

Ysgol Rhos Helyg

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Prospectus

2024/25



Excellent outdoor learning facilities



Wrap around childcare from 7.45-5.30



Estyn reports we are "Good throughout"

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Welcome to Ysgol Rhos Helyg

Croeso i Ysgol Rhos Helyg

Ysgol Rhos Helyg is an English medium county maintained co-educational nursery, infant and junior school, of about one hundred and fifty pupils. Opened in 1953, it draws its children mainly from the villages of Rhosesmor, Halkyn, Pentre Halkyn, Rhos-y-Cae and the surrounding towns of Mold and Holywell.

We endeavour to provide a secure, caring and happy atmosphere where learning takes place. Children have access to a broad, balanced curriculum. Emphasis is placed on the acquisition of the basic skills of literacy and numeracy and their application in other fields of study within the national curriculum.

We believe that all children are of equal value, both as learners and as members of the school community.

A balance is kept between academic achievement and the development of personal attributes such as self-discipline, loyalty, involvement as a member of a team and respect for other people and property.

Our aim is that every child should find the years of primary education enjoyable and profitable, and we hope that parents will share their children's enthusiasm and pleasure in achievements, great and small. These goals can best be achieved when teachers and parents work together for the good of their child.

The school provides **wrap around care** to all of our pupils from **7.45 am** until **5.30 pm**. Pupils from Early Entitlement and upwards benefit from Our Breakfast Club and these young pupils can go from Playgroup to Nursery seamlessly. All of our pupils can also access After School Club.

This prospectus is an introduction to our school and aims to answer all your questions. If there is any other information you need or would like to know, then please contact me and I will do my best to help you.



Gareth M. Roberts
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Safeguarding, School Security and Health and Safety

We take the safety of your child whilst in school very seriously and we have Safeguarding and Health and Safety Policies to ensure all protocols are followed. These are regularly reviewed.

Security

We ask that all parents and visitors report to the main office at the front of school. An electronic signing in book is available for visitors.

Parents are asked not to enter the school during school hours but the office staff will be happy to help.

The entrance doors are locked once the children have entered school. Visitors are admitted via the front door which is electronically locked.

Before registering your child at Ysgol Rhos Helyg we encourage parents or guardians to visit the school by phoning the reception to arrange an appointment.

Parents and guardians are invited formally once a term to discuss their children’s development. However, I would like to emphasise that you are always welcome to visit the school to discuss any aspect of school life.

Term 1	Parents evening
Term 2	Parents evening
Term 3	Annual report meeting



Admissions

Nursery education is available at the school on the basis of 5 x 2.5 hour sessions per week for each child. At Ysgol Rhos Helyg our nursery provision is between 12:40 – 3:10 pm each afternoon. Children aged 3+ are admitted to our nursery in the September of the academic year that they attain the age of four.

Nursery education is not statutory and parents have no right of appeal under the Education Act of 1980 if they are unsuccessful in gaining a nursery place.

For pupils of reception age – the LEA is the admitting authority.

Admissions for older pupils can be arranged at any time and parents are

asked to consult with the Headteacher and complete a 'Flintshire County Council Transfer Request Form'. The LEA is the admitting authority.

A copy of the school’s admission policy is available at the school.

Mission statement

“Dedicated to working together in a happy and stimulating environment to nurture independent, confident and successful learners.”

Our school motto:

"Nurture, Grow, Achieve"

Our Safeguarding Culture

Our Commitment to Safeguarding

Ysgol Rhos Helyg is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy which can be viewed in the Policies section of our website.

The school plays an important part in safeguarding all pupils. All staff members follow the school Policy approved by the Local authority. We have a legal obligation to report any concerns raised, in relation to safeguarding or pupil well-being with the Social Services Department and we follow the All Wales Protection procedures to the letter.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr Gareth Roberts , Headteacher.

Our Deputy DSL is Miss Carys Hughes Deputy Headteacher.

Our Governing Body member with a safeguarding responsibility is Mrs Delyth Taylor . All members of the safeguarding team can be contacted via the school office.

Safeguarding in practice

We actively undertake our safeguarding commitment in a number of practical ways – these include:

Our staff

- are DBS checked as part of the recruitment procedures in place
- are made aware of our safeguarding policies & procedures during their induction
- attend annual safeguarding update professional learning and DSL professional learning for those in scope
- attend regular PREVENT professional learning
- have photographic ID and use appropriate sign in and out mechanisms

Our children

- actively engage with a Health and Wellbeing focussed curriculum that teaches them how to look after themselves and to keep safe and identifies safe adults, beyond the family, to confide in at times of distress or danger
- are taught on-line safety as part of the digital curriculum and this is continually referred back to in the teaching of digital skills

Site safety

- We have a main single entry-point into school, via the main school office

- All external gates remain closed, and secured, during the school day
- All children are collected from school at the end of the day by an adult. Please inform school if someone, other than their parent/carer, is collecting them from school
- Please inform us if a child is absent from school. We will phone home, on the first day, if we have an unexplained absence
- We ask all visitors to sign in and be accompanied by a member of staff whilst in school
- Some visiting professionals do not always need to be accompanied by staff, if we have confirmed with their employer or the Local Authority that they are DBS checked
- Accidents in school are reported to parents/carers and the Headteacher
- Many staff hold a Paediatric First Aid Certificate and provide first aid support in school

Resources for parents/carers and children

- Online Safety - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>
- Staying Safe from Harm - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule>
- Child Line Resources - <https://www.childline.org.uk>
- Bullying - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying>

Non Smoking Zone

At Ysgol Rhos Helyg we are committed to the all round development , care , safety and health of the pupils in our charge. Our school is a **NON SMOKING ENVIRONMENT**. It is now unlawful to smoke on Flintshire county Council grounds.





School Discipline

We pride ourselves on high standards of behaviour in the school and are very proud of our pupils.

They are courteous and respectful of parents, visitors and each other and we are eager this high standard is maintained.

We, as a school, feel that good standards of behaviour have a positive impact on standards and also prepare children for future life.

In accordance with the School's vision we encourage, self-discipline and self-esteem, taking responsibility for our own actions and choices. We foster a secure and nurturing school environment for our school community.

We recognise that our pupils sometimes need guidance and support to understand actions that are acceptable and those that are not.

We rely on a strong partnership between the home and the school in order that there is a common approach to deal with a child that has done wrong.

We want our pupils to develop empathy towards others and an understanding of their motivations for behaving in a certain way.



Who's who at school?

Ysgol Rhos Helyg		
Headteacher	Mr Gareth Roberts	
Deputy headteacher	Miss Carys Hughes	
Class	Class teacher	Teaching assistant (TA)
Nursery and Reception	Mrs Anna Hunt	Mrs Wendy Gillgrass
		Mrs Alison Leonard
Year 1 and 2	Miss Rosie Brundell	Miss Ceri Richardson
Year 3 and 4	Mrs Leanne Thomas	Miss Lindsey Brown
Year 5 and 6	Miss Carys Hughes	Miss Nia Griffiths
Other positions	Name	
Additional learning needs co-ordinator	Mrs Leanne Thomas	
Additional Needs practitioner	Mrs Wendy Griffiths	
Administrative officer	Mrs Nicky Napper	
One-to-one support workers	Mrs Alison Leonard, Mrs Sharon Broughton	
	Mrs Sharon Edwards	
Caretaker	Mr Jeff Reynolds	
Cleaner	Mrs Sharon Broughton	
Assistant cook	Mrs Annette Jones	
Lunchtime supervisors	Mrs Alison Leonard	
	Mrs Sharon Broughton	
	Miss Gemma McLeod	

School Governors

Name	Status	Until
Mr Bob Robinson	Co-opted	December 2024
Mrs Valmai Hughes-Parry	LEA	January 2024
Mr Hugh Burgess	Co-opted	May 2024
Mrs Delyth Taylor	LEA	January 2027
Mr David Roberts	LEA	June 2026
Miss Carys Hughes	Teacher Governor	August 2025
Mr Ian Powell	Parent Governor	
Mr Paul Cawley	Parent Governor	May 2027
Mrs Kelly Kelso	Parent Governor Parent Governor	March 2024
Miss Nia Griffiths	Non-Teaching	December 2027
Mr Richard Wood	Co-opted	January 2027

Clerk to the Governors: **Currently Vacant**

The Chairman and Clerk can be contacted via Ysgol Rhos Helyg (01352 780265) or by writing to:

Ysgol Rhos Helyg
Rhosesmor
Flintshire
CH7 6PJ



School routines, procedures and organisation

Pupils are taught in mixed ability classes through the medium of English and are organised in the following way at present:

Class	Organisation
Early Entitlement	School now provides 'Early Entitlement' provision for pupils in the term following their third birthday.
Nursery (age 3 to 4)	Nursery class is taught each afternoon from 12:40 to 3:10pm.
Reception Pupils to year 6 pupils	Pupils are taught in mixed classes.

Children should arrive a few minutes before the start of each session. Assemblies are held every morning. A celebration assembly is held every Friday afternoon.

The School Day	Reception ,Year 1 and 2	Year 3 to 6
Session 1 - am	8:50 - 10:20	8:50 - 10:40
Break Time - am	10:20 - 10:35	10:40 - 10:55
Session 2 - am	10:35 - 12:00	10:55 - 12:00
Lunch Time	12:00 - 12:50	12:00 - 12:50
Session 3 - pm	12:50 - 2:00	12:50 - 2:00
Break time - pm	2:00 - 2:15	2:00 - 2:15
Session 4 - pm	2:15 - 3:10	2:15 - 3:10

Breakfast Club is available each morning between for all pupils:

Time	Cost per session
7:45 - 8:15 am	£1.00 / per child
8:15 - 8:45 am	FREE

The hours spent on teaching during the normal school week amount to:

Class	Hours
Infants	23 hours and 35 minutes*
Juniors	24 hours and 25 minutes*

*including religious education, but excluding the statutory act of collective worship, registration and breaks.

School Uniform

We are proud of the high standards that we set for our pupils' appearance and greatly appreciate your support in this.

The school uniform

Black or grey trousers

White Polo Shirt

Burgundy sweatshirt with school logo

Black shoes (not trainers)

Black or grey trousers or skirt

Summer dress (optional)

burgundy and white check

Burgundy sweatshirt / cardigan
with school logo

Black shoes (not trainers)

In the interests of safety, we prefer that jewellery is not worn. If worn it should be limited to one pair of ear studs. Necklaces and bracelets are not allowed.

For PE Lessons the pupils **wear their kit to school** instead of getting changed during the day. The kit that your child needs will vary with the seasons.



Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialist in Mold stock our sweatshirts.

Attendance

Attendance is a priority at Ysgol Rhos Helyg and is very important to us.

We expect children to arrive on time, dressed appropriately and ready to learn.

Parents are requested to notify the school as soon as possible to explain pupil absences.

If pupils miss 20 days or 4 weeks of schooling in a year then this is a real cause for concern as this equates to nearly 100 hours of lost learning and will put you in the **RED**

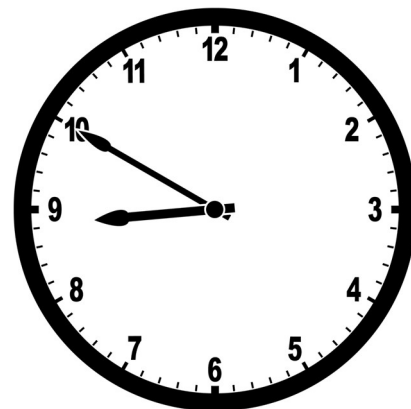
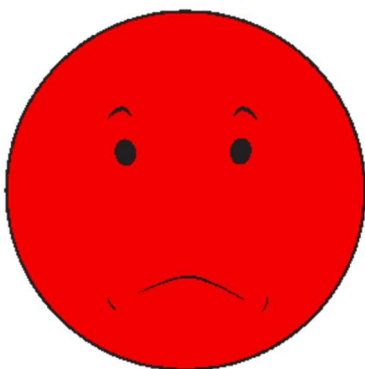
Attendance of **95%** or above is classed as **GREEN**

Attendance of **90-94%** is classed as **AMBER**

Attendance of below **90%** is classed as **RED**



Punctuality is equally important because if pupils persistently arrive late then a significant part of the Curriculum is missed, reducing the chances of children reaching their full potential.



After 8.50 am = LATE

Health, accidents and illness

Health

If your child suffers from any medical conditions or allergies, please contact the school to let us know immediately.

Our school nurse visits the school periodically and parents can arrange to meet her to discuss any medical issues. The school nurse has responsibility for hearing and sight tests when appropriate

If your child needs medicine during the day parents must fill in a consent form available from the office or to download from our school website.

Accidents

Despite our utmost care, accidents do sometimes occur. Several members of staff have had training in First Aid, and there are adequate first aid facilities in school along with a fully qualified nurse available for advice. The majority of accidents are minor ones and are dealt with quite satisfactorily on the spot.

In the event of a serious accident, every attempt will be made to contact you.

If you cannot be contacted the Head teacher or Deputy Head reserve the right (acting upon sought expert medical advice) to take whatever action is necessary.

Illness

If your child is taken ill at school depending upon the nature of the illness, medical advice will be sought. Every attempt will be made to contact you before any action is taken.

With some illnesses the County Health Authority recommend that **children are kept away from school** for a minimum number of days:

- **Chicken Pox:**
5 days from onset of rash
- **German Measles:**
6 days from appearance of rash
- **Measles:**
4 days from appearance of rash
- **Mumps:**
5 days from onset of swelling
- **Gastroenteritis (sickness/diarrhea):**
48 hrs AFTER symptoms subside

If your child has a verruca or athlete's foot he/she is not allowed to go to the swimming baths until they have completely cleared, unless protective footwear is worn.

Family holidays, collective worship and our PTA

Family holidays

We urge parents not to take family holidays during term time.

However, if this is not possible you must submit a holiday request form to the Headteacher at least a month prior to your holiday.

The holiday request forms are available from either the school office or to download from our school website.

Please refer to the school holiday calendar for the next academic year in order to book your holidays during school holiday time.

Collective worship

Each class has a period of daily collective worship and a whole school / key stage assembly is held each week in the hall. If parents do not wish their children to participate in these assemblies for religious reasons, a request can be made by letter to the Headteacher.

Our parent teacher association (PTA)

We have a very committed and enthusiastic parent teacher association (PTA) who have, over the years, raised many thousands of pounds to support the children with their learning at school.

The PTA meets about once a term to arrange activities such as discos, film nights, Easter egg hunts, Christmas and summer fayres. These activities generate valuable funds that are then ploughed back into the school to the benefit of all pupils.

The PTA are always looking for new members and if you are interested in helping, in any way, please contact the school office or you are welcome to attend any or all of the PTA meetings.



Curriculum for Wales

The new curriculum is a way of preparing children for their future.

The year 2022 will see the official launch of the new Curriculum for Wales.

The aims of the Curriculum for Wales is to:

- **Support schools to be more flexible in their teaching so they can deliver a broader range of learning experiences**
- **Enable schools to be innovative and creative in their approach to supporting learning**

What this really means is a more authentic and engaging way for children to learn.



Examples of the types of learning you will see at Ysgol Rhos Helyg are:

- **Our annual farmer's market**
- **Forest school**
- **Learning French**
- **Drama based learning**
- **Gardening**
- **Field trips**

These types of experiences the children gain most from because they are active in their learning and having fun.

At the heart of the Curriculum for Wales are the four purposes that aim to enable all children in Wales to become:

- **Ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives**
- **Enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work**
- **Ethical, informed citizens of wales and the world**
- **Healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society**

Thinking of our world leaders, entrepreneurs, authors, professionals and successful people in all walks of life, they are ambitious, confident, creative and continually learning and aiming to improve themselves to achieve their goals.

Curriculum Design

Six 'Areas of Learning and Experience' (AOLE's) help school achieve the four purposes, that span the entire age range from 3 to 16. They promote and underpin continuity and progression, and encourage teachers to work creatively and collaboratively across traditional subject boundaries.



Language, Literacy and Communication



Maths and Numeracy



Science and Technology



Humanities



Health and Wellbeing



Expressive Arts

6 Areas of Learning and Experience: These make up our School Curriculum.

Language, Literacy
And
Communication

Mathematics
and
Numeracy

Science and
Technology

Humanities

Health and
Wellbeing

Expressive Arts

Cross –Curricular Skills: These key skills are developed across every Area of learning and Experience

Literacy

Numeracy

Digital Competence

Cross-cutting Themes: These are important elements across every Area of Learning and Experience

Relationships and
Sexuality Education

Human rights
and the United
Nations
convention on
the Rights of the
Child

Diversity

Careers and
Work Related
Experience

Local, National and
International
Context

Integral Skills: These underpin the Four Purposes and are developed through a range of learning and teaching

Creativity and
Innovation

Critical Thinking and
Problem solving

Personal Effectiveness

Planning and
Organising

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)

RSE has a positive and empowering role in learners' education and plays a vital role in supporting learners to form and maintain a range of relationships, all based on mutual trust and respect which is the foundation of RSE. These relationships are critical to the development of emotional well-being, resilience and empathy. An understanding of sexuality with an emphasis on rights, health, equality and equity empowers learners to understand themselves, take responsibility for their own decisions and behaviours, and form relationships that are fully inclusive, reflecting diversity and promoting respect.

The Welsh Government RSE Code contains the mandatory requirements. The teaching and learning within our whole school RSE programme encompass the mandatory elements outlined within the Code. Our school has therefore planned and developed a comprehensive, inclusive, developmentally appropriate whole school teaching and learning programme for RSE which conforms with the Code. This policy details our whole school approach to RSE. Our RSE will support learners to develop the knowledge, skills and values to understand how relationships and sexuality shape their own lives and the lives of others. Learners will be equipped and empowered to seek support on issues relating to RSE and to advocate for themselves and others.

The school will ensure that RSE is embedded in the school's values, rights and moral framework e.g. by showing respect for all learners, staff and the wider community, by celebrating differences, building healthy relationships and inclusion of sexual diversity. For further information, please view the School's RSE policy which is available on request.

Second Language and International Foreign language

Welsh

Welsh is taught as a second language.

Our aim is not only to develop the ability to communicate at varying levels through the medium of Welsh, but also to foster an appreciation of the Welsh language and culture.



Bilingualism

Pupils, teachers and support staff contribute to the school policy of bilingualism by using incidental Welsh throughout the day. Welsh signs are used throughout the school.

International Foreign Language

French

All pupils spend time learning French every week. We follow The Power Language scheme. Mold Alun High School currently provide a lesson at the school every Term for our Year 6 pupils.



Learning outside the classroom

Ysgol Rhos Helyg places great emphasis on learning outside the classroom, supporting both the academic and holistic development of our children.

Ysgol Rhos Helyg has raised beds for planting vegetables that we grow from seed in our polytunnel.

Our outside classrooms are at the centre of creativity at the school.



Outside Agencies and Opportunities



Our Year 3 pupils are thoroughly enjoying their Cello Lessons which are provided for free through a Welsh Government Initiative.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils are now helping out on Friday afternoons in the Church Shop at St. Paul's Church at Rhosesmor.



PC Mark comes to speak to the children every Term .

Learning with Cemex



Welsh Water providing a workshop on water conservation

Additional Learning Needs

Any child may experience some learning difficulties during their time at school. At this time the parents are informed and are consulted regularly to discuss the progress made in accordance with the Code of Practice. These are usually catered for within each class with differentiated work being provided for the child to complete and extra support being given.

Pupils who have additional learning needs in areas including reading, writing, number and behaviour are given an individual education plan.

These pupils receive further support on a withdrawal basis where they spend some time either individually or in a small group basis.

We work closely with outside agencies such as the Educational Psychologist and speech Therapist to ensure that each child receives the high quality support that they need.

Admission Arrangements for Pupils with a Disability

Our school is an inclusive school and we make all children welcome. If your child has a disability, they will be treated equally to other applicants for admission. Prior to admission, there will normally be a discussion with parents, the Headteacher and LA advisers to determine the level of need. This means that we can make reasonable adjustments to ensure that pupils with disabilities are not placed at a disadvantage.

The school will admit all pupils whose educational needs can be met from the resources available within our school and whose admission will not significantly detract from the needs of other pupils.

Where children have a statement of ALN their admission must be negotiated via the LEA's statementing officer.

A ramp and toilet for the disabled have been provided in the school.

Looked after children

The Headteacher is the person responsible for promoting the educational achievement of 'Looked After Children' at the school. The school follows the LA Policy when promoting the educational achievement of looked after children.

More able and Talented

Ysgol Rhos Helyg is committed to nurturing all the academic and special talents of all our pupils. Each child is unique and we feel that it is important to ensure that each child is able to reach their full potential

Eco-school



Eco-friendly

Ysgol Rhos Helyg is eco-friendly and we have a strong Eco committee which is made up of children from years 1 to 6.

We hold the prestigious **Platinum Award for Eco Schools**

Eco-Schools
Eco-Sgolion

Longyfarchiadau ar gyflawni
Gwobr Platinwm Eco-Sgolion.
Congratulations on achieving the
Eco-Schools Platinum Award.

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Pff. Weithredol, Cyswch Gynruth Dactul
Chief Executive, Keep Wales Tidy

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Welsh Government
Keep Wales Tidy

Extra-curricular activities

The school has a variety of extra-curricular activities, which take place either during the lunch hour, after school or as part of an organised trip.

This is seen as important in the development of the whole child, raising self-esteem, and broadening experience where success is shared.

We are indebted to members of staff for giving so freely of their time to enable children to participate in these activities.

Clubs

Extra-curricular activities are provided for junior children (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). A detailed list of clubs, with times and venues is distributed at the beginning of each term.

The following clubs are available during the academic year:

- Art
- Football
- Gardening
- Athletics
- Cricket
- Netball
- Dance
- Eco club
- Choir



Trips

Children will also have the opportunity to take part in cultural and sporting activities organised by the URDD. Arrangements are made for pupils to visit the Urdd Camps at Glan Llyn and Cardiff as well as Pentrellyncymer and Nant B.H. Outdoor Pursuit Centres.



Educational trips in conjunction with topics being studied take place at various times throughout the year, apart from our annual school trip in the summer term.

All trips are well organised and fully supervised. Details of planned trips are always given to parents in writing for their consent.

Charges, remissions, our code of conduct and discipline

Charging and remissions policy

Trips and other activities are organised by the school. We are allowed to ask for voluntary contributions from parents so these activities can continue.

It is clear that without substantial voluntary contributions from parents these activities would have to cease.

Under the guidelines of the LA the governors of the school have adopted the following policy:

- ***Namely, that the governors may request voluntary contributions from parents and others and will make it clear that for activities, wholly or mainly in school time, children will not be excluded if no contribution is made, except in the cases of boarding and residential charges or optional extras.***
- ***Where a visit is arranged by the school to take place during or out of school time, pupils that are entitled to a free school meal are entitled to remission of board and lodging charges. Details are available upon request.***



Home school agreement

At Ysgol Rhos Helyg we have always emphasised the importance of school and parents working together in partnership. We believe that commitment to this partnership is essential if each young child is to achieve his or her full potential.

In September, parents of older children are sent a copy of the Home-School agreement and are invited to sign the parental declaration form to indicate that they have read the school's aims and values and its responsibilities and that they accept the parental responsibilities and the school's expectations of its pupils.



Clubs, school dinners, equality and secondary education

Breakfast club

Breakfast club includes an optional breakfast (toast/cereal) and runs from 7:45 am - 8:50 am each school day at a cost of £1 per child. It is FREE from 8:15 am each morning; funded by The Welsh Assembly Government.

Children may bring in their own packed lunch if they prefer, although sweets and chocolate are not permitted.

After school club

We have a fabulous after school club on site which is called Halkyn Mountain Kids Club. The club is open each day 3:15 pm to 5:20 pm. This club runs during term time and extends to cover some holidays - enquire at the school for charges etc.

Equal opportunities

We believe that children whatever their race, religion or gender, should have equality of opportunity in preparing them as useful, caring members of our society. An equal opportunities policy can be viewed at the school.

Holiday club

In addition to the excellent quality care provided by the after school club, we have extended this to cover holiday periods (8 am - 5:30 pm) for working parents requiring affordable childcare. Contact the holiday club via school for charges and availability.

Secondary education

Parents are free to express a preference for the secondary school of their choice. The majority of children at present move on to the Alun School, Mold, with some opting for Ysgol Maes Garmon (Welsh-medium). Visits are usually arranged for children and parents to the secondary school of their choice during the summer term.

School dinners

All pupils are entitled to free school meals (Year 5 and 6 from Easter 2024).



Complaints procedures

The school has an open and friendly ethos and you are welcome to arrange a meeting with the class teacher or the Headteacher to discuss any concerns.

All complaints are dealt with in accordance with our complaints policy and if you have any complaints please contact the Headteacher. If the matter cannot be resolved, you can also contact the chair of the governing body or the Local Authority (LA).

Stage 1	Procedure
Person raises a concern or makes a complaint, verbally or in writing	<i>Complaint investigated and response provided</i>
Outcome: Complaint resolved?	
YES: Complaint resolved	
NO: Complaint moves to Stage 2	
Stage 2	Procedure
Complaint referred to headteacher	<i>Complaint investigated and response provided within 5 school days</i>
Outcome: Complaint resolved? YES / NO	
YES: Complaint resolved	
NO: Complaint moves to Stage 3	
Stage 3	FINAL DECISION
Complaint heard by governing body's complaints committee within 15 school days	Decision, with reasons and any actions to be taken, sent to complainant within 5 school days

Healthy schools

Ysgol Rhos Helyg have been part of the Welsh Network of Healthy Schools Schemes since 2007. The Flintshire Healthy Schools Scheme is a partnership between Public Health Wales and Flintshire County Council which is committed to supporting and encouraging the growth and implementation of health and wellbeing in all schools.

The school has achieved the 'National Quality Award for Healthy Schools'.



As part of our 'Healthy School Programme' children are encouraged to eat and drink healthily.

We promote the drinking of water and have seen positive results in terms of children's concentration. Healthy snacks are provided in all classes following 'Healthy Eating in Schools (Wales) Measure 2009' guidance and all children are encouraged to participate. Children

bringing in their own snacks must adhere to the guidance also.

What is the Healthy Eating in Schools (Wales) Measure?

Healthy Eating in Schools (Wales) Measure (Healthy Eating Regulations) is the Welsh Government's regulation for improving the food and drink provided in schools in Wales.

The food served in all local authority maintained schools must meet the healthy eating regulations. It sets food, drink and nutrient standards that mean food provided in school will be healthy and well balanced and snack foods and drinks with little or no nutritional value will not be available. The food and drink based standards apply across the school day including breakfast clubs, mid-morning break, tuck shops, lunch time provision and after school clubs.

Can my child still have a snack at break time?

Yes, healthy snacks are still available in schools for a small cost. Also, pupils are welcome to bring in their own healthy snacks to school. Healthy eating regulations recommends that food and drinks served across the school day must have a clear nutritional benefit. In primary schools, recommended break time snacks and drinks are fruit, vegetables, water and milk. The healthy eating regulations can be downloaded from the Welsh government website.

School calendar

Ysgol Rhos Helyg Academic Year 2024/25

SCHOOL OPENS	2 September
SCHOOL CLOSSES (half term)	28 October
<i>Autumn / Winter half term holiday</i>	
SCHOOL OPENS	4 November
SCHOOL CLOSSES (Christmas)	20 December
<i>Christmas holiday</i>	
SCHOOL OPENS	6 January
SCHOOL CLOSSES (half term)	21 February
<i>Spring half term holiday</i>	
SCHOOL OPENS	3 March
SCHOOL CLOSSES (Easter)	11 April
<i>Easter holiday</i>	
SCHOOL OPENS	28 April
MAY DAY (school closed)	5 May
SCHOOL CLOSSES (half term)	23 May
<i>Summer half term holiday</i>	
SCHOOL OPENS	2 June
SCHOOL CLOSSES (summer hols)	18 July