

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol



Welsh-medium Education in Bridgend

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) aims to ensure that Welsh-medium education is available to all children.

If you want to know more about your options for your child's Welsh-medium education why not try any of the following:

- call your local school to arrange a visit and to have a chat with the head teacher;
- go along to some local Welsh language pre-school playgroup activities for new parents such as Cylch Meithrin or Cylch Ti a Fi;
- speak to other parents and friends who have had experience of Welsh-medium education.
- search 'bilingual parenting' online;
- contact Bridgend County Borough Council's Childcare Team at Childcareteam@bridgend.gov.uk or 01656 642649 to discuss your options.

There are also a number of Welsh-medium pre-school Cylchoedd Meithrin (playgroups) in Bridgend supported by an organisation called Mudiad Meithrin.

[You can see more information on Mudiad Meithrin here.](#)

There are more details on Welsh-medium provision in the directory at the end of this booklet.

There is also a Bridgend booklet that can help you decide: ['Pam Dewis Cymraeg? - Why Choose Welsh?'](#)

Welsh-medium schools in Bridgend

Bridgend has four Welsh-medium primary schools (age 3 to 11 years) and one Welsh-medium secondary school (11 to 19 years).

It is widely recognised that attending a primary school that offers Welsh-medium education, is an excellent way of supporting fluency in the Welsh language.

In Welsh-medium schools, children are taught solely through the medium of Welsh (up to the age of 7). This is called immersion. Welsh continues to be the main teaching medium at key stage 2 (ages seven to 11). English is introduced at Year 3.

Pupils who receive their primary education through the medium of Welsh can continue to receive their education through the medium of Welsh in secondary school.

Parents/carers may express a wish to send their child to a Welsh language school although this does not mean that a place at the first preference school is guaranteed.

You do not have to be Welsh speaking at home to choose a Welsh-medium education for your child.

In the majority of cases, parents/carers choose their nearest Welsh-medium school.

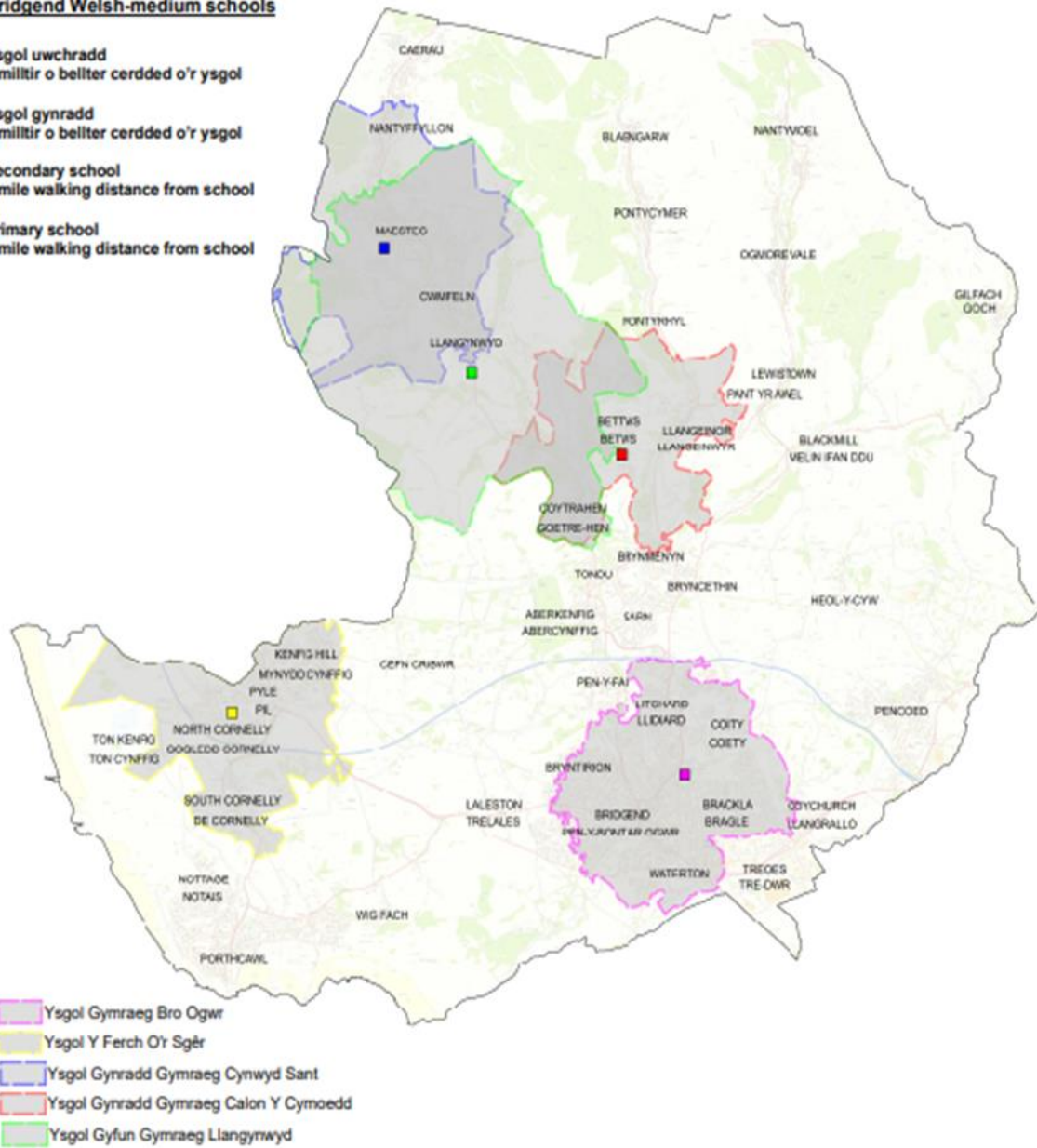
There are no 'catchment areas' for Welsh-medium schools in Bridgend. A parent/carer can make an application for a place for their child at any Welsh-medium school within the county.

However, if a parent/carer chooses to apply for a place at a Welsh-medium school that is not the nearest Welsh-medium school to the child's home address, and that application is successful, there is no automatic entitlement to free home to-school transport to the requested school.

Eligibility for school transport for children receiving Welsh-medium education only applies where the child's main home address is more than two miles from the nearest Welsh-medium primary school or three miles from the only Welsh-medium secondary school.

Ysgolion Cymraeg Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr
Bridgend Welsh-medium schools

- Ysgol uwchradd**
3 milltir o bellter cerdded o'r ysgol
- Ysgol gynradd**
2 milltir o bellter cerdded o'r ysgol
- Secondary school**
3 mile walking distance from school
- Primary school**
2 mile walking distance from school



Ysgolion Cymraeg Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr Bridgend Welsh-medium schools

Ysgol uwchradd tair milltir o bellter cerdded o'r ysgol, Ysgol gynradd 2 milltir o bellter cerdded o'r ysgol

Secondary school three mile walking distance from school, Primary school 2 mile walking distance from school

Bridgend's Welsh-medium schools

Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr

Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr
Princess Way
Brackla
Pen-y-Bont
CF31 2LN

Choosing the right school for your child is vitally important. We believe parents want the best education for their children ensuring they feel happy, safe, and secure. At [Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr](#) we believe we can offer all these things. We pride ourselves on the broad, balanced, and inclusive education we provide for all our pupils through the high standards of teaching and learning, commitment and hard work of both staff and pupils.

Equally we are also proud of the safe and friendly atmosphere within the school and as part of the community. We value our pupils, and we believe that their time in school should be rewarding and fulfilling. By choosing to send your child to Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr, we are fully confident that you will have made the right decision. Bro Ogwr is situated in the community of Brackla and is to the east of Bridgend town.

[You can click here to see the school prospectus where there is lots more information about the school](#)

Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Calon y Cymoedd

Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Calon y Cymoedd
Bettws Road,
Bettws,
Bridgend,
CF32 8TD

[Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Calon Y Cymoedd](#) is a primary school situated in Bettws, Bridgend South Wales. We provide bilingual education for Cwm Garw and Cwm Ogwr and the surrounding area.

Our school moto at Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Calon Y Cymoedd is that everyone counts, and everyone achieves. We offer a happy and caring environment where your child can feel safe and secure. The education we provide is carefully matched to the learning needs of individual children; pupil voice is of great importance to us. Our aim is to provide a warm, welcoming, and happy environment where pupils are encouraged to achieve their full potential and develop into responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

We are a busy and friendly school, with lots going on to provide experiences for everyone. The school website aims to give you a taster of the school, as well as providing up to date information for parents, pupils, and the wider community. We hope that you enjoy your visit to our website, and that you find the information you are looking for. Please feel free to contact the school directly with any queries you may have.

[You can click here to see the school prospectus where there is lots more information about the school](#)

Ysgol Cynwyd Sant

Ysgol Cynwyd Sant,
Pen-Yr-Ysgol,
Maesteg,
Bridgend,
Wales,
CF34 9YE

Vision

Our vision is to embed sound foundations, offer authentic experiences and encourage curiosity to learn in a safe, happy, and inclusive community to enable our learners to succeed along their lifelong learning path as valued members of society, Wales and of the World.

[Ysgol Cynwyd Sant](#) is situated in an elevated position above the town of Maesteg in the Llynfi valley. We are a happy, busy, and friendly school offering bilingual education to children from all villages within the town.

We pride ourselves on the broad, balanced, and inclusive education we provide for all our pupils through the high standards of teaching and learning, commitment and hard work of both staff and pupils.

Our aim is to provide a warm and caring environment where pupils feel safe and secure and are encouraged to achieve their full potential and develop into responsible citizens. We value our pupils, and we believe that their time in school should be rewarding and fulfilling.

The website aims to give you an insight into the school, as well as providing regular updated information for both parents and pupils. We hope that you enjoy your visit to our website and that you find all relevant information including our Prospectus where there is additional and detailed information about the school.

<https://www.ysgolcynwydsant.co.uk>

Should you require any further assistance or would like to arrange a school visit, then please feel free to contact us directly with any queries you may have.

admin@cynwydsant.pen-y-bont.cymru We pride ourselves in promoting a strong sense of community and are always prominent and supportive of any local initiatives.

Ysgol y Ferch O'r Sgêr

Ysgol Y Ferch O'r Sger
Greenfield Terrace,
North Cornelly,
Bridgend,
South Wales.
CF33 4LW.

[Ysgol Y Ferch O'r Sger](#) currently has approximately 160 learners at school, in six classes. We have a school hall, computer suite, library, two playgrounds, and playing fields, woodland, gardens, and an AstroTurf. Ysgol y Ferch O'r Sgêr shares our site with Corneli Primary School and the Corneli Integrated Children's Centre.

[You can click here to see the school prospectus where there is lots more information about the school](#)

Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd

Llangynwyd,
Maesteg
CF34 9RW

[Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd](#) is a designated Welsh-medium school for boys and girls aged 11 to 19 maintained by Bridgend Unitary Authority. This is the only Welsh-medium secondary school within Bridgend. The school is located in the historic village of Llangynwyd in the Llynfi Valley just outside Maesteg and serves the whole of Bridgend.

Ysgol Llangynwyd serves a wide catchment area, which includes urban areas (Maesteg and Porthcawl) and socially deprived and economically disadvantaged areas. The school accepts pupils of all abilities. The school opened in September 2008 with 128 in year 7. For the academic year 2020-2021, there were approximately 660 pupils on roll in years 7 to 13.

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Applying for a place in school –

It is essential that the first choice Welsh-medium school is selected on the admission application form and submitted by the published deadline. It is important to also select a second preference school.

If a parent/carer chooses not to select a second preference school, this does not improve the chance of their child being accepted into your first choice school.

The local authority cannot make a place available at a particular school if there are not enough spaces, even if you live in the local 'catchment' area.

Applications for places in Welsh-medium schools in Bridgend must be made to Bridgend County Borough Council. Applications are not automatic and cannot be submitted to individual schools.

Nursery admissions

The timetable for nursery admissions is not governed by the School Admissions Code (2013)

[For this year's timetable for nursery admission dates please visit the BCBC website](#)

Infant, junior, and primary school admissions

[For this year's timetable for infant junior and primary admission dates please visit the BCBC website](#)

Secondary school admissions

[For this year's timetable for secondary school admission dates please visit the BCBC website](#)

Apply online

You should apply for your child's school place online when applications open.

Sign up to My Account today or log in to access, complete and submit your application form.

https://bridgend-self.achieveservice.com/ssauth/register?return_url=https%3A%2F%2Fbridgend-self.achieveservice.com%2Fen&lang=en

Save time. Apply online.

And finally

There are lots of organisations and societies working in the area that arrange activities and events for both children and adults through the medium of Welsh.

Here are details of a few.

If you would like to try one or just learn more then please get in touch.

Welsh for Adults

There are Welsh courses for adults at every level, across Bridgend. A choice of short or long courses, daytime and evenings, and a variety of activities to enable you to practice your Welsh.

Wherever you are on your journey to fluency, let us help you on your way.

Click here to find out more:

https://learnwelsh.cymru/about-us/providers/swansea-university/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMlq-z2ysuS8wIV2O3tCh1NuAhDEAAYASAAEgIMwfD_BwE

Parents for Welsh Medium Education RHaG

The group exists to support and promote education through the medium of Welsh throughout Wales. It ensures equal opportunities for those who wish their children to be taught through the medium of Welsh.

<https://www.facebook.com/RhagPenybont/>

Cymraeg i blant

Cymraeg for kids is a project managed by Mudiad Meithrin that focuses on increasing the number of nursery age children that are able to speak Welsh. It shares information, advice, and support to parents on the benefits of being bilingual, the importance of introducing Welsh to children as early as possible and the advantages of opting for Welsh medium childcare and education. A range of support groups are run locally such as baby massage, baby yoga, Welsh Story time sessions and family events to make them aware of the bilingual journey available for them and their child.

Click here to find out more:

www.facebook.com/cymraegiblantpenybont/

Mudiad Meithrin

Mudiad Meithrin is the main provider of Welsh-medium early years care and education in the voluntary sector. The aim is to give every young child in Wales the opportunity to benefit from early years' care and education experiences through the medium of Welsh. Cylchoedd Ti a Fi (parent and toddler) and day nurseries offer activities for children from birth whilst Cylchoedd Meithrin playgroups welcome children from two years of age to school age.

The website offers information on the range of Welsh language opportunities available, from introducing Welsh into the family and finding activities in Welsh for children and teenagers, to the benefits of using the language in the workplace. It includes the all-Wales Welsh Language Events finder, a Welsh App of the week feature, and a course finder that lists all Welsh for Adult courses.

The website also acts as a portal linking to other sites offering Welsh language services as well as digital resources in Welsh.

Urdd

The Urdd is one of the largest youth movements in Europe offering opportunities and activities for children and young people to live their lives fully in Welsh. The Urdd is an exciting, dynamic movement with over 50,000 members between 8 and 25 years. The Urdd sports department offers a wide range of opportunities, for example, clubs and activities, weekly and holiday sport, as well as family sessions. Click here to find out more: www.urdd.cymru

Menter Bro Ogwr

Menter Bro Ogwr is Bridgend's Welsh language initiative, their main aim is to provide opportunities for children, young people, and adults to use the Welsh language socially outside school and work hours. In addition to fostering confidence and increasing the number of new Welsh speakers. Our activities include Gŵyl Ogi Ogi Ogwr festival, school holiday childcare provision, weekly clubs for primary and secondary pupils, volunteering opportunities, family activities, and recreational courses for adults, informal conversational groups for Welsh learners and Seasonal and occasional events.

Click here to find our more: <http://www.menterbroogwr.cymru>

Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol

Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol was founded in 2011.

<https://www.colegcymraeg.ac.uk/en/> since its establishment, the Coleg plans and supports Welsh language Higher Education provision in a strategic manner across Welsh universities. You can access information on opportunities for progression and

scholarships for children who have received Welsh-medium education. This includes information for progression to further education, apprenticeships, and higher education.

The Coleg's aim is to work with providers to ensure and develop more Welsh-medium study opportunities for learners, students, and apprentices in Wales.



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