

Appendix 3

Primary Education

The best way to become totally fluent in the Welsh language is to attend a primary school that offers Welsh-medium provision. In Denbighshire, Welsh-medium primary education is available at two different categories of schools, as defined by the Welsh Government:

- **Category 1 – Welsh-medium schools**
- **Category 2 – Dual stream schools, where Welsh and English provision exists side by side**

Category	Curriculum	Language of the School	Outcomes
Welsh-Medium Primary School – Category 1	All Pupils in the Foundation Phase experience the areas of learning through the medium of Welsh. Welsh is the main teaching medium at junior stage with at least 70% of the teaching through the medium of Welsh. English is introduced formally as a subject at junior stage and is taught through the medium of English, and English may occasionally be used for some aspects of some subjects.	Welsh is the language of the day to day business of the school. Welsh is used as the language of communication with the pupils and for the school's administration. The school communicates with parents in both languages.	The normal expectation is that pupils, regardless of home language, will be able to transfer easily to Welsh medium secondary provision and by the end of junior stage will have reached a standard in English equivalent to that reached by pupils in predominantly English medium schools.
Dual Stream Primary School – Category 2	<p>Two types of provision exist side-by-side in these schools. Parents/pupils opt either for the mainly Welsh-medium or mainly English-medium provision.</p> <p>For pupils in the Welsh stream;</p> <p>All Pupils in the Foundation Phase experience the areas of learning through the medium of Welsh. Welsh is the main teaching medium at junior stage with at least 70% of the teaching through the medium of Welsh. English is introduced formally as a subject at junior stage and is taught through the medium of English, and English may occasionally be used for some aspects of some subjects.</p> <p>For pupils in the English stream;</p> <p>All Pupils in the Foundation Phase experience the areas of learning through the medium of English. English is the main teaching medium at junior stage. Welsh is taught as a second language in junior stage, and some aspects of some subjects may be taught in Welsh. Less than 20% of the teaching is through the medium of Welsh.</p>	Both Welsh and English are used in the day to day business of the school. The language of communication with the pupils is determined by the nature of the curricular provision, but in some schools high priority is given to creating a Welsh-language ethos throughout the school. The school communicates with parents in both languages.	<p>For pupils in the Welsh stream, normal expectations is that pupils, regardless of home language, will be able to transfer easily to Welsh medium secondary provision and by the end of junior stage will have reached a standard in English equivalent to that reached by pupils in predominantly English medium schools.</p> <p>For pupils in the English medium stream, normal expectations is that pupils will transfer to English medium secondary provision and continue to learn predominantly through the medium of English, learning Welsh as a second language.</p>