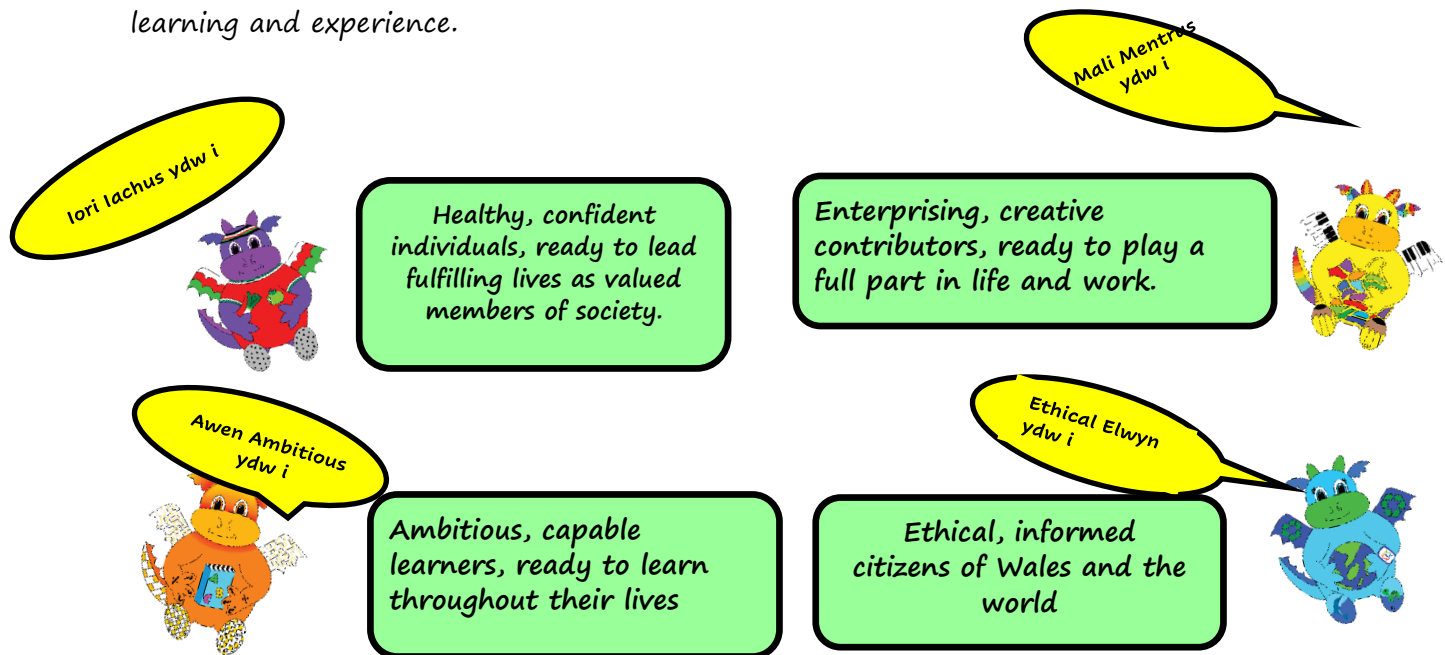
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Our vision

At Ysgol Rhiw-Bechan we aim to provide an inclusive environment where we embrace 'difference'. Each and every individual is encouraged to reach their true potential with our **four dragons** (core purposes) at the heart of learning. We endeavour to provide opportunities to develop digital competence, literacy and numeracy across the curriculum following the purposes and within each area of learning and experience.



United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child UNCRC

Children and young people have 54 rights under the United Nations Convention. These rights give children and young people what they need to grow up happily, healthily and safely.

Our children are given the opportunity to:

- Learn about human rights;
- Learn through human rights;
- Learn for human rights.



In 2011 Wales became the first country in the UK to make the UNCRC part of its domestic law.

The Right Way Approach supports the four purposes and learning in all Areas of Learning and Experience. The New Curriculum for Wales is linked directly to children's human rights. As a school we are in the process of developing this whole school approach when designing our own curriculum.

Human rights education is a cross-cutting theme of the curriculum in Wales, and the principles of a human rights education is informed by the UNCRC.

Participation is a key cross-cutting principle of both the UNCRC and the UNCRPD. So as per new Curriculum guidance we are ensuring that our learners have the opportunity to participate in curriculum design.

The principles of a Children's Rights Approach are:

- Embedding children's rights
- Equality and Non-discrimination
- Empowering children
- Participation
- Accountability

At Ysgol Rhiw-Bechan we aim to ensure the Children's Rights Approach is embedded across our curriculum.

Ysgol Rhiw Bechan Statement.

All pupils attending Ysgol Rhiw Bechan, regardless of age, gender, colour, creed, ability shall take part in a daily act of collective worship which brings together the whole ethos of our school, its atmosphere, the quality of relationships, its values and attitudes and reinforces its richness.

This document provides a statement of the schools aims with regard to Collective Worship. It is a document consistent with the requirements of the Education Reform Act.



Aims

We aim to bring pupils together to participate in the experiences of the immediate and wider community:

- to provide an opportunity for the children to worship God;
- to enable children to consider spiritual and moral issues;
- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature;
- share together emotions such as love, trust, loyalty, friendship, selfishness, forgiveness, patience, responsibility, confidence, happiness, help, tolerance, joy, delight, valuing one's self and to celebrate in the excitement and beauty of life and living;
- to provide for moments of awe and wonder, for truth and for facing the harsher realities of life;
- give opportunity to express humility, weariness, worry or admission of a need;
- allow positive reflection on success and failure in an open, honest and sensitive climate;
- to develop pupil awareness and understanding of the cultural traditions of Wales and other world cultures;
- encourage expressions of determination to do ones best;
- create an atmosphere in which one has the opportunity for silent reflection, repose, inner response and active participation;
- to develop a sense of community spirit;
- to promote a common ethos with shared values and to reinforce positive attitudes.

Collective Worship at Ysgol Rhiw Bechan is carefully planned with meaningful arrangements. We make positive use of relevant displays and artefacts are used to promote interest and understanding. We use poetry, music and knowledge and understanding of the world to help develop a sense of beauty and awe and wonder of the world. We make



effective use of artefacts including, candles, shells, pebbles, sand, stones, etc. We encourage children to develop their own ideas and consider their own values and beliefs.

The act of Collective Worship takes place on a daily basis with all children. A variety of music is played on entering and leaving the hall to help create atmosphere conducive to worship and reflection. We encourage other Ministers, Preachers and speakers to involve themselves in our Collective Worship.

Our time for Collective Worship reflects the achievements and learning of the children. We encourage the children to participate by showing their work to the other children and raising issues that they have discussed in their classes. Collective Worship offers an opportunity to acknowledge and reward children for their achievements both in and out of school. They play an important part in promoting the ethos of the school, which is that all children are valued and all achievements are recognised. Ysgol Rhiw Bechan is a successful school and we shall celebrate the successes of all the children. We provide time for pupils to reflect on Bible stories and explore their personal feelings and experiences through prayers and poetry.

At Ysgol Rhiw - Bechan we use a two-year cycle. We organise our assemblies so that we all as a school met together three times a week. The emphasis in these assemblies are obviously worship but also 'Worship'. We look at our actions as individuals and as a school. We collect for charities such as the Salvation Army, Children In Need, Comic Relief, Poppy and Daffodil appeals. Every week we have a certificate assembly where individuals are rewarded for good behaviour and actions and also for academic, sport and musical achievements.

Our other daily assemblies as follows:

Every Monday class assemblies are held, whole school assemblies every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. With separate Welsh and English stream assemblies every Wednesday, when Criw Cymraeg introduce phrase of the week. We regularly visit the local chapel and church for harvest festivals.