



NEWPORT
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WELSH IN EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN (WESP)

Children and Young Person's Version

Newport has a vision for the next 10 years.....

that “everyone in Newport can use, see and hear Welsh as a living language in all parts of life across the City”.

“See, Hear, Learn, Use, Love”

The Welsh Government wants to have 1 million Welsh speakers in Wales by 2050 (**Cymraeg 2050**)¹ and so needs Newport to have more pupils who learn through the Welsh language. We can do this by using our Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP).

What is a WESP?

A WESP is a plan written by a Local Authority showing how they will get more pupils learning through the Welsh language to help meet the Welsh Government’s vision – *Cymraeg 2050*.

¹ <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-12/cymraeg-2050-welsh-language-strategy.pdf>

What does this mean for NEWPORT?

In 2021, **5.1%** of all pupils were in Welsh-medium Education which is 101 pupils. By 2032, we would like this to be **11.1%** of all pupils which will be around 221 pupils.



What's in the plan?

The WESP is split into 7 areas. In each of these areas we show where we are now (baseline), a 5 year target and a 10 year target:



Outcome 1: More nursery children learning in Welsh		
Baseline	5 year target	10 year target
4.9% (101)	8.6% (210)	11.1% (271)
nursery children learning in Welsh		



Outcome 2: More reception class children learning in Welsh		
Baseline	5 year target	10 year target
5.7% (113)	8.6% (171)	11.1% (220)
reception class children learning in Welsh		



Outcome 3: More learners improve their Welsh language when moving from primary school to secondary school		
Baseline	5 year target	10 year target
96%	96%	96%
learners improve their Welsh language when moving from primary school to secondary school		



Outcome 4: More learners study for exams in Welsh		
Baseline	5 year target	10 year target
100% (144)	100% (317)	100% (342)
of learners in Years 10-13 at Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed take an exam in Welsh		
93.6% (1624)	96.2% (1952)	96.3% (1941)
of learners take a GCSE in the subject of Welsh		
144	600	1000
learners study in Welsh and the subject of Welsh at Coleg Gwent (BI ²)		



Outcome 5: More learners use Welsh outside of the school classroom		
Baseline	5 year target	10 year target
0% (0)	10	20³
of English-medium primary schools have reached Gold in Cymraeg Campus ⁴		



Outcome 6: An increase in classes for pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) learning in Welsh		
Baseline	5 year target	10 year target
0	10	20⁵
dedicated ALN spaces for pupils learning in Welsh		



Outcome 7: More teachers and staff able to teach Welsh and in Welsh		
Baseline	5 year target	10 year target
Working to help teacher and staff learn the skills they need for Welsh speaking jobs	Make sure all schools have enough staff able to speak Welsh when needed	Welsh-medium pupils coming back as teachers in Newport Schools
Survey to see who has Welsh language skills in schools	Use the survey results to plan what we need	-
6	12	12
Coleg Gwent staff able to teach fluently in Welsh		

² Learning completed in a bilingual context

³ If needed

⁴ <https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/siarter-iaith>

⁵ If needed

How will we work with others to achieve our vision?

Newport has a group called the Welsh Education Forum (WEF). This links the council, schools and partner organisations that have an interest in Welsh-medium education in Newport and the WESP. There is also a sub-group of the WEF that helps with promoting Welsh-medium education. Together these groups will work with the Council to achieve our vision.



Where can I find more information and tell you my thoughts?

There are three other versions of the WESP available, the full version, an executive summary and a short version. You can send us your views by completing a survey. These documents and the survey can be found at:

<https://www.newport.gov.uk/en/Schools-Education/Learning-Welsh-in-Newport/Welsh-education-planning.aspx>