

Choose Welsh for Your Child

What is Welsh-medium education?

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.

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.

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

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

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)



Newport's Welsh-medium Schools

In Newport there are four Welsh-medium primary schools, all with a nursery attached, and one Welsh-medium secondary school. All households have a Welsh-medium school **catchment area**.

Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Gwenlli has a **dedicated Learning Resource Base** to support children with additional learning needs.

An **immersion unit** is available at both primary and secondary level, which allows children from English-medium schools to fast-track Welsh language learning to begin Welsh-medium education.

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