

# Transforming Education in Powys

## A vision for Powys Schools

Young people's version

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**Powys**

# Introduction

Over the years, most learners in Powys have had a good education. However, to continue to provide the best possible education to young people in the future - Powys County Council has recognised the need to change.

We are developing a new vision for education in Powys. We want to know what you think about our plans.

## Do you want to know more?

We've prepared a more detailed document for parents or guardians and teachers. If you would like to see it you can find it on our website:

[www.powys.gov.uk/transformingeducation](http://www.powys.gov.uk/transformingeducation)

# Why is change needed?

Education in Powys is facing a number of challenges. We want to deal with these so that we can provide high quality education for learners in the future.

These challenges are:

- School buildings which are in poor condition
- Wide range in per pupil funding
- Falling pupil numbers
- Funding pressures
- A high proportion of surplus places
- No equal access to Welsh-medium provision
- Lack of subject choice at post-14 and post-16

We also need to provide education which meets the requirements of the new Curriculum for Wales.



# What are we doing?

We are asking people what they think about our ideas for education in Powys.

We want to know what you think, as well as a range of other people including parents or guardians, teachers and school governors.

What you tell us will help develop our plans.

We are proposing a clear vision for education in Powys:

**“All children and young people in Powys experience high quality education and develop the knowledge, skills and attributes that will enable them to become personally fulfilled, economically productive, socially responsible and globally-engaged citizens.”**



# Guiding principles for the future

We have developed a set of guiding principles to use when developing education in Powys.

The suggested guiding principles are:

- ✓ Excellent and inclusive schools that are encouraged to work together to develop high-quality teaching, learning and leadership.
- ✓ A curriculum that is responsive to the needs of learners, the community and the economy, and meets statutory requirements
- ✓ Welsh-medium provision across all key phases of education, where growing numbers of learners can be confident that they will have access to provision in Welsh
- ✓ Schools that are financially stable and sustainable, where their leaders can concentrate on pupil and staff learning and well-being
- ✓ Curriculum choice from the age of 14 that offers a breadth and balance of specialist academic, vocational and work-based learning to meet the needs of all learners
- ✓ Appropriate provision for pupils with additional learning needs, as near to home as practically possible, in a way that best combines the specialisms and facilities needed to provide effective support
- ✓ A safe, digitally rich, learning environment that is fit for purpose
- ✓ School environments that provide attractive spaces for community activities, including sport, active citizenship and culture
- ✓ A local authority where staff in our schools are valued and are encouraged to work collaboratively with partners to develop the new curriculum
- ✓ An open and transparent process for change

# What could education in Powys look like in the future?



By 2025 we could have:



A network of schools with high-quality facilities that will provide education across all phases, including:

- Wrap-around provision including breakfast clubs and after-school clubs;
- High quality sports facilities which can be used by the local community;
- Community facilities and multi-agency services which would be available after the school day;
- Specialist facilities for learners with additional learning needs.



For learners with Additional Learning Needs, Powys should provide a range of provision including mainstream classes, specialist classes, satellites of special schools in our mainstream schools and pupil referral units.

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Education for 14-16 and 16-19 year olds which enables all learners to have the choice of a range of subjects, including vocational and academic courses. This could be in school or in a new building.



Full access to education through the medium of Welsh across all phases of education. Welsh-medium provision for early years and primary pupils available in every catchment. More accessible Welsh-medium secondary provision that offers a wide range of subject choices.



Primary and secondary schools working closely together to deliver the new curriculum for Wales or a smaller number of larger primary schools.

# How can you tell us what you think?

We really want to know what you think about our ideas.

What you and others tell us will help us plan for the future.

You can respond to the survey using the methods opposite, or you can email us via **[school.organisation@powys.gov.uk](mailto:school.organisation@powys.gov.uk)**

You must respond by:

**24<sup>th</sup> February 2020**



## Online

You can respond to the survey online at **[www.powys.gov.uk/transformingeducation](http://www.powys.gov.uk/transformingeducation)**



## QR Code

You can respond to the survey online by scanning the QR code below:



## Paper

You can obtain a paper copy of our survey at your nearest public library.