



RhAG Abertawe

Response to City and County of Swansea Council's proposal

To increase the size of Tan-y-lan Welsh medium primary school From January 2021

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PARENTS FOR WELSH MEDIUM EDUCATION

Parents for Welsh Medium Education is a movement established in 1952 to encourage the development of Welsh medium education.

It is funded by the Welsh government.

The organisation represents the parents of pupils in Welsh medium schools, and is in regular contact with Welsh medium schools.

General

1. RhAG has consistently argued that there is a need to increase the number and percentage of Swansea pupils in Welsh medium education.
2. The objectives of RhAG have been accepted by the Welsh Government, which aims to have a million Welsh speakers by 2050.
3. We share the Welsh Government's vision that local councils need to create demand for Welsh medium education, rather than merely responding to demand.
4. The comments below reflect our comments to the initial consultation.

The Catchment Area of Ysgol Tan-y-Lan

1. We welcome that the new building of Ysgol Tan-y-lan will have significant land for growth. The school has suffered since its inception. When it was established as a 0.5 school, we argued that a 1.0 or 1.5 school was needed in Morrison and our arguments have been borne out.
2. We are concerned, however, that moving the school to Clase means that the school is a long way from large parts of the Morrison Ward. We want to see a Welsh medium school serving the main populated areas of Morrison.
3. The Welsh language impact survey does not identify the impact of the withdrawal of Ysgol Tan-y-lan away from the main centres of the population of Morrison, from Plasmarl to Ynystawe. This will have a negative impact. While moving the school to Clase draws pupils from other areas, the move emphasises the need for a Welsh medium school for Morrison, and there should be an acknowledgement of this in the document, with a suggestion of future possibilities.
4. In light of this, we wish to propose that the Tan-y-lan building be reserved for Welsh medium education, possibly as a nursery/reception class location or for a pupil referral unit, or for latecomers to Welsh medium education, or for another purpose related to the Welsh language. Following on from this we want to see the establishment of an additional Welsh medium school in Morrison, possibly on land between Morrison Cross and Ynysforgan.
5. We look forward to the establishment of Ysgol Tan-y-lan in Clase, in a new, purpose-built building which will be adequate for a growth in Welsh medium education.