



School Session Times

Policy reviewed: *Summer 2024*
Policy valid until: *Summer 2027*
Policy owned by: *The Headteacher*

Headteacher: _____

For and on behalf of the Governing Body: _____

Policy status

Statutory with Annual Review

Consultation

This policy was established and reviewed by the all school staff in consultation with the governing body.

Purpose

- 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 Ysgol St George 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 Ysgol St George, 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 Ysgol St George will ensure that, if changes are being considered to the school day, the headteacher will consult fully with the staff, parents, pupils, and the LA and:

- Prepare a statement specifying the proposed change and, if required to do so by the LA,
- 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 LA 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:

Ages 5-7	21 hrs
Ages 8-11	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 Ysgol St George

We teach for a total of

24 hrs 20mins per week in Classes 2 and 3

23hrs 5mins per week in Class 1

(10hrs 50mins in Meithrin)

9:05 to 10:30; 10:45 to 12:00; 13:05 to 15:15 (or 15:00 in Class 1)

(See the sheet entitled "The School Day" at the back of this document).

Arrangements for policy monitoring and evaluation

- 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 year.

The School Day

8:45-9:00	Doors open, pupils arrive
8:55-9:05	Registration
9:05-10:30	See class timetables (Daily Diaries are carried out during this time)
10:00	Monday: Whole School Assembly (in Class 2)
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:00 11:15	See class timetables <i>Meithrin collected</i>
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:05	Registration
1:05-3:00	See class timetables
2:30	Friday: Celebration Assembly (in Class 1)
3:00	<i>Class 1 pupils (who do not have older siblings) collected</i>
3:00-3:15	Clear away/prep for home time
3.15	Home Time

** **Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday:** *Collective Worship (in class)*