





# YSGOL GYMUNEDOL TRIMSARAN

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Credwn y bydd cefnogaeth rhieni yn hanfodol er mwyn llwyddo gyda'r fenter hon. **Gofynnwn i chi fel rhieni drafod y pwyntiau canlynol gyda'ch plant:**

- Eglurwch i'ch plentyn y rhesymau pam y dewisoch eu hanfon i ysgol cyfrwng Cymraeg mewn ardal sydd â chymaint o ysgolion Saesneg.
- Cefnogwch eich plentyn a'r ysgol trwy egluro eich disgwyliad iddynt siarad Cymraeg tra yn yr ysgol.
- Eglurwch iddynt fod ymarfer yn angenrheidiol er mwyn gwella ac felly mae siarad Cymraeg gyda'u ffrindiau nid yn unig yn ddymunol ond hefyd yn hanfodol.

Gallwch fod yn hyderus yn y ffaith eich bod wedi gwneud penderfyniad ardderchog wrth ddewis addysg cyfrwng Cymraeg i'ch plentyn. Mae manteision dysgu'r Gymraeg a dwyieithrwydd yn gyffredinol wedi'u dogfennu a'u hymchwilio'n eang ac mewn dyfnder.

Yn flynyddol, mae mwy na 70% o'n disgylion yn symud ymlaen o Ysgol Gymunedol Trimsaran i ysgol uwchradd cyfrwng Cymraeg y clwstwr, Ysgol Gyfun Y Strade. Felly, parhau ag addysg Gymraeg yw'r llwybr naturiol i bron bob un o'n disgylion. Gofynnwn yn garedig am eich cydweithrediad a'ch cefnogaeth er mwyn rhoi mantais i'ch plentyn a fydd yn caniatáu iddo/iddi lewyrchu a ffynnu yn ystod y blynnyddoedd pwysig, ffurfiannol hyn a rhoi sylfaen gadarn iddynt ar gyfer eu dyfodol.

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We would like to inform you that starting from Monday November 6th, we will be initiating a drive in to promote the use of the Welsh language in all areas of the school. Improving learners Welsh oracy skills and standards are one of the main priorities on our school development plan this year therefore we ask for stakeholder support with the initiative.

As you know, the key to language acquisition, development and mastery is immersion and above all else, practice.

Consider this, if your child doesn't take advantage of opportunities to practise their Welsh language skills on the playground, nor in the school corridor or on the classroom floor when out of the teacher's earshot; when will this essential practice take place? Will their direct interactions with the school's staff be the total of their Welsh language conversation practice?

As a school, we have noticed a decline in the social and conversational use of the Welsh language since the lockdowns. Naturally, given that a very high percentage of our pupils come from non-Welsh speaking homes, access to Welsh conversation was restricted during this time. We also believe that during this period language habits, routines and customs were established within friendship groups that have been hard to reverse.

At Ysgol Gymunedol Trimsaran we firmly believe that positive reinforcement, rewarding effort and commitment and highlighting examples of dedication are central to the success of this endeavour. As such, examples of the strategies that will be used will include the following:

- The Welsh language rewards system will be updated and reintroduced to all children.
- Individual wristbands and stickers will be awarded to those who have demonstrated commitment and improvement in their use of the Welsh language.
- A weekly award for classes.
- Positive reinforcement and praise by all staff members.
- Assemblies and classroom activities to reinforce the importance of the Welsh language to illicit pride in Welsh culture and heritage.



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We believe that parental support will be vital to succeed with this initiative. **We do ask that before your child returns to school on Monday, that you as parents discuss the following points:**

- Explain to your child the reasons why you chose to send them to a Welsh medium school in an area with such an abundance of English schools.
- Support your child and the school by explaining your expectation that they speak Welsh whilst at school.
- Explain to them that practising is essential to improve and speaking Welsh with their friends is not only desired but essential.

Please have confidence in the fact that you have made an excellent decision in choosing Welsh Medium education for your child. The advantages of learning the Welsh language and bilingualism in general are well documented and researched.

Year on year, more than 70% of our pupils progress from Ysgol Gymunedol Trimsaran to the cluster Welsh medium secondary school, Ysgol Gyfun Y Strade therefore, continuing with Welsh medium education is the natural path for almost all of our pupils. We ask kindly for your co-operation and support to provide your child with an advantage that will allow them to flourish and prosper during these important, formative years and provide them with a solid foundation for their futures.

Yours sincerely,

Ysgol Gymunedol Trimsaran staff



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