



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

18TH NOVEMBER 2020

MOVEMENT OF PUPILS IN WELSH MEDIUM SCHOOLS

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND INCLUSION SERVICES

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide a summary of the movement of pupils in Welsh medium schools.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Scrutinise and comment on the information contained within this report.
- 2.2 Consider if any further information is required.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 This information report is provided to Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee to inform Members of the movement of learners in and out of Welsh medium schools.

4. WELSH MEDIUM PUPILS

4.1 Primary aged children

In January 2020, Pupil Level Annual Census suggested that 4220 primary aged pupils in Rhondda Cynon Taf were receiving their education through the medium of Welsh.

During the academic year 2019/20, 873 primary aged children moved school within Rhondda Cynon Taf. Of this cohort, 83 pupils moved into a Welsh medium school (35 moved due to house moves) and 72 pupils left a Welsh medium school (24 moved due to house moves). This equates to a net increase of 11 pupils.

In September 2020, 4137 primary aged children received their education through the medium of Welsh.

During the first half of the autumn term 2020, 456 primary aged children moved schools. This data includes pupils moving at the end of the last academic year. Of the 456 transfers, 55 left Welsh medium and 49 moved into Welsh medium. A net reduction of 6 pupils.

Primary	Number on roll	Total into Welsh medium	House moves	Total left Welsh medium	House moves	Net Change
Academic year 2019/20	4220	83	35	72	24	+11
Academic year 2020/21	4137	49	21	55	15	-6

4.2 **Secondary aged children**

In January 2020, Pupil Level Annual Census suggested that 3141 secondary aged pupils in Rhondda Cynon Taf were receiving their education through the medium of Welsh.

During the academic year 2019/20, 213 secondary aged children moved school within Rhondda Cynon Taf of which 6 pupils moved into a Welsh medium school (4 due to house moves) and 15 pupils left (4 due to house moves). This equates to a net reduction of 9 pupils.

In September 2020, 3243 secondary aged children received their education through the medium of Welsh.

During the first half of the autumn term 2020, 126 secondary aged children moved schools, of this total 17 left Welsh medium and 5 moved into Welsh medium. A net reduction of 12.

Secondary	Number on roll	Total into Welsh medium	House moves	Total left Welsh medium	House moves	Net Change
Academic year 2019/20	3141	6	4	15	4	-9
Academic year 2020/21	3243	5	4	17	4	-12

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no negative or adverse equality or diversity implications associated with this report.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 There are no consultation implications aligned to this report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

7.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

8.1 There are no legal implications that are relevant to this report.

9. LINKS TO THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PLAN/OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES/SIP

9.1 Educational performance has a clear link to the Council's priority of Building a Strong Economy. Improved educational performance will have a positive impact on this priority.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 In the primary sector, the net movement of pupils in the Welsh medium sector for the academic year 2019/20 resulted in a net increase of 2 and a net reduction of 6 for the first half of the autumn term 2020.

10.2 In the secondary sector, the net movement of pupils in the Welsh medium sector for the academic year 2019/20 resulted in a net reduction of 9 and a net reduction of 12 for the first half of the autumn term 2020.

10.3 The local authority will continue to monitor the numbers of learners attending Welsh medium schools and ensure that we have effective plans in plans to promote the growth of Welsh medium education.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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