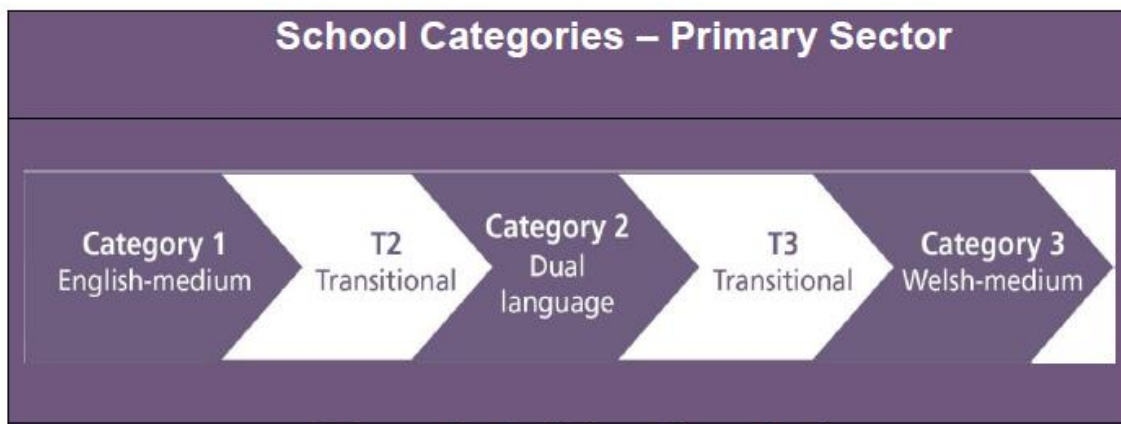


School Categories – Primary Sector



Category 1 – English-medium school

English is the school's main language of internal communication as well as with parents and carers. There is recognition that creating a Welsh language ethos within the school will support and encourage positive attitudes towards Welsh language use.

A learner in a school of this category will be able to read, write, speak and listen in English according to age and ability, and will have some understanding of Welsh. Welsh will be taught and assessed as part of the Area of Learning and Experience (AoLE) for languages, literacy and communication.

At least 15% of the learners' school activities (both curricular and extra-curricular) will be in Welsh.

Category 2 – Dual language

Welsh and English will be used for internal communication as well as with parents and carers. There is clear understanding that maintaining a Welsh language ethos within the school will support positive attitudes towards Welsh language use. A learner in a school of this category will be able to speak, read, write and listen in English and Welsh according to age and ability. Welsh language skills will be further strengthened by increasing the amount of learning opportunities (curricular as well as extra-curricular) offered through the medium of Welsh. Where Welsh is used as a medium of learning, occasional English is used at times to reinforce the learners' understanding.

With the right support, learners could progress to a Category 3 Welsh-medium secondary school.

At least 50% of learners' school activities (both curricular and extra-curricular) will be in Welsh. This could be achieved in different ways depending on the school context. It could be by using full Welsh-medium immersion up to age 7 with choice offered in the other year groups, or that 50% of school activities are in Welsh throughout.

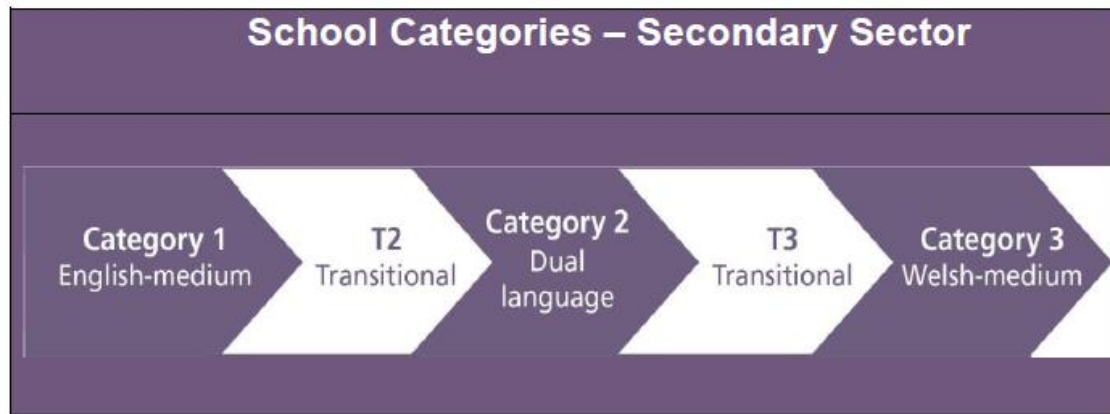
Category 3 – Welsh-medium school

Welsh is the school's main language of internal communication. Communication with parents and carers is in either English, Welsh or bilingually as needed. This is a school with a strong Welsh language ethos at its core, supporting and enabling learners' Welsh language use in all social context in and outside of school.

In a Welsh immersion setting all learners are taught fully in Welsh, with English being used on occasion to ensure understanding during early immersion.

From aged 7 onwards at least 80% of learner's school activities (both curricular and extra-curricular) will be in Welsh.

School Categories – Secondary Sector



Category 1 – English-medium school

English is the school's main language of internal communication as well as with parents and carers. There is recognition that creating a Welsh language ethos within the school will support and encourage positive attitudes towards Welsh language use.

A learner in a school of this category will be taught mainly through the medium of English, and will be able to speak, read, write and listen in English according to age and ability. Welsh is taught as part of the Area of Learning and Experience (AoLE) for languages, literacy and communication.

At least 15% of the learners' school activities (both curricular and extra-curricular) will be in Welsh.

Category 2 – Dual language

Welsh and English will be used for internal communication as well as with parents and carers. There is clear understanding that maintaining a Welsh language ethos within the school will support positive attitudes towards Welsh language use.

A learner in a school of this category will be able to speak, read, write and listen in English and Welsh according to age and ability. Welsh language skills will be further strengthened by increasing the amount of learning opportunities (curricular (AoLEs) as well as extra-curricular offered through the medium of Welsh

At least 40% of learners undertaking at least 40% of school activities (both curricular and extra-curricular) in Welsh.

Category 3 – Welsh-medium school

Schools in this category are sectioned into two parts: Category 3 Welsh-medium and Category 3P designated Welsh-medium.

For all schools in this category Welsh is the main language of internal communication. Communication with parents and carers is in either English, Welsh or bilingually as needed.

Appendix 1

These are schools with a strong Welsh language ethos at their core, supporting and enabling learners' Welsh language use in all social contexts in and outside of school. A learner in this category of schools will be able to speak, read, write and listen in both English and Welsh according to age and ability.

Category 3 – Welsh-medium school will offer a wide range of their Areas of Learning and Experience (AoLE) through the medium of Welsh.

At least 60% % of learners undertaking at least 70% of their school activities (curricular and extra-curricular) in Welsh.

Category 3 schools are expected to continue to reflect the linguistic context of the area whilst working towards increasing their Welsh medium provision over time.

Category 3P – Designated Welsh-medium school will deliver all Areas of Learning and Experience (AoLE) through the medium of Welsh.

100% of learners undertaking at least 90% of their school activities (curricular and extra-curricular) in Welsh.