

Choose Welsh for Your Child

What is Welsh-medium education?

You may not have considered Welsh-medium schools before. So what do they offer your child?

Welsh-medium schools provide **complete immersion** in the Welsh language. Children are encouraged to use Welsh throughout the school day and lessons are taught bilingually.

Welsh-medium schools **celebrate being multilingual**, and provide children an opportunity to grow up with as many skills as possible.

Welsh is the main language used in everyday teaching at Welsh-medium schools, English is also taught as a first language in all ages after the foundation phase.

Children who leave Welsh-medium primary schools are fluent in Welsh and English, and are provided an opportunity to **use both languages** across the curriculum. This has been proven to be the most effective way of learning languages.

94% of pupils in Welsh-medium schools in Newport come **from non-Welsh speaking families**.

With parents who don't speak Welsh in the majority, **schools provide everything in Welsh and English**. Schools in Newport also offer support to families whose language is neither Welsh or English.



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Are there benefits in sending my child to a Welsh-medium school?

There are plenty of benefits in sending children to Welsh-medium schools.

These benefits come with being a part of a school community that **celebrates language learning**.

Children **flourish** through play and learning in both languages.

Speaking two different languages from an early age helps **shape the brain**, which help learning capabilities, **problem solving, memory** and other skills later on.

(Children with two languages excel at school, Rosemary Bennett, Education Editor, April 11 2017, The Times)

Speaking two languages helps children gain comfort with **diversity** and different cultures. *(What's Going on Inside the Brain of a Bilingual Child? Anya Kamenetz Nov 30, 2016)*

Shereen's Experience

"There's lots of parents in schools who don't speak Welsh.

You set off on a journey together. Schools are always supportive, sending everything back to you bilingually. There's always support you can count on!"



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What Welsh-medium schools can I choose?

A **brand new** Welsh-medium Primary School, Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Gwenlli opened from September 2021 at the former Caerleon Lodge Hill Infant School, this initially is as a seedling provision. The school will transfer into a newly refurbished school site where Pillgwenlly Primary school currently stands in April 2025.

Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Gwenlli will be the first school to contain a **dedicated Learning Resource Base** to support children with additional learning needs.

It will also include a dedicated immersion unit, which allows children from English-medium schools to fast-track Welsh language learning to begin Welsh-medium education.

There are lots of **new opportunities** at the new Welsh-medium school to provide **community support** at the heart of Pill like providing **Welsh language lessons to parents**.

For more information on specific primary schools:



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