

Ysgol Y Bryn



Welsh in Education Strategic Plan

All local authorities in Wales are required by law to have a Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP). Our 10-year strategy shows how we will develop Welsh language provision in our schools based on the outcomes and targets which have been set by Welsh Government so that all our learners become confidently bilingual.

Ysgol Y Bryn is an English medium school and most pupils come from English speaking homes - lessons and other school activities are communicated primarily through the medium of English with incidental Welsh spoken throughout the day. Welsh is taught as a second language.

Through “Welsh Language Development” we aim to provide children with a basic vocabulary, enabling them to converse in Welsh. Initially the lessons are entirely of an oral nature and will also involve learning simple songs and rhymes to reinforce the vocabulary.

As the children mature and their understanding of the language grow, they are introduced to Welsh in its written form, where they will be encouraged to read and write Welsh as well as improving their oral proficiency.

At Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6) formal teaching of Welsh as a 2nd Language takes place, however bilingualism and incidental Welsh is common practice during all lessons. Ysgol Y Bryn are continuing to work with the local authority specialist on the ‘Silver Siarter Iaith’ award.

Pupils for whom English is a second language are catered for according to their needs with input from appropriate county personnel.

At Ysgol Y Bryn at least 15% of pupils learning (either curricular or extra curricular) will be taught through Welsh. This corresponds to around 45 minutes each day or 3.75 hours each week.