



Bilingualism policy

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Review Date

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1. School rationale:

1.1 Increasing the number of Welsh speakers and the number of people who use the Welsh language in their daily lives are Welsh Government priorities. The publication of the Welsh Government Welsh medium Education Strategy (April 2015) and its current aim of a million Welsh speakers by 2050 reaffirm its commitment to improving the quality of bilingual provision in education.

1.2 At Ysgol Nantgwyn we strive to nurture and further develop Y Cwricwlwm Cymreig and Bilingualism as a statutory requirement. Our aim is to instill in our pupils:

- a sense of belonging;
- a sense of place and heritage;
- an awareness of the importance of the language, literature and history of Wales;
- an understanding of the creative and expressive arts in Wales;
- an awareness of the factors that have shaped Welsh religious beliefs and practices;
- an awareness of contemporary issues as they affect Wales.

1.3 These aims are fulfilled through the school's curriculum and its general ethos. In this way our pupils are motivated to learn through examples of Welsh culture that are relevant to them in their subjects. These are examples that they can relate to in their own lives.

1.4 At Ysgol Nantgwyn we actively embrace bilingualism and our aim is to ensure that all pupils and staff throughout the school are given opportunities to use, develop and access the Welsh language in a supportive and nurturing environment.

1.5 Trilingualism is another integral part of our languages curriculum in lower school and middle school. Pupils are taught languages through a triple literacy approach. This is where vocabulary is introduced to pupils in Welsh and a modern foreign language simultaneously and pupils are encouraged to trans language between Welsh, English and the modern foreign language.

2. Increasing the number of Welsh speakers, the use of Welsh and creating favourable conditions.

2.1: Increasing the number of Welsh speakers

- Staff and pupils are encouraged to use incidental Welsh both inside and outside of the classroom.
- Registers are regularly taken in Welsh. Days, dates and titles are consistently presented in Welsh.
- All pupils learn Welsh from nursery to year 11, with most pupils entered for GCSE Welsh as a second language.
- All faculties have a responsibility for providing opportunities for pupils to develop their Welsh language skills.
- The use of the Welsh language is regularly reviewed, and opportunities are provided for pupils to monitor the linguistic experiences offered to pupils.

2.2: Increasing the use of Welsh

- The Welsh language and Welsh culture are evident and integrated into all faculties at Ysgol Nantgwyn through Y Cwricwlwm Cymraeg.
- We will work with external agencies to provide opportunities for pupils and staff to use Welsh in social situations in a safe and nurturing environment.

2.3: Creating favourable conditions.

- Pupils' experiences are enriched by events which are integral to school life and our Welsh identity.
- Ysgol Nantgwyn embraces and celebrates Welsh cultural events and days to enrich pupils' experiences.
- A Criw Cymraeg is established and regularly contributes to Welsh language provision across the school.
- To foster and understanding of Wales and its place in the world.
- To identify a sense of Welshness and a sense of belonging to Wales as a nation by encouraging pride in the school, local area and our heritage.

2.4 The promotion of the Welsh language within school will provide pupils with the knowledge and invaluable understanding of the Welsh language and Welsh culture and will put them at an advantage when applying for places at college, university, apprenticeships or jobs in Wales.