

# Welsh in Education Strategic Plan Annual Update

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# The WESP and Welsh Government policy

WESP is our long term language planning tool which sets the strategic direction for the planning, delivery and growth of Welsh medium education in Monmouthshire.

The WESP should include:

- the strategy for increasing Welsh-medium education across the authority
- how our vision contributes to Welsh Government's priorities below
- the main objectives of our Forum

Welsh Government Policy and Strategy

- The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
- Taking Wales Forward 2016-2021
- Cymraeg 2050



# Duties placed on Local Authorities

- Local Authorities are required to follow the form, content, timing and duration of the WESP as specified by Welsh Ministers.
- The '2013 Act' places a duty on a Local Authority to take all reasonable steps to implement its approved plan.
- Local Authorities are required to keep the WESP under review and submit an Annual Progress Report to Welsh Ministers
- Welsh Ministers have the power to issue guidance which Local Authorities must have regard to in exercising their functions in relation to the WESP.



# Evolution of the WESP

2013

- (School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013)



2014

- First WESP plans submitted and actioned (2014 -2017)



2016

- Second WESP plans submitted for implementation in 2016 (2017-2020)



2017

- Many WESP plans returned for further amendment
- Rapid review of WESP plans identifying the need for significant changes the legislative changes



2018

- Monmouthshire WESP approved and implemented



2019

- Welsh in Education Strategic Planning Regulations (Wales) 2019 legislation



2020

- WESP cycle extended to 2021 due to the pandemic



2021

- Preparation for the next WESP

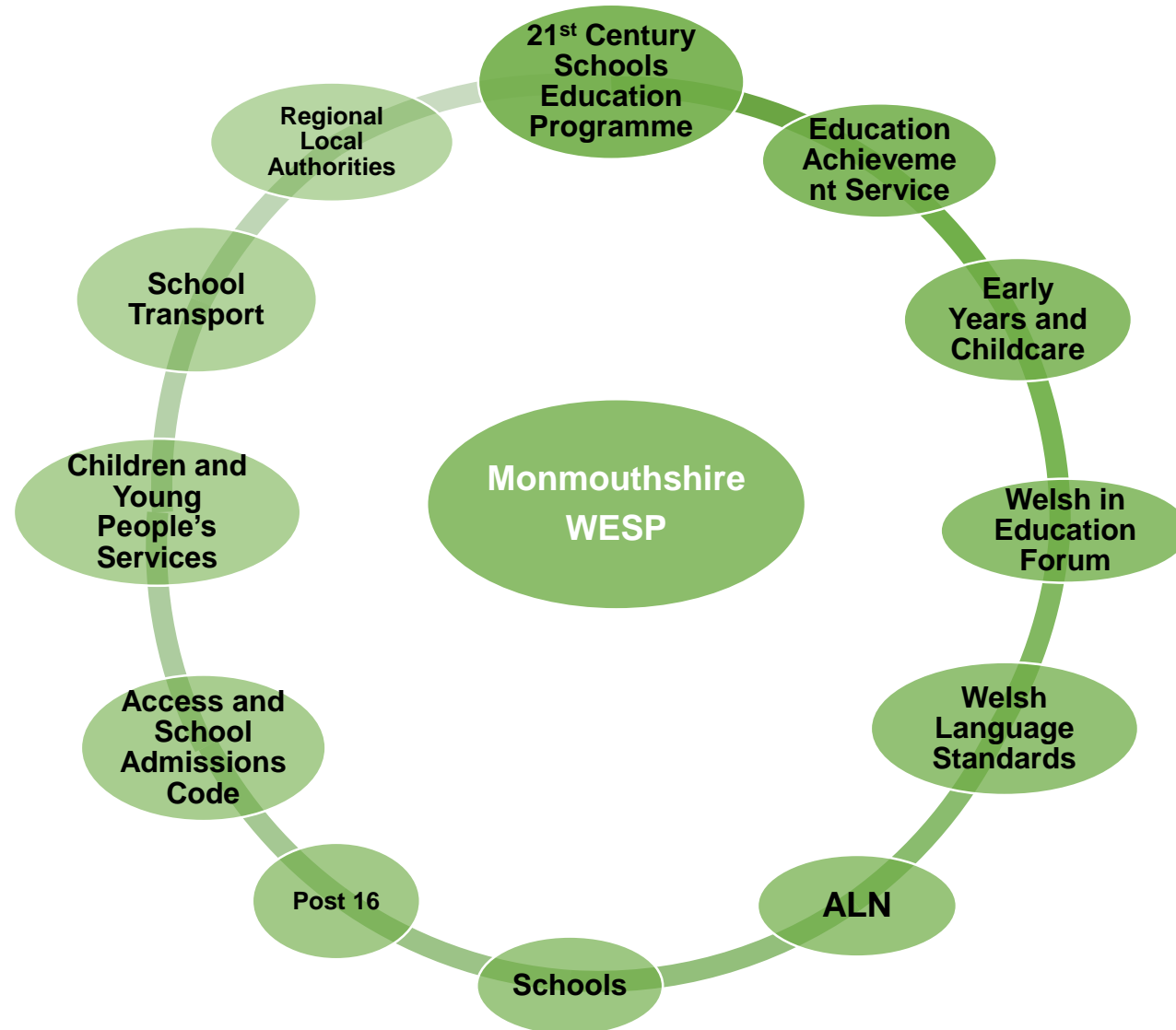


# Targets in the WESP 2017-2020

- more seven-year-old children being taught through the medium of Welsh as a percentage of the Year 2 cohort;
- more learners continuing to improve their language skills on transfer from primary school to secondary school;
- more learners studying for qualifications through the medium of Welsh;
- more learners aged 16-19 studying Welsh and subjects through the medium of Welsh; and
- more learners with improved skills in Welsh.
- Welsh-medium provision for learners with Additional Learning Needs
- workforce planning and continuous professional development



# Key Delivery Partners



- Although the overall responsibility for strategic planning rests with the Local Authority, a range of groups and organisations have a key role to play in preparing the Plan and monitoring its implementation.
- In order to encourage and facilitate long-term growth in Welsh-medium education, local authorities should ensure that there is a clear alignment between the policy areas which impact Welsh-medium education within their Plans.
- A range of services both internal and external, contribute to the successful delivery of the plan.



# Outcomes for the WESP 2022 -2032

- More nursery children (3 year olds) receive their education through the medium of Welsh
- More reception class children (5 year olds) receive their education through the medium of Welsh
- More children continue to improve their Welsh language skills when transferring from one stage of their statutory education to another
- More learners study for assessed qualifications in Welsh (as a subject) and subjects through the medium of Welsh
- More opportunities for learners to use Welsh in different contexts in school
- An increase in Welsh-medium education provision for learners with additional learning needs (in accordance with duties determined by the ALN Act)
- Increase the number of teaching staff able to teach Welsh (as a subject) and teach through the medium of Welsh





# Local Authority Targets for Welsh-medium Provision

- Cymraeg 2050 includes a national target for increasing the proportion of each school year group receiving welsh-medium education from 22 percent to 30 percent by 2031 and then 40 percent to 2050.
- Welsh Ministers have set targets for each Local Authority to set a clear path to reach the national target
- Targets reflect the different challenges faced by Local Authorities and their individual starting point.
- Welsh Ministers have set lower and upper limits for each Local Authority



# Calculated Targets for Monmouthshire

	2017/18		2030/31 target			
			Lower range		Upper range	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Monmouthshire</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Wales</b>	<b>8,295</b>	<b>23.3%</b>	<b>10,980</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>12,325</b>	<b>35%</b>



# WESP Timeline 2022-2032

2021

- Consultation and planning for WESP 2022 – 2032
- Submission of daft plan to Welsh Ministers for Approval (December)
- Amendments to plan (March)
- Implementation of agreed plan September 2022
- Annual Progress report (December)

2022

2023

- Annual Review and amendment of WESP
- Submission of Annual Plan to Welsh Ministers

2032

- Submission or Annual Progress Report to Welsh Ministers



# Background Papers

Monmouthshire Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2017-2020

<http://hub.corporatedocs/ layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/corporatedocs/Equalities/MCC%20WESP%20Final%20Proofed%2014.10.18%20-%20ENG.docx&action=default&DefaultItemOpen=1>

Future Generations - <http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/?lang=en>

Welsh Language Strategy 2017-2022 Monmouthshire

<http://hub.corporatedocs/ layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/corporatedocs/Equalities/MCC%205%20Year%20Welsh%20Lang%20Strat%2020180101%20Com%20Bilingual.docx&action=default&DefaultItemOpen=1>

Guidance on Welsh in Education Strategic Plans 2021-2031

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultations/2019-05/guidance-on-welsh-in-education-strategic-plans.pdf>

Improving the Planning of Welsh-medium education

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-05/improving-the-planning-of-Welsh-medium-education.pdf>

