

Ysgol Nantgwyn:

Our parent forum



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The intention is that this would be a group of parents that meet informally once per half term to learn a little bit more about the school and also give a parent view on items that we are developing. Your voice as parents is really important to us and it is the hope that this will strengthen the communication that we already have.

Aims

Aims of the forum for all parties.

- To become aware of the perspectives of pupils, parents, staff and governors
- To learn more about what happens when pupils are in school
- Meet some of our pupils and staff and learn about what they think
- Share the views of our parents
- Share information about the community
- Explore views on specific concerns or issues
- Consult on potential developments in school

Membership

The membership will hopefully grow to one parent per year group. At this current point, we have good representation across lower, middle and upper but not quite one parent for each year group.

Agenda

We will have a standard agenda as follows:

School items to share that are currently happening

School items to consult with parents

Parents item - give us more information about something

Specific questions from different year groups

Minutes will be taken and shared on the school website and emailed to you. You are welcome to share them with other parents.

Meetings

These will be held half termly for between 1-2 hours and will be held at Ysgol Nantgwyn.

Conduct agreement

- Work together positively and constructively for the benefit of the pupils in our school.
- Show respect to all members of the forum and accept that people may have differing views.
- Present views in a reasonable manner.
- Share information transparently.
- Maintain confidentiality by not sharing names of individuals.
- Not discussing individual circumstances or grievances. These need to be directed to the school teams in the first instance.

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Meeting two: 19th November 2025

Agenda

Terms of reference:

Pupil attendance:

Discussion around improving pupil attendance to school. Discussion focused around the following questions:

1. Do you know the current attendance of your child?

Parents from year 6, 7, 9 and 11 present- all knew the attendance of their child from Classcharts, letters or recent interim report or some knew that their child hadn't missed a day this term.

2. What are the main general challenges your child faces that may affect their attendance at school?

Generally no challenges. Year 11 sometimes distractions to learning with busy classroom and parent mentioned that perhaps transport or not having correct uniform could be an issue for some pupils. Discussed provisions in place to support.

3. Do you know how to report your child's absence to the school?

All parents confirmed this was a quick and very easy process through Classcharts, but queried when absence messages were picked up, explained this was through the day.

4. What support or resources do you think the school could offer to help improve attendance?

Parents would like more updates of their child's attendance such as Classcharts message each term of the figure and the equivalent in days or a notification if their child's attendance was dropping. Parent would like school to look into a way that they could see child's attendance to lessons and Q room to monitor.

Parent queried how pupils 'catch-up' on missed work and school explained how the Google Classroom was used by teachers to upload the work for pupils.

5. How well do you feel the school communicates with you about your child's attendance?

All parents thought that communication was good.

6. What incentives or strategies do you think would motivate pupils to attend school more regularly?

Ideas such as a treat afternoon were discussed. Pupils do not always like to receive certificates publicly in upper school reward assemblies.

7. Are there any changes you'd like to see in school policies or routines that could help improve attendance?

A school day that suits needs and an area for pupils to keep belongings when they have a busy day.

Parents item - give us more information about something:

No nomination

The group will think about this agenda item and bring ideas to the school.