

School Session Times Policy

Introduction

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 Abercanaid Community School 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 Abercanaid Community School, 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 Abercanaid Community School 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 to ensure that:

- a statement is prepared 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 - 21 hrs
Key Stage 2 - 23 hrs 30mins

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 Abercanaid Community School:

In the Foundation Phase we teach for a total of	-	23hrs 45 mins per week
While at Key Stage 2 we teach for a total of	-	25hrs 15 mins per week

Structure of School Day

Foundation Phase

Time	Session	Minutes
0900 – 1015	Registration & Curriculum Time	75:00
1015 – 1030	Break	15:00
1030 – 1145	Curriculum time	75:00
1145 – 1300	Lunch	75.00
1300 – 1335	RWI	35:00
1335- 1400	Curriculum time	25:00
1400 -1415	Fitness	15:00
1415 – 1430	Assembly	15:00
1415 – 1515	Curriculum Time	60.00
		285.00
		4 Hours 45 minutes
	Weekly teaching time (Not Including Assembly Time)	23hrs 45mins

KS2

Time	Session	Minutes
0900 – 0915	Registration & QFT's	15:00
09:15-10:30	Curriculum Time	75:00
10:30-10:45	Break	15:00
10:45 – 1215	Curriculum time	90:00
1215 – 1300	Lunch	45;00
1300 – 1400	Curriculum time	60.00
1400 -1415	Fitness	15.00
1415 – 1430	Assembly	15:00
1415 – 1515	Curriculum Time	60.00
		315
		5 Hours 15minutes
	Weekly teaching time (Not Including Assembly Time)	26hrs 15mins

Arrangements for monitoring and evaluating

The annual review of the curriculum will consider whether an appropriate amount of time is allocated to each curriculum area, and 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 the first year.