

# 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.

**98% 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**.

Studies show that growing up with **multiple languages** improves children's development at an early age and is more likely to result in **academic success**.

Learning languages at young ages makes it **easier** to continue to learn more languages. Children at Welsh-medium schools in Newport often come from a **variety of backgrounds** and **may already speak a different language**. These extra language skills help children to learn both Welsh and English at school.

Research suggests that people who can speak multiple languages have **healthier brains**. Children who speak more than one language are **better at focusing** attention and are less likely to be distracted.

Speaking Welsh **increases your employability** in Wales, and 25% of employed people in Newport are employed in the Public Sector which must provide Welsh language services.

You're also **more likely** to **get a degree** and get top jobs like doctors than non-Welsh speakers.

### 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?

All current Welsh-medium schools in Newport are **ranked in the top categories** in Wales when compared with other schools for their performance.

A **brand new** Welsh-medium Primary School is opening from September 2021 at the former Caerleon Lodge Hill Infant School, initially as a seedling provision for nursery and reception pupils only. The school will be Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Gwenlli.

Once established at Caerleon Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Gwenlli will then move into a newly refurbished school site where Pillgwenlly Primary school currently stands.

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**.

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