



ysgol ardudwy

# Language Policy

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## **LANGUAGE POLICY**

### **National Assembly for Wales Language Categories**

In accordance with the National Assembly for Wales, Ysgol Ardudwy is a Category 2A Bilingual School. (At least 80% of subjects other than Welsh and English are taught through the medium of Welsh only to all pupils. One or two subjects are taught to pupils in English or either language.

### **Implementation of the Language Policy**

The school's Language Policy is a natural progression to the Primary Schools Language Policy of the catchment area. The aim of the policy is to develop the pupils' ability to be confident bilingually in order to enable them to be full members of the society of which they are part, which remains largely Welsh. The majority of pupils are native Welsh and fluent learners, but there are a number of latecomers and pupils whose knowledge of Welsh continues to develop.

The ethos of the school will be Welsh and school life and social activities will be a means of developing a balance between the Welsh and English languages and ensuring an appropriate place for both languages. Welsh will be the administrative language of the school.

### **Welsh and English as subjects**

All pupils will study Welsh and English and sit external examinations in both languages according to National Curriculum guidelines.

In terms of Welsh the fluent learners will follow a Welsh First Language course and the other learners will follow a Welsh Second Language course. Support is given to pupils who are new to the area and who have no knowledge of Welsh.

### **Medium of Teaching in other subjects**

The fluent learners will follow most of their curriculum through the medium of Welsh. Pupils' proficiency in English is safeguarded through the introduction of key terminology and vocabulary in English in subjects taught through the medium of Welsh and the use of some English resources in some lessons.

Latecomers and some Special Educational Needs pupils who have Welsh as a second language will follow the more practical subjects through the medium of Welsh according to their proficiency in Welsh. They will also receive key terminology and vocabulary in English. Other subjects will be bilingual with written work in English, and Welsh will be the informal language of the class.

### **Information and Correspondence with Parents**

All general correspondence from the school to the parents will be bilingual but reports will be sent to individual parents annually according to the language of the home.