

## APPENDIX 6 - QUESTIONS FOR THE SCHOOLS

### Questions

#### Questions to be sent to the school in advance

- What kind of records and measures do you have for learners who are studying subjects in Welsh and English? What motivates you to record that learners are studying through the medium of Welsh e.g., course work, mock examinations?
- How do you track the learner's progress in terms of Welsh from one key stage to the next? What use do you make of the data? Are there any gaps in provision while moving across different key stages?
- Who's responsible for monitoring the provision through the medium of Welsh? How does the monitoring system work?
- What do you have in place to ensure that the oral medium of learning is in Welsh?
- Which occupational courses are being offered? Which ones aren't entirely available in Welsh?
- Are there some subjects with less studying through the medium of Welsh than others? Which subjects are they and how do you believe it would be possible to increase provision within those subjects?

#### Headteacher

- Could you elaborate on the Welsh medium provision in the school?
- Does the language policy help you to increase Welsh provision in the school? Is there sufficient assistance for you when an application is made to change the medium of learning from Welsh?
- How often do you review the school's Language Policy? Are there any changes that could be made to the Policy to increase Welsh provision?
- What is the school's experience in terms of learners returning from the immersion centre? Do these learners study GCSE/A Level subjects in Welsh?
- How do you enable learners to use the Welsh language in all social contexts in the school?
- How do you operate to respond to the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan? To whom do you report in terms of implementation?
- How can you increase Welsh provision in your school and what guidance do you give to increase provision?
- What support do you receive from GwE and the Education Department in terms of increasing Welsh provision? What support would you like to have?

#### Curriculum Co-ordinator / Cluster Co-ordinator (in the context of the Welsh Language Cluster Plans) / Head of the Welsh Department / Tracking Officer for language ability (if relevant)

- Could you elaborate on the Welsh medium provision in the school?
- How do you encourage/support learners to continue to study subjects through the medium of Welsh?
- Are there any barriers when trying to ensure that the number of children who study through the medium of Welsh increases as they move from one key stage to the next?

- Are there some subjects with less studying through the medium of Welsh than others? Which subjects are they and how do you believe it would be possible to increase provision within those subjects?
- How do you change the provision to respond to the needs of learners?
- How exactly is bilingual education operational in the classroom in subjects other than Welsh and English?
- What is the school's experience in terms of learners returning from the immersion centre? Do these learners study GCSE/A Level subjects in Welsh?
- What opportunities/barriers have been identified when planning to implement the Curriculum for Wales?
- What support do you receive from GwE and the Education Department in terms of increasing Welsh provision? What support would you like to have?

#### Learners Language Forum

- What do you discuss in the Forum meetings?
- In which language do you do subjects?
- What is your experience in terms of doing subjects in Welsh?
- Is there enough support to do subjects in Welsh? What further support do you need to be able to study through the medium of Welsh?
- Why do you think some choose to do subjects in English?

#### Focus Group with Learners

- What is your experience in terms of doing subjects in Welsh?
- In which language do you do your subjects?
- Is there enough support to do subjects in Welsh? What further support do you need to be able to study through the medium of Welsh?
- Why do you think some choose to do subjects in English?

#### Parent Representatives on the Governing Body

- What do you think of the Welsh medium provision in the school?
- Do you know what the Language Policy is and understand the obligations?
- Are there any changes that should be made to the Language Policy?
- What is your child's experience in terms of learning medium?
- Why do you think some parents want their children to do subjects in English? What influences this?

#### The Immersion Education System - Focus Groups with learners that are newcomers

- How do you feel about learning through the medium of Welsh?
- What year were you when you came to this school?
- What did you know about the Welsh language before coming to the school? How much Welsh did you have, if any?
- What type of experience was attending the immersion centre?
- What type of experience was returning to the school from the centre?
- How easy was it to follow subjects through the medium of Welsh afterwards?
- Which/how many subjects are you studying through the medium of Welsh?