

Appendix 3 – The Immersion Education System item

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Focus Group to understand pupils' experiences and feelings about learning Welsh in the immersion program.

Introduction and Consent

My name is [name], and I'm from Bangor University. I'm here to learn about your experience with learning Welsh. There are no right or wrong answers, so please feel free to share what you really think.

Consent Process

(Read through the information sheet and assent form, guiding pupils through ticking each box and signing their names.)

Experiences with Learning Welsh

Feelings Check-in:

How do you feel when you're learning Welsh? (Use happy, neutral, and sad faces to guide responses.)

Summarise responses and ask questions based on the response cards.

I can see that (number) of you feel (description) about learning Welsh?

Can you explain why you feel (description)?

Further Questions

What do you enjoy most about it?

Is there anything you don't enjoy?

Where do you use Welsh?

When you use Welsh in school, where do you use it? On the playground? Do you use your Welsh at home?

Do you use Welsh in your school on a Friday? When you use Welsh in your main school, where do you use it? On the playground?

Feelings Check-in

How do you feel when you use Welsh in different places,

in school

at home?

When you are out doing things?

Parties?

Shopping?

Thoughts on the Welsh Immersion Program

How do you feel about the way Welsh is taught in your lessons?

Can you describe what a typical day in the Welsh immersion centre is like for you?

What do you think about coming to the unit for Welsh lessons?

Is there anything you like about it?

Is there anything you'd change or don't like?

Feelings Check-in

How do you feel about being in the unit and learning Welsh there?

How do you feel about returning to your normal school on a Friday?

Can you explain why you feel (description).

Impact and Feelings about Learning Welsh

Do you think learning Welsh has helped you in other subjects?

If yes, can you give an example?

Feelings Check-in

How does learning Welsh make you feel about doing other schoolwork?

How has learning Welsh in the immersion centre helped you in different places?

Has it helped in your normal school? How

How about outside of school? If so, how?

Or at home? If so, how?

Feelings Check-in

How do you feel when you use Welsh outside of the immersion centre in your normal school?

General School Experience

Final Feelings Check-in

I want you to think about these things when you are in the immersion centre first.

How do you feel

On your way to the immersion centre?

When you're in the classroom in the centre?

When you're doing your schoolwork?

When you're on the playground?

When you think about your classmates?

When you think about your teacher?

When you think about school in general?

And now can you answer the questions about your normal school, when you go there on a Friday?

How do you feel

On your way to school?

When you're in the classroom?

When you're doing your schoolwork?

When you're on the playground?

When you think about your classmates?

When you think about your teacher?

When you think about school in general?