

Review of Education Provision at Ysgol y Preseli and its cluster schools



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This document represents the starting point of a review of education provision at Ysgol y Preseli and its cluster schools. It provides some background information on the schools in question.



Some of the issues which require consideration are included in this document but there may be others; these can be contributed via the questionnaire attached to this document or via the website.

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Preliminary Engagement starts 3 June 2019 and ends 5 July 2019

EDUCATION PROVISION IN YSGOL Y PRESELI AND ITS FEEDER SCHOOLS

Until September 2018, Ysgol y Preseli was the only Welsh medium secondary school in Pembrokeshire; consequently it attracted pupils not only from its designated catchment area, but also from many other areas beyond. This review will consider Ysgol y Preseli specifically, and its main, current feeder schools, i.e.

Ysgol Llandudoch	Ysgol Hafan y Mor, Tenby
Ysgol Cilgerran	Narberth CP School*
Ysgol Eglwysrwrw	
Ysgol y Frenni, Crymych	
Ysgol Clydau, Tegryn	Ysgol Bro Ingli, Newport**
Ysgol Maenclochog	Ysgol Llanychlwydog, Gwaun Valley**
Ysgol Brynconin, Llandissilio	Ysgol Casmael**

*Narberth CP School sits within the Tenby Cluster of Schools, but it would be expected that pupils attending its Welsh Stream would transfer to Welsh medium secondary provision in Pembrokeshire

**Ysgol Bro Ingli, Ysgol Llanychlwydog and Ysgol Casmael sit within the Fishguard Cluster of schools and pupils would normally be expected to transfer to Ysgol Bro Gwaun. However, parents often choose to send their children to Ysgol y Preseli. Ysgol Bro Gwaun is not included as part of this review.

With the exception of Narberth CP School, all schools listed above are designated as Welsh medium. Narberth CP School is a Dual Stream school. Ysgol y Preseli is designated as a Bilingual School.

Parental Preference:

- In accordance with regulations governing school admissions, parents may express a preference for any schools they wish. Until recently, Ysgol y Preseli has been the Council's only Welsh medium secondary school and therefore pupils from across the county have attended the school and have benefitted from free home to school transport. The establishment of Ysgol Caer Elen now means that more clearly defined catchment areas need to be established; this is particularly relevant to pupils attending Ysgol Hafan y Mor and Narberth CP School; there are transitional arrangements currently in place whereby parents of pupils attending these schools can express a preference for Ysgol y Preseli and Ysgol Caer Elen with free transport.
- In relation to Ysgol y Preseli's location and the proximity of the location of some of its feeder schools to neighbouring authorities, there is some cross border movement of pupils.

Pupils:

- As at January 2019, the total number of pupils on roll in the schools named above was 2071 (in relation to Narberth CP School, this figure only includes the pupils attending the Welsh stream);

- In relation to Ysgol y Preseli, and on the basis of the pupil census of 2018, more than half of the pupils attending the school travel from outside of the school's designated catchment area: as follows:

Preseli catchment	390 (44%)
Carmarthenshire	67 (8%)
Ceredigion	36 (4%)
Tenby area	115 (13%)
Haverfordwest & Milford Haven areas	135 (15%)
Pembroke area	46 (5%)
Fishguard & St David's areas	89 (10%)
Total on roll (Jan 2018)	878

- The most recent Joint Housing Land Availability Study identifies 182 dwellings either under construction or likely to be completed during the next 5 years in the Ysgol y Preseli catchment area – on the basis of the formula used to determine pupil yield, this equates to 33 pupils.
- Occupancy in all schools included in this review is shown in the Headline data fact sheet. For primary schools, this ranges from 62% in Eglwysrwr to 92% in Narberth.

Buildings:

- The condition and suitability of school buildings in the cluster shows a mixed picture – the fact sheet attached provides information on the official gradings for each school.
- Only one of the schools is a recent new build, i.e. Narberth CP, but most have benefitted from major refurbishment and extensions to improve condition and suitability during the last 20 years or so.
- The condition and suitability of Ysgol y Preseli is a matter of concern and the school has been identified for consideration as part of any future 21st Century Schools Programme, i.e. Band C onwards.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

It is hoped that this preliminary engagement process will result in some ideas which can be considered, explored and developed further. All ideas submitted will be considered and we therefore welcome your views. Please be aware, however, that aspects of funding and legislation may result in some ideas being discounted.

At the very least we would wish to consider the following:

- Being able to maintain a network of sustainable schools in the context of:
 - Ongoing austerity and reducing budgets,
 - the challenges arising from the difficulty in recruiting suitable headteachers for small schools, including the work/life balance of those with significant teaching responsibility,
 - Rapidly changing demographics, including rural/urban shift and new housing.

For example, this may be as part of a federation of schools. A federation of schools enables schools to work together through a formal structured process by sharing a governing body that will make decisions in the best interest of all schools, staff and pupils in the federation. This could result in improved professional development, staff retention, greater availability of resources and the ability to attract high quality leaders. For example, in the case of Tavernspite and Templeton schools, the schools remain as separate entities serving their communities, but have a single governing body and a single headteacher.

- Contributing to Welsh Government's goal of achieving 1 million Welsh speakers by 2050 and the Council's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan;
- Reviewing school catchment areas and formalising arrangements in relation to Narberth CP and Ysgol Hafan y Mor as feeder schools;
- Consideration of the need for specialist resource based provision for pupils with Additional Learning / Behavioural needs through the medium of Welsh;
- Ensuring that learning environments are in good condition and suitable for 21st century teaching and learning.
- Having regard to the '*presumption against closure*' of rural schools as defined in the School Organisation Code (2018).

NEXT STEPS

Following the closure of this engagement exercise, we will compile all the responses received and include them in a report for the County Council to consider; this will probably be October 2019. This report may also include recommendations to Council on a way forward.

Please tell us what you think in the attached questionnaire;

or

Online: www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/haveyoursay

or

Email : EducationConsultations@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

or

Write to: Children and Schools Directorate, County Hall,
Haverfordwest, SA61 1TP

Headline data – Fact Sheet

		Pupils @ Jan 2019		% Occupancy				Buildings	
	School Capacity	FT	PT	Jan 2019	Jan 2023	Categorisation 2018	FSM% (3 yr avg)	Condition	Suitability
Ysgol y Preseli	1018	807	0	79%	78%	Green	4.4%	C	C
Frenni	210	170	6	81%	68%	Yellow	6.8%	A	A
Clydau	71	55	0	77%	91%	Yellow	20.4%	C	B
Eglwyswrw	142	109	0	77%	62%	Yellow	0.4%	B	B
Maenclochog	116	94	2	81%	90%	Yellow	5.4%	B	B
Brynconin	89	76	4	85%	84%	Amber	9.7%	C	C
Cilgerran	133	109	12	82%	87%	Yellow	8.1%	B	B
Llandudoch	128	102	6	80%	64%	Yellow	8.6%	B	B
Narberth	330	293	10	89%	92%	Yellow	9.2%	A	A
Hafan y Mor	210	128	33	61%	89%	Yellow	8%	B	B
Bro Ingli	110	99	13	90%	73%	Amber	2%	B	B
Casmael	70	63	0	90%	81%	Green	9%	C	B
Llanychlwydog	31	21	0	68%	64%	Yellow	0%	C	C

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Preliminary Engagement – Response Form

1) Tell us your thoughts on maintaining sustainable education provision in the Preseli cluster, e.g. in the form of federation arrangements between schools.

2) Recruitment and retention of head teachers for small schools can be challenging, please tell us your thoughts and ideas about this, e.g. in the form of federation arrangements between schools.

3) Tell us your ideas about provision for Additional Learning / Behavioural Needs through the medium of Welsh.

4). Please use this space to tell us about any other ideas for change you can suggest;

5) What is your interest in the consultation? *(please tick all that apply)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-school Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Ysgol y Preseli |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Ysgol y Frenni |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Ysgol Clydau |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governor | <input type="checkbox"/> Ysgol Eglwysrwr |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Ysgol Maenclochog |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Ysgol Brynconin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Ysgol Cilgerran |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Ysgol Llandudoch |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Ysgol Hafan y Mor |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Narberth CP |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

6) Are you? *(please tick only one)*

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|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aged 16 or under | <input type="checkbox"/> Aged 17 – 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aged 25 – 64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aged 65 or over | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say | |

7) What is your first language? *(please tick only one)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Welsh | <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
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Other (please specify) _____

8) Are your day to day activities limited by an illness or condition that has lasted, or is expected to last, for 12 months or more? *(please tick only one)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
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9) Do you provide care for someone (aged 19 or under) whose day to day activities are limited by an illness or condition that has lasted, or is expected to last, for 12 months or more? *(please tick only one)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
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10). What is your religion? *(please tick only one)*

- ☐ No religion
- ☐ Christian (all denominations)
- ☐ Buddhist
- ☐ Hindu
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ Sikh
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Other, please specify _____

Once complete, please return to: Director for Children & Schools, Pembrokeshire County Council, County Hall, Haverfordwest, SA61 1TP

Alternative complete this online via - www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/haveyoursay

Please note correspondence should be received by no later than 5 July 2019

Thank you for your participation.