



Ysgol Babanod Ladywell Green Infant School

# **SCHOOL SESSION TIMES POLICY**

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Headteacher:

Chair of Governors:

Review Date:

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## 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 Ladywell Green Nursery and Infants 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 Ladywell Green Nursery and Infant 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 Ladywell Green Nursery and Infant 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 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:

Foundation Phase **21 hrs**

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 Ladywell Green Nursery and Infant School

In the Foundation Phase we teach for a total of **22 hours 30 minutes per week**

This is made up of the following sessions:

**9.00am to 10.45am;**

**11.00am to 12.15pm;**

**13:15pm to 15.15pm**, making a total of 5 hours.

Of this time 15 minutes are used for registration each day, with a further 15 minutes used for Collective Worship. This leaves a total of 4 hours 30 minutes each day curriculum time, making the total of 22 hours 30 minutes per week. This time includes regular activities which support the development of health and wellbeing such as milk/fruit time and daily toothbrushing.

## Arrangements for monitoring and evaluating

The annual review of the curriculum will consider whether an appropriate amount of time is allocated to the curriculum, and if required recommendations for a change will be made to the governing body by the headteacher.