



CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

DINAS A SIR ABERTAWE

Mr F [REDACTED] W [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Killay
Swansea
[REDACTED]

Please ask for:
Gofynnwch am:
Direct Line:
Llinell
Uniongyrochol:
E-Mail / E-Bost:
Our Ref / Ein
Cyf:
Your Ref / Eich
Cyf:
Date / Dyddiad:

Councillor William Evans
(01792) 637438

William.evans@swansea.gov.uk

WE/SH

18 July 2014

If you require this or any other information in another format e.g. Braille, audio tape or a different language, please contact me

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Re: Welsh Medium Education in Swansea West

I refer to your e-mail dated the 20th June 2014 and would wish to make the following points.

Careful consideration has been given to the needs of pupils receiving education through both the medium of English and the medium of Welsh. This has included an extensive stakeholder engagement as part of the Authority's Quality in Education (QEd) 2020 programme and the Authority is continuing to deliver the priority options identified through this process, as resources allow.

You may well be aware that the Council has already created more additional Welsh medium primary places than the original target determined within the previous Welsh Education Scheme and will have created more than 700 additional places in the areas of greatest need.

The demand for Welsh medium primary provision within the Killay/Dunvant area has not to date been identified as among the areas of greatest need and there is no evidence of significant unmet demand for places.

**COUNCILLOR/Y CYNGHORYDD
WILLIAM EVANS**

**CABINET MEMBER FOR LEARNING & SKILLS
AELOD Y CABINET DROS DDYSGU A SGILIAU**

CABINET OFFICE, CIVIC CENTRE, OYSTERMOUTH ROAD, SWANSEA SA1 3SN
SWYDDFA'R CABINET, CANOLFAN DDINESIG, HEOL YSTUMLLWYNARTH, ABERTAWE SA1 3SN

☎ (01792) 637438 ☏ (01792) 636196

✉ william.evans@swansea.gov.uk www.swansea.gov.uk

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA
DINAS A SIR ABERTAWE

- 2 -

Looking at current primary pupils living in the catchments for Killay, Duvant, Hendrefoilan and Pen-y-Fro primary school, 35 attend Welsh medium schools at the moment. There are 831 primary age pupils resident in these catchments, so 4.2% are in Welsh medium. In the county, 2961 pupils are in Welsh primaries out of 20957 (14.1%), so these areas do have a much smaller proportion in Welsh medium.

For secondary schools, these areas have 17 pupils in Welsh medium out of 586 (2.9%). At county level there are 1169 in Welsh schools out of 11761 (9.93%), so again a much lower proportion in Welsh medium.

The data collected from the 2012 pre-school survey showed us that 14 people in these areas said they would have chosen a Welsh school if one was nearer. This was out of 139 surveys returned in these areas (10.1%). The current survey is still arriving back with us, so hasn't been analysed yet.

It could of course be argued that more parents might choose a Welsh medium education if there was a nearer school, however, from much experience of statutory proposals, it is apparent that the Welsh Government do not consider this to be a sufficiently strong basis for the creation of an additional school. The Council has regular meetings with RhAG (Rhieni dros Addysg Gymraeg) and again Killay/Duvant have not been identified as the areas of greatest need.

I can assure you that the Council will continue to monitor the demand for places and will continue to address the areas of greatest need as part of its longer term County wide school organisation strategy.

Yours sincerely



COUNCILLOR WILLIAM EVANS
CABINET MEMBER FOR LEARNING & SKILLS

COUNCILLOR/Y CYNGHORYDD
WILLIAM EVANS
CABINET MEMBER FOR LEARNING & SKILLS
AELOD Y CABINET DROS DDYSGU A SGILIAU

CABINET OFFICE, CIVIC CENTRE, OYSTERMOUTH ROAD, SWANSEA SA1 3SN
SWYDDFA'R CABINET, CANOLFAN DDINESIG, HEOL YSTUMLLWYNARTH, ABERTAWE SA1 3SN

☎ (01792) 637438 ☎ (01792) 636196
✉ william.evans@swansea.gov.uk www.swansea.gov.uk