

Gwynedd Council is conducting research in the field of Welsh Education.

We kindly ask the Governing Body of the school to complete this questionnaire and return it by 30 June 2015.

We appreciate your time.

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The investigation will:

- i. elaborate on the implementation of the Authority’s Language Policy at primary and secondary schools in specific catchment areas
- ii. see how the key elements of the policy are applied in the policies of the different schools and in particular within the School Development Plan.
- iii. see how the requirements of the “*Strategic Plan on Welsh in Education*” are being actioned
- iv. see how the guidance and requirements of the “*Gwynedd Primary Schools Welsh Language Charter*” are being actioned

The Language Policy Implementation Guidelines notes: “All Head teachers are expected, in consultation with staff and the Governing Body, to review the school’s Language Policy regularly. It is the responsibility of the Head teacher to ensure the success of the Language Policy at his/her school; the Head teacher is expected to provide firm guidance to establish a thorough understanding of the aim of the policy and to ensure that classroom teachers’ efforts will be strengthened by ensuring that there is appropriate Welsh ethos in the school”

There are 5 sections of children within the implementation policy and the aim is to have every child in cohort A – pupils with age-relevant parallel proficiency in both Welsh and English.

Questions for Governors

1. Name of School:

2. Define your school linguistically

3. Gwynedd’s Welsh Education Plan encourages the Governing Body to designate a member to be responsible for promoting the use of Welsh in school. Is there a member of the Governing Body designated to be responsible for promoting the use of Welsh in school?

4. Has the Welsh language been identified as a priority in the School Development Plan?

5. What is the evidence that the Governors have challenged -

- i. The school’s Language Policy and the School Development Plan against requirements and guidance of the “Welsh in Education Strategic Plan” and the “Gwynedd Primary Schools’ Welsh Language Charter”?

- ii. Pupil performance in Welsh and other subjects through the medium of Welsh?

iii. Teacher performance (against the requirements of the Language Policy, Welsh in Education Strategic Plan and the Gwynedd Primary Schools' Welsh Language Charter)?

iv. The support the teachers give to parents as regards the Welsh Language?

6. In your opinion, do you receive adequate information to enable you to challenge the performance of teaching Welsh and other subjects through the medium of Welsh?

7. Will you confirm that the Governors have been involved in reviewing the school's language policy and how often the language policy is reviewed?

8. Any other comment

Thank you for your time.

Please return the questionnaire by 30 June 2015 to:

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