



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Scrutiny Performance Panel – Education**

**Bishop Gore Comprehensive School, De-La-Beche Rd,
Sketty, Swansea SA2 9AP**

Thursday, 23 January 2025 at 4.00 pm

Present: Councillor L R Jones (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

A M Day
J D McGettrick

Councillor(s)

S M Jones
A J O'Connor

Councillor(s)

S Joy
R V Smith

Other Attendees

Robert Smith	Cabinet Member for Education and Learning
Helen Burgum	Headteacher Bishop Gore Comprehensive
Rebecca Matthews	Deputy Head Bishop Gore Comprehensive
Kathryn Lecrass	Headteacher Blaenymaes Primary
Owen Davies	Deputy Head Brynmill Primary
Jamie Taylor	Headteacher Cadle Primary
John Webb	Headteacher Grange Primary
Caroline Morgan	Headteacher Oystermouth Primary
John Jenkins	Deputy Head Portmead Primary
Bethan Peterson	Headteacher Whitestone Primary

Several Chairs of Goveners also attended

Officer(s)

Helen Morgan-Rees	Director of Education
David Thomas	Principal School Improvement Advisor
Michelle Roberts	Scrutiny Officer
Rachel Percival	Scrutiny Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): B Hopkins and Y V Jardine
Co-opted Member(s): Beth Allender

188 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

None

189 Prohibition of Whipped Votes and Declaration of Party Whips

None

190 Curriculum for Wales - Bishop Gore Comprehensive Cluster of Schools

The Panel met with the Bishop Gore cluster of schools to discuss how they are implementing the Curriculum for Wales as a cluster. The following Headteachers and Chairs of governors were invited to attend:

School	Headteacher	Chair of Governors
Bishop Gore Comp	Helen Burgum	Sue Soul
Blaenymaes Primary	Kathryn Lecrass	Dr Anthony Charles
Brynmill Primary	Jo Simons	Louise Beckett
Cadle Primary	Jamie Taylor	Elliot King
Grange Primary	John Webb	Christine May
Oystermouth Primary	Caroline Morgan	Laura Miles
Portmead Primary	Allison Evans	Matthew Davies
Whitestone Primary	Bethan Peterson	Gareth Ford

The headline questions sent to the schools in advance of the meeting included:

- a) How is it going so far?
- b) What are you finding most challenging?
- c) How are you supporting your teachers and school staff to transition to the new curriculum?
- d) How are you working together as a cluster to ensure a consistency of approach?
- e) How do you know how effectively you are implementing the Curriculum for Wales in the Bishop Gore cluster?
- f) How are you taking learners along with you on this journey?
How is information about the curriculum being shared with the learners? How are the learners responding to the curriculum, particularly those who have had experience of both systems?
- g) How do you feel about the support you have received from the local authority and Partneriaeth?
- h) How are your schools developing and implementing its Religion, Values, and Ethics (RVE) curriculum to ensure continuity and progression for learners from ages 3 to 16?

The Panel will detail their thoughts and conclusions from the session in a letter to the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills.

The meeting ended at 5.30 pm

Chair