



**St Brigid's School**

To Inspire and be Inspired

## Bilingualism Policy

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# "To Inspire and be Inspired"

Through:

Ysgol Santes Ffraid      St Brigid's School  
Dwyieithrwydd/ Bilingualism

Love  
Faith  
Truth  
Respect  
Excellence

## Rationale

It is the right of every individual to use the language of their choice and responsibility of organisations in Welsh society to acknowledge and facilitate the individual's right to do so. The Assembly Government is committed to Wales becoming a truly bilingual country. Policies encourage students to learn Welsh and empower them to use the language. The teaching of Welsh as a subject is firmly embedded in the National curriculum for all students giving them the opportunity to become bilingual in Wales in the 21<sup>st</sup>. century. "Iaith Pawb" an action plan for a Bilingual Wales is fundamental in achieving this goal. We aim to create a Welsh ethos within the school through use of the language in a variety of ways including displays, signage, formal and incidental use of Welsh.

## Purpose

- To encourage all teachers to be aware of bilingualism and to take opportunities to reinforce bilingualism within the school.
- To offer opportunities for students to become proficient in two languages giving a breadth of learning opportunities and experiences.
- To ensure that students can access occupations in Wales requiring the use of both Welsh and English
- To develop a Welsh ethos and culture within the school

## Guidelines

- Students should be given the opportunity to use Welsh in each teaching room in relation to the teacher and the student's experiences.
- Each member of staff has access to the VLE with the Welsh phrase of the week and also the incidental Welsh sheets out together by the Athrawon Bro containing useful phrases that can be used in class depending on the teacher's bilingual competency. School VLE supports bilingualism.
- Pupil planners contain useful Welsh phrases, pupils encouraged to write the date in exercise books in Welsh.
- Pupil reports contain an element of bilingualism.
- There are strong links with the local Athrawon Bro/ Welsh Advisory Teacher.
- The school has strong links with the Urdd, over 100 pupils each year join in Urdd. There is a Yr 9 Urdd/ Welsh Department trip to Cardiff each year and the school annually hosts the Rhanbarth Eisteddfod Dawns. Many pupils gain from competing in the Eisteddfod, some even gaining success nationally. Primary school pupils participate in the Urdd Jambori. Many pupils also take part in other Urdd activities, sporting competitions and trips. Many take part in the residential weekends away at Glan Llyn Bala. Some KS3 pupils have had work published in the Urdd magazine IAW.
- St David's day is celebrated by showing casing at Assembly some of the work and efforts of pupils who are competing in the Eisteddfodau.
- Welsh second language is taught throughout the school.
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## Conclusion

In accordance with "Iaith Pawb" and also the development of a fully bilingual Wales we are committed to promoting the Welsh Language and culture as an integral part of life at Ysgol Santes Ffraid.