

Choose Welsh for your child



Have you thought about Welsh-medium education?

As a parent, deciding on your child's education will be one of the most important decisions you'll make. There are plenty of benefits of sending your child(ren) to a Welsh-medium school. These benefits come with being a part of a school community that celebrates language learning. Children flourish through play and learning in both languages. More and more parents can testify that choosing Welsh medium education for their child has been a positive and worthwhile experience and an advantage when starting in work.

Did you know that almost 98% of pupils in Welsh medium education in Torfaen come from non-Welsh speaking homes? Welsh medium education is available for everyone – a high proportion of parents of children in Torfaen's Welsh -medium schools do not speak Welsh and this is not a barrier. With families who don't speak Welsh, schools provide everything in Welsh and English.

Welsh-medium schools celebrate being multilingual and provide children an opportunity to grow up with as many skills as possible. Children begin learning Welsh from the start and will be immersed in the language.

Children attending a Welsh medium school, will be educated in Welsh from Nursery until Year 2 and will receive lessons in English from year 3 and use English in their lessons across the curriculum, thus becoming bilingual.

Welsh-medium schools provide complete immersion in the Welsh language. 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.

Torfaen's Welsh-medium Schools

For parents wishing their child to be educated through the medium of Welsh, there are currently three Welsh Medium Primary Schools plus one 3-18 school offering Welsh Medium education in Torfaen, all with a nursery attached.

Torfaen County Borough Council also has a late immersion provision centre, called Carreg Lam, set up to help learners entering Welsh medium education at a later stage (between 7-11) and pupils for whom Welsh may not have been a part of their daily routine, to gain the skills

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and confidence needed to continue their learning through Welsh. Further information can be found at www.carreg-lam.com

Pupils from Ysgol Bryn Onnen, Ysgol Gymraeg Cwmbbran and Ysgol Panteg

primary schools can apply to continue their Welsh-medium secondary education at Ysgol Gymraeg Gwynllyw from year 7. Ysgol Gymraeg Gwynllyw also provides Welsh Medium post 16 education.

Primary Schools

Ysgol Bryn Onnen, Varteg Road, Varteg, Pontypool, Torfaen. NP4 7RT

Telephone: 01495 772284

Email: head.ysgolbrynonnen@torfaen.gov.uk

Website: www.ysgolbrynonnen.com



Ysgol Gymraeg Cwmbbran, Henllys Way, St. Dials, Cwmbbran, Torfaen. NP44 4HB

Telephone: 01633 483383

Email: head.ysgolgymraegcwmbbran@torfaen.gov.uk

Website: www.ysgolgymraegcwmbbran.co.uk



Ysgol Panteg, Station Road, Griffithstown, Pontypool, Torfaen. NP4 5JH

Telephone: 01495 762581

Email: head.ysgolpanteg@torfaen.gov.uk

Website: www.ysgolpanteg.cymru



All Age 3-18 School

Ysgol Gymraeg Gwynllyw, Folly Road, Trevethin, Pontypool, Torfaen. NP4 8JD

Telephone: 01495 750405

Email: Swyddfa@gwynllyw.cymru

Website: www.gwynllyw.cymru



There are also Welsh Medium nurseries available in our non-maintained provisions, please visit the Family Information website for more information – www.torfaenfis.org.uk