



# Governors' Guide to Community Focused Schools



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## Foreword

This set of materials has been developed by ContinYou Cymru and Governors Wales to support governors, as key strategic leaders and managers, in developing a Community Focused Schools approach in their schools. Each section covers a different aspect of developing Community Focused Schools:

- 1: An introduction to Community Focused Schools;
- 2: Governors' roles and responsibilities;
- 3: Managing Community Focused Schools;
- 4: Developing Community Focused Schools;
- 5: Self-evaluation and inspection;
- 6: What help is out there?
- Annexes: tools to support Community Focused Schools developments.

The information here is not intended to replace any guidance or direction from the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) or Local Education Authorities (LEAs) on developing Community Focused Schools. Rather, it is meant to give you initial information, know-how and tools to develop a Community Focused Schools approach in your schools.

In November 2006, ContinYou Cymru, WAG and the Association of Directors of Education in Wales (ADEW) launched *Community Focused Schools: Making it Happen – a Toolkit*. The toolkit has been developed to help everyone who has an interest in making Community Focused Schools work. All LEAs in Wales have had copies of the toolkit so that they can distribute one copy to each of their schools. This set of materials builds on the information and tools in the toolkit and each section signposts you to relevant sections of the toolkit. This can be downloaded from either [www.continyou.org.uk/cfstoolkit](http://www.continyou.org.uk/cfstoolkit) or [www.governorswales.org.uk](http://www.governorswales.org.uk).

These materials are 'work in progress', allowing for additional information to be included as we progress along the Community Focused Schools continuum. We are therefore keen to hear from you about what else you would find helpful to have included. The materials also build on the successful Governors Wales Summer 2007 Conference 'Community Focused Schools'. They are intended to address specific issues and challenges identified by school governors in developing community focused services and activities.



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