

GWYNEDD EDUCATION LANGUAGE POLICY

PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION PROVISION	
All pre-school education settings will provide through the medium of Welsh.	
ALN: MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS	
Children and young people with additional learning needs (ALN) receive an equal linguistic opportunity in accordance with this Policy. The ALN and Tribunal Wales Act (2018) must be considered when interpreting this policy. Where Additional Learning Provision is noted within an Individual Development Plan with use of a specific method of communication and intervention, this provision must be secured, in keeping with any specialist advice. The Equality Act must also be considered.	
PRIMARY SCHOOLS	SECONDARY SCHOOLS
<p>Every primary school in Gwynedd is a Category 3 School or is working to achieve Category 3 School status in accordance with Welsh Government definitions for primary schools.</p> <p>The aim of the Education Language Policy in the primary sector is to develop the ability of all pupils to be confident in both languages by the time they reach 11 years old, developing the linguistic skills of pupils and providing opportunities to use them in real and meaningful situations.</p> <p>Welsh is the main education medium of pupils and internal communication of Gwynedd primary schools. Communication with parents and guardians will either be in Welsh or English, or bilingually, as required. Every school will have a strong Welsh ethos, which will support and enable the learners to use the Welsh language in all social contexts in and outside the school.</p> <p>Foundation Phase until the end of Year 2</p> <p>Every pupil is taught and assessed through the medium of Welsh until the end of Year 2.</p> <p>Schools will provide opportunities for pupils to use the Welsh language regularly, inside and outside the classroom, in a curricular and extra-curricular manner.</p> <p><u>Year 3 - Year 6</u></p> <p>From year 3 onwards, in a context of fostering skills that are associated with full bilingualism, at least 80% of the pupil's educational activities (both curricular and extra-curricular) will be in Welsh.</p> <p>The pupils' grasp of Welsh should continue to be developed, giving attention to the development of their skills in both languages. From year 3 onwards, English will be introduced as a subject and cross-curricular learning medium.</p> <p>Cyngor Gwynedd is committed to providing an Intensive Immersion Course within the Immersion Education System. Schools are expected to ensure that all pupils (Years 2-6) who are latecomers and new Welsh speakers, are referred to attend Gwynedd's Immersion Education System, for them to be able to follow the curriculum in full in accordance with Cyngor Gwynedd's Education Language Policy.</p>	<p>Every secondary school in Gwynedd is a Category 3 School or is working to achieve Category 3 School status in accordance with Welsh Government definitions for secondary schools.</p> <p>For every school in this category, Welsh will be the main language of education for all pupils up to 16 years old (in accordance with the Welsh Government's definition of the statutory expectations on Category 3 Secondary schools).</p> <p>The pupils' grasp of Welsh should continue to be developed, giving attention to the development of their skills in both languages. English will continue to be introduced as a subject and learning medium of some cross-curricular elements.</p> <p>Cyngor Gwynedd is committed to providing an Intensive Immersion Course within the Immersion Education System. Schools are expected to ensure that all pupils (Years 7-9) who are latecomers and new Welsh speakers, are referred to attend Gwynedd's Immersion Education System, for them to be able to follow the curriculum in full in accordance with Cyngor Gwynedd's Education Language Policy. Schools can provide in an appropriate linguistic manner for any learners arriving at the school as a latecomer in years 10 and 11.</p> <p>Welsh will be the main language for internal communication. The school will communicate with parents and carers either in Welsh, English or bilingually, as required. Every school will have a strong Welsh ethos, supporting and allowing the learners to use the Welsh language in every social context in the school and outside the school.</p>