

Scrutiny

in Carmarthenshire



Education & Children Scrutiny Committee

Site Visit Activity Report 2014/15

1. Background to the visits

During 2008/09, the Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (as it was formerly known) established a Task & Finish Group to review Access, Inclusion and Support Services to Schools.

As part of the Task & Finish Group review, members undertook a series of site visits to schools within the county in order to speak to head teachers and staff. The Group found these visits invaluable but timescales prevented the members from visiting more schools. Therefore, in its final report the Group recommended that a programme of structured school visits be developed for all members of the Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Committee. The Committee considered the Group's recommendation at its meeting on the 8th May 2010 and unanimously resolved that local members, those who were school governors and the Executive Board Member be invited to attend a structured programme of visits to all schools and special units during the 2009/10 municipal year.

The programme of visits has continued since this time and in all, the Committee has now visited 131 schools (and other facilities such as children's centres and special units). Please refer to the appendices (Section 7) for details of the schools and other facilities visited during this time. The only school the Committee has yet to visit is Cwrt Henri CP. Unfortunately, an ESTYN inspection clashed with the proposed visit to the school in May 2015. This school will be visited during 2015/16.

2. Visits programme in 2014/15

A programme was developed for the 2014/15 academic year with the visits continuing to focus on clusters of schools in particular areas in order to minimise travel costs.

Visits were arranged by the Education & Children Department's School Modernisation Team in conjunction with the Scrutiny & Consultancy Team. All local members, in addition to those members who are school governors at the relevant schools, were invited to join the Committee on its visits. Occasionally, other governors were also in attendance.

The following **15** schools/children's centres were visited between October 2014 and May 2015:

Wednesday 22nd October 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mynydd-y-Garreg CP School• Maes-y-Gwendraeth Secondary School (Drefach and Cefneithin Campuses)
Monday 10th November 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Llansadwrn CP School• Rhys Prichard CP School, Llandovery• Bro Dinefwr Secondary School (Pantycelyn Campus)
Wednesday 4th February 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ysgol Y Felin, Llanelli• Ysgol Ffwrnes, Llanelli• Ysgol Brynsierfel, Llanelli

Thursday 19th March 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakefield CP, Llanelli • Copperworks Infant CP, Llanelli • Ysgol Dewi Sant, Llanelli
Wednesday 22nd April 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ysgol Gymraeg Gwenllian, Kidwelly • Ysgol Gymraeg Parc-y-Tywyn, Burry Port
Tuesday 19th May 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ysgol Gymraeg Teilo Sant, Llandeilo • Llandeilo CP School

During 2014/15, members were accompanied on their visits by the following officers:

- Simon Davies (School Modernisation Manager, E&C Dept.)
- Martin Jones (School Development Project Officer, E&C Dept.)
- Aneirin Thomas (Challenge Adviser – Team Leader, School Improvement Team, E&C Dept.)
- David Harries (Area Senior Inspector, Property Services, Technical Services Department)
- Jason McGarrigle (Area Senior Inspector, Property Services, Technical Services Department)
- Wayne Jones (Building Inspector, Property Services, Technical Services Department)
- Officers from the Scrutiny & Consultancy Team (Chief Executive's Department)

Feedback sessions were also held on the 14th November 2014 and 17th April 2015 in order for members and officers to discuss and review the visits undertaken. The Chair and Vice-Chair also met with the Director and Executive Board Member for Education & Children in November 2014, April 2015 and July 2015 to feed back on the Committee's comments and any issues raised during the visits.

For attendance details, please see Sections 5 and 6.

3. Summary of visits

3.1 Mynydd-y-Garreg CP School



Head Teacher: Mrs. Sharon Owen
Category: Welsh-Medium

Capacity: 57
Pupils: 42

[Mynydd-y-Garreg School](#) is located on Heol-yr-Ysgol next to the village hall, off the main Meinciau to Kidwelly road. The school is of traditional build and was opened in 1885 as the Mountain Board School. The school's name was changed in 1974.

The school building consists of two main classrooms which house the Foundation Phase and Years 3-6 respectively. A third classroom is used as a resource room. There are two hard surfaced yards around the school building whilst the village netball/tennis court and playing field, located next to the village, are used on a regular basis.

The school uses the village hall (located next door) during school hours and for hosting large events such as school plays. The hall provides a useful additional space away from the main school building for physical exercise, musical lessons, as well as other activities such as staff-related meetings or interviews.

The Committee noted that the head teacher had responsibility for both Mynydd-y-Garreg and Trimsaran schools and had introduced the same systems at both schools in order to minimise workload, including following the same themes each term. Sharing resources and joint activities between the two schools has benefited Mynydd-y-Garreg and offered pupils more experiences (e.g. team sports and trips). However, the schools' identities, governing bodies and funding had been kept separate.

3.2 Ysgol Gyfun Maes-y-Gwendraeth (Secondary)

Head Teacher: Mr. Iwan Rees
Category: 2A

Capacity: 1,464
Pupils: 884

[Ysgol Gyfun Maes-y-Gwendraeth](#) was established in 2013 following the closure of the former Maes-yr-Yrfa and Gwendraeth Comprehensive schools. Both schools closed as separate entities in the summer of 2013 with the new school officially opening in September 2013. The new school continues to operate out of both campuses although the majority of the pupils are now based at the Cefneithin site

where the school will ultimately be located. Existing Gwendraeth pupils who had begun their GCSEs continued to be educated at the Drefach site which was expected to close in the summer of 2015.

The Committee commenced its visit at the Drefach site before travelling to Cefneithin to view the on-going work at the former Maes-yr-Yrfa site.



The former Maes-yr-Yrfa school was based at the Cefneithin site (pictured above) between 1983 and 2013, being the main Welsh medium secondary school in the area. The site on Heol-y-Parc has seen extensive development over the past ten years with a new building replacing numerous portable classrooms and the former design and technology block being re-developed. Members were given a tour of the new art and science building as well as the new gymnasium which was scheduled to be opened in January 2015. Following completion of Phase 1 of the project, the existing school buildings (mainly the older blocks) would be renovated and re-configured (e.g. the old gymnasium will become the main assembly hall). Members noted that building work was well underway and on schedule and the practical difficulties faced by contractors and the school staff in operating a busy construction site alongside a school.

The former Gwendraeth School was opened in 1925 as the Gwendraeth Valley Grammar School and occupies a large and spacious site between Heol Cwmmawr and Mary Street (pictured below). The site incorporates a mixture of buildings including the original school buildings, two newer blocks dating from the 1980s, a modern assembly hall built in 2008 and the Gwendraeth Valley Leisure Centre, also built in the 1980s. There are large playing fields on either side of the school buildings.



The Garreglwyd Unit is also housed on site and occupies two buildings, separated from the rest of the school. There is also a specialist play area for the pupils who

attend the unit. The Unit itself is run in partnership with the Local Authority and to meet the needs of autistic pupils who would typically be educated within a specialist provision outside of a mainstream school. Pupils receive specialist support according to their individual needs whilst being able to access the benefits of a mainstream school setting. Garreglwyd also has a specialist autism residential unit attached to the provision. The day provision will transfer to Ysgol Bro Dinefwr when the new building is completed in 2015/16 although at the time of the visit, the future of the residential aspect of the service had yet to be decided.

The Committee expressed concern at the future of the Gwendraeth site noting that it retained excellent facilities which should be utilised. It was suggested that the Committee needed to consider the future options for Pantycelyn, Tregib and Gwendraeth sites as a matter of urgency. The Committee's visit to Maes-y-Gwendraeth was referred to at its meeting in November 2014 and it was asked if there was a vision for vacated sites such as the former Gwendraeth and Pantycelyn schools. The Committee was advised at the meeting that exit strategies were being looked at corporately and that developing future primary provision would be considered if appropriate.

3.3 Llansadwrn CP School

Head Teacher: Mrs. Elin Watkins
Category: Welsh-Medium

Capacity: 49
Pupils: 17



Llansadwrn School is located in the centre of the village. The school was established in 1858 and is of traditional build with outdoor toilet facilities and a covered area that runs the length of the yard.

The Committee noted that whilst numbers were low, there was opportunity for all pupils and the majority took part in activities such as eisteddfods and school plays. Members noted that the inclusive ethos of the school was commended by ESTYN after its last inspection in 2011 when performance and prospects for improvement, were both rated as 'Good'. The Committee was informed that the school undertakes joint activities with Cwrt Henri and Talley and that attendance figures were good (96.73% in 2013/14). The head teacher also commended the supportive parents association and noted that the community council had kindly funded the school's swimming activities for the year.

3.4 Rhys Prichard CP School, Llandovery

Head Teacher: Mr. Noel Jones
Category: Transitional

Capacity: 270
Pupils: 179

[Ysgol Rhys Prichard](#) is located on New Road (A483) in Llandovery, opposite the fire and ambulance stations. The school opened in 1910 and retains the original building. An extension was added to the rear in 2004, replacing 5 portable classrooms previously used on the site. The school has seven classrooms in the original building with a further four in the new block. A separate canteen block is located next to the main building. The school has a hard surfaced area on three sides of the building along with a playing field.



The Committee noted that the school had been inspected by ESTYN in March 2014 and had been assessed as having 'Good' current performance and prospects for improvement. Members were informed that to address standards in Key Stage 2, the school had invested in the 'Cornerstones Scheme' (Cornerstones are a primary curriculum provider) and noted that the Free School Meals deprivation grant was used to fund a SENCO for one day a week, for creating personal programmes for those pupils receiving assistance and for the 'Chat' speech and language programme.

The school is currently categorised as 'transitional' and is in the process of becoming a Welsh-Medium school by September 2017.

3.5 Ysgol Bro Dinefwr (Secondary) – Pantycelyn Campus, Llandovery

Head Teacher: Mrs. Julie Griffiths
Category: 2B

Capacity: 1,502
Pupils: 1,249

[Ysgol Bro Dinefwr](#) was established in 2013 following the amalgamation of the former Tre-Gib and Pantycelyn Comprehensive schools. The school continues to operate out of both campuses with approximately 200 pupils based in Llandovery (from all year groups) and 1,000 in Llandeilo. It is envisaged that the new school building will be occupied from September 2016.

The Pantycelyn campus is located on Cil-y-Cwm Road and consists of a traditional style building (over 100 years old) alongside an extension dating from the late 1980s / early 1990s.



A separate two-storey block dating from the 1960/70s is located behind this which houses the design technology and art rooms. A playing field and netball/tennis courts are located at the rear of the site whilst the swimming pool is housed in a separate building.

The Committee noted that similarly to Maes-y-Gwendraeth, the creation of the new Bro Dinefwr school had been challenging and difficult at times for both pupils and staff. The head teacher had spent time talking to parents regarding the changes being undertaken at the school. The Committee was informed of the challenges of working across two campuses and especially transport costs. However, joint-timetabling arrangements are working well. Members voiced concern at the future of Pantycelyn site as this remained uncertain, especially the future of the main assembly hall which was also used by the community.

The Committee noted that the swimming pool on the campus was operated by the Regeneration & Leisure Department and used on a daily basis, by local primary schools and the college, as well as the public in the evenings.

3.6 Ysgol Gymraeg Ffwrnes (CP), Llanelli



Head Teacher: Mrs. Catherine Lloyd Jenkins
Category: Welsh-Medium

Capacity: 480
Pupils: 312

The Committee visited the new [Ffwrnes School](#) following its move to a new £14.6m building off Denham Avenue in December 2014. The original building was located behind Chapman Street with access from New Road.

The new building was built by WRW Ltd and was funded by a £10.22m Welsh Government grant and £4.38m from the Local Authority's capital programme. The

building features many environmentally-friendly features which include rainwater harvesting, external planting areas, solar panels and renewable energy sources.

The school has a two form entry for 420 children, plus a nursery, and will help manage the increasing demand for Welsh medium education in the Llanelli area.

The school was last visited by an Education & Children Scrutiny Task and Finish Group back in 2008.

3.7 Ysgol Y Felin (CP), Llanelli



Head Teacher: Mrs. Helen Wynne
Category: Dual-Stream

Capacity: 240
Pupils: 253

[Ysgol Y Felin](#) is located on Ynys-Wen in Felinfoel, next to Bryngwyn Comprehensive School. The school was established following the successful merger of the former Ysgol Y Babanod Felinfoel and Felinfoel Juniors School in 2008.

In 2009, the former infants' school site underwent a major re-development worth £6.3m which was completed in 2011. The work included the building of a new extension for the infant classes, an Integrated Family Centre and the re-development of the former infants building to accommodate the junior classes. The Assessment Unit block was also improved as part of the improvement work and comprehensive re-landscaping of the existing grounds and play areas was also carried out.

The school has 9 spacious classrooms in addition to a number of multi-purpose rooms that can be used for 'break-out groups' and so on.

This was the Committee's second visit to the school with the previous visit held in November 2011.

3.8 Ysgol Gymraeg Brynsierfel (CP), Llanelli

Head Teacher: Mrs. Susan Bowen
Category: Welsh-Medium

Capacity: 240
Pupils: 212

[Ysgol Gymraeg Brynsierfel](#) is located in the Cwmcarnhywel area of Llanelli. The school was established in 1953 and in September 2011, moved into a new building

on the site of the original school. During construction work, the school operated out of the now decommissioned Ysgol yr Ynys site in Cefncaeau.

The new school building is located on land between Brynsierfel, Dwyfor and Heol Elfed. The long building is split onto two levels and has different entrances for the various age groups.



There are 8 classrooms with additional meeting rooms internally whilst externally, there are hard-surfaced playing areas on the south side of the building with car parking and a small playing field on the north side of the complex.

This was the Committee's second visit to the school with the previous visit held in November 2011.

3.9 Copperworks Infant & Nursery School, Llanelli



Head Teacher:	Mrs. Kim Sherlock	Capacity:	131
Category:	English-Medium (with significant use of Welsh)	Pupils:	131

[Copperworks School](#) is located on Nevill Street on the junction with Railway Terrace and Glanmor Road in the Tŷ-Isha ward.

Copperworks is the oldest remaining school in the Llanelli area having been established in 1847 by Richard J. Nevill, whose family had established a copper works in the town in the early 1800s. Copperworks School was initially established as a works charity school, a free school for the children of parents who were employed at the copper works and the Caemaen and Box Collieries. The school was originally located in the yard of the copper works but moved to the current location when the building was built.

All classes are located inside the main school building apart from Year 1 pupils, who are taught in a portable cabin at the rear of the school. This cabin was renovated in 2011. A small hard surfaced area is located behind the main building along with a long strip of grassed land which has outdoor play equipment and can be used in all weathers. Part of the original school building is used by CYCA (Carmarthenshire Youth & Children's Association).

It is proposed that the school will merge with Lakefield CP School (located nearby) and a new purpose-built facility built on the former Draka site on Copperworks Road.

The Committee noted that building maintenance issues and that there was a reluctance to spend too much on the old building with the development of a new school underway. Members voiced concern about the timescales for the school re-organisation decision-making process and requested that a report on the matter be included in its work programme.

3.10 Lakefield CP, Llanelli

Head Teacher: Mr. Glyn Broderick
Category: English-Medium

Capacity: 343
Pupils: 274

[Lakefield School](#) is located between Ralph Terrace and Lakefield Road in the Tŷ-Isha ward. The building which dates from 1888, is of traditional design and was originally built as a secondary modern. The junior classes are housed in the two-storey block whilst the infants are housed in the single storey block. There are two hard-surfaced play areas for the different age groups. The main hall also serves as a canteen for serving school dinners.



The Committee noted that there were no outdoor green spaces but that the school was working on this to create a 'green area' within the grounds. The local Lakefield Community Centre and Seaside playing fields are utilised for, school plays, physical activity and team sports.

The school works closely with Copperworks and joint inset days are held occasionally and the new intake of pupils attend for taster sessions, prior to attending the school on a permanent basis.

Following the visit to Lakefield, the Committee also viewed the site of the proposed new Seaside School, which is to be located on the former Draka site on Copperworks Road.

3.11 Ysgol Dewi Sant (CP), Llanelli



Head Teacher: Mr. Gethin Thomas
Category: Welsh-Medium

Capacity: 392
Pupils: 449

[Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant](#) is located on Bryndulais Avenue (off Heol Goffa) in Llanelli. The school shares the same site as Penygaer CP School, an English-medium primary school.

The school was established on St. David's Day in 1947 as the first designated Welsh-medium School to be supported entirely by a Local Education Authority. There were 34 pupils in the school in 1947, compared to 449 today. After initially moving between different locations, the school was eventually located at its current site, a building which was opened in 1976, mirroring the Penygaer side of building next door. A 'portable' building was added to the Dewi Sant side in 1994 which gave the school much needed space and a separate portable cabin was installed on the bank above the school, after this time. The school has a large hard surfaced area and a small green area at the rear of the building. The local playing fields next to the school are used for team sports.

3.12 Ysgol Gymraeg Gwenllian (CP), Kidwelly

Head Teacher: Mr. Gareth James
Category: Welsh-Medium

Capacity: 99
Pupils: 121

[Ysgol Gwenllian](#) is located on Station Road in Kidwelly. The building is of traditional design and is believed to be over 100 years old.

The original school building has two classrooms along with a multi-purpose hall and a small kitchen. The remainder of the pupils are taught in three portable cabins housed behind the main building.



Beyond the cabins there is a large hard surfaced play area. For team sports, the school uses the town playing fields nearby as well as the Gwennlian Centre and local chapels for shows and concerts.

The Committee received a comprehensive presentation from the head teacher which was followed by discussion and a short tour of the school's facilities.

The Committee noted that that a new Welsh-medium school was proposed to replace both Gwennlian and Mynydd-y-Garreg although as a Band B project, a specific completion date could not be confirmed.

3.13 Ysgol Gymraeg Parc-y-Tywyn, Burry Port

Head Teacher: Miss Donna Jenkins
Category: Welsh-Medium

Capacity: 294
Pupils: 241

[Ysgol Parc-y-Tywyn](#) is located off Elkington Road in Burry Port, next to Glan-y-Môr Comprehensive School. The school was established in 1965 as a Welsh-Medium school for the area and was initially housed in the town's Memorial Hall before moving to its current location in 1972.



The school's buildings consist of one main brick building which houses the reception area, infants' classrooms, a ICT suite and a multi-purpose hall. The remainder of the pupils are housed in five portable cabins located around the hard surfaced play area. The school also has a hard surfaced playing area on the site of the former town park and access to a large grassed playing field located within the boundaries of Glan-y-Môr School.

Parc-y-Tywyn is part of the Band B proposals but a new school building is dependent on a series of other planning applications being accepted in the area.

The Committee met with the Head Teacher, her Deputy and the Chair of Governors before viewing the school's facilities.

3.14 Ysgol Gymraeg Teilo Sant, Llandeilo



Head Teacher: Mr. Roy James
Category: Welsh-Medium

Capacity: 211
Pupils: 218

[Ysgol Teilo Sant](#) is located in the centre of Llandeilo on Rhosmaen Street. The school was established in the late 1950s as a Welsh-medium primary school for the town.

The school's eight classes (one for each year group) are housed in a variety of buildings including the main building of traditional design, two large portable cabins and a single-storey building located at the rear of the school grounds above the hard-surfaced play area. The school shares kitchen and eating facilities with Llandeilo CP school, based on the latter's grounds. The school utilises Cae William playing fields for team sports.

The Committee received a comprehensive presentation from the head teacher which was followed by discussion and a short tour of the school's facilities.

The Committee was also given a demonstration of the new 'Incerts' Assessment / Training Software system which enables the use of 'evidence' to back up assessments and pupil marking (e.g. uploading of video or audio clips of a child reading). It can also be used to show parents the type of work that children are undertaking via an online facility. Other key issues discussed included school transport issue and attendance.

3.15 Llandeilo CP School

Head Teacher: Mrs. Karen Towns
Category: English-Medium

Capacity: 252
Pupils: 232

[Llandeilo CP School](#) is located next to Ysgol Teilo Sant on Rhosmaen Street, Llandeilo. The school dates from around 1894 and occupies the majority of the former Llandeilo Grammar School building.

The school has a large and sloping hard-surfaced area at the rear of the building as well as grassed garden area which houses the school allotment and outdoor learning area.



The Committee viewed the school's facilities before receiving a presentation from the head teacher and her deputy. Key issues discussed included the school's recent ESTYN inspection and various initiatives to engage with parents (open-mornings) and improve pupil well-being (system whereby children can text to say how 'they're feeling today' thus alerting staff to potential problems and enabling intervention to make the school day as positive as possible).

The Committee also discussed issues such as special educational needs provision, support for looked after children and accommodating 'flexible Learners' (i.e. children who are taught at home for some days in a week and attend regular school for the rest of the time).

4. Conclusion

As in previous years, the visits undertaken by the Committee during 2014/15 gave members an opportunity to view a wide variety of schools within the county. The visits also provided members with further opportunities to:

- Speak with staff, pupils and governors
- Discuss issues of concern with staff and governors
- Hear about the challenges faced by teaching staff in their day to day work
- Understand the different challenges facing schools in different parts of the county
- View the condition of existing school buildings and facilities
- View and experience the new school facilities being built in the county

Whilst the visits to date have been invaluable in informing members' discussions at committee meetings, members are eager to develop the visits further by focusing on school performance and standards. It is envisaged that future visits will be linked with ESTYN inspections and that members will be provided with more detailed information on schools' performance, prior to each visit.

Quarterly meetings have also been arranged for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee to meet with the Executive Board Member for Education & Children, as well as the Director of Education & Children and the Head of Education Services. The purpose of these meetings will be to discuss the strategic issues and concerns arising from future visits.

It should also be noted that the visits would not have been possible were it not for the co-operation of the schools and staff of the children's centres. Members and local authority staff are thankful to the head teachers, governors and staff for their time and willingness to welcome and accommodate the visits.

5. Visit Attendance 2014/15

Date	Schools Visited	Committee / EB Member Present	Local Member(s)	Governor(s)	Officer(s)
Wednesday 22nd October 2014	Mynydd-y-Garreg Maes-y-Gwendraeth (Drefach and Cefneithin Campuses)	<p>Cllr. Eirwyn Williams Cllr. Ryan Bartlett Cllr. Mansel Charles Cllr. Ieuan Davies Cllr. Terry Davies Cllr. Gwyn Hopkins Cllr. John James Cllr. Gareth Jones Cllr. Hugh Richards Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Representative) Cllr. Keith Davies (Executive Board Member)</p> <p><i>Apologies were received from Councillors Sue Allen, Pat Jones and Cefin Campbell</i></p>	<p>Cllr. Terry Davies (Gorslas Ward)</p> <p>Cllr. Keith Davies (Kidwelly Ward)</p>	<p>Cllr. Terry Davies (Ysgol Maes-y- Gwendraeth)</p>	<p>Roger Bowen (E&C Department)</p> <p>Jason McGarrigle (Technical Services Dept.)</p> <p>David Poole (Technical Services Dept.)</p> <p>Aneirin Thomas (E&C Department)</p> <p>Matthew Hughes (S&C Team)</p>
Monday 10th November 2014	<p>Llansadwrn</p> <p>Rhys Prichard, Llandovery</p> <p>Bro Dinefwr (Pantycelyn Campus)</p>	<p>Cllr. Eirwyn Williams Cllr. Ryan Bartlett Cllr. Sue Allen Cllr. Mansel Charles Cllr. Ieuan Davies Cllr. Terry Davies Cllr. Gwyn Hopkins Cllr. John James Cllr. Hugh Richards</p>	<p>Cllr. Tom Theophilus (Cil-y- Cwm)</p> <p>Cllr. Ivor Jackson (Llandovery Town)</p>	<p>David Dyer (Ysgol Bro Dinefwr – Chair)</p> <p>Cllr. Ivor Jackson (Ysgol Bro Dinefwr)</p>	<p>Simon Davies (E&C Department)</p> <p>David Harries (Technical Services Dept.)</p> <p>Matthew Hughes (S&C Team)</p>

Date	Schools Visited	Committee / EB Member Present	Local Member(s)	Governor(s)	Officer(s)
		Cllr. Tom Theophilus Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Representative) Cllr. Keith Davies (Executive Board Member) <i>Apologies were received from Councillors Gareth Jones, Pat Jones and Cefin Campbell</i>			
Wednesday 4th February 2015	Y Felin, Llanelli Ffwrnes, Llanelli Brynsierfel, Llanelli	Cllr. Eirwyn Williams Cllr. Ryan Bartlett Cllr. Sue Allen Cllr. Mansel Charles Cllr. Terry Davies Cllr. John James Cllr. Gareth Jones Cllr. Pat Jones Cllr. Hugh Richards Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Representative) Cllr. Keith Davies (Executive Board Member) <i>Apologies were received from Cllr. Gwyn Hopkins</i>	Cllr. Sharen Davies (Llwynhendy Ward) Cllr. Hugh Richards (Felinfoel Ward)	Cllr. Hugh Richards (Felinfoel) Eunydd Thomas (Brynsierfel – Chair) Ken Rees (Brynsierfel)	Emyr Wynne Davies (E&C Dept.) Martin Jones (E&C Dept.) Wayne Jones (Technical Services Dept.) Anna Patterson (S&C Team)
Thursday 19th March	Lakefield, Llanelli	Cllr. Eirwyn Williams Cllr. Ryan Bartlett	Cllr. Jeff Owen (Tŷ-Isha Ward)	Michael Bassett (Ysgol Dewi Sant)	Simon Davies (E&C Department)

Date	Schools Visited	Committee / EB Member Present	Local Member(s)	Governor(s)	Officer(s)
2015	Copperworks Infants, Llanelli Dewi Sant, Llanelli	Cllr. Sue Allen Cllr. Mansel Charles Cllr. Ieuan Wyn Davies Cllr. Terry Davies Cllr. John James Cllr. Pat Jones Cllr. Hugh Richards Cllr. Tom Theophilus Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Representative) Cllr. Keith Davies (Executive Board Member) <i>Apologies were received from Councillors Gareth Jones and Jan Williams (Lliedi Ward member) and Garry Nicholas, Chair of Governors at Ysgol Dewi Sant.</i>	Cllr. Bill Thomas (Lliedi Ward)	Ken Rees (Ysgol Dewi Sant)	Bob Jeffery (Technical Services Dept.) Matthew Hughes (S&C Team)
Wednesday 22nd April 2015	Gwenllian, Kidwelly Parc-y-Tywyn, Burry Port	Cllr. Eirwyn Williams Cllr. Ryan Bartlett Cllr. Cefin Campbell Cllr. Mansel Charles Cllr. Ieuan Wyn Davies Cllr. Terry Davies Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths Cllr. John James Cllr. Gareth Jones Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC	Cllr. Keith Davies (Kidwelly Ward)	Christine Evans (Gwenllian – Chair) Owen Davies (Parc-y-Tywyn – Chair)	Simon Davies (E&C Department) Bob Jeffery (Technical Services Dept.) Matthew Hughes (S&C Team)

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		<p>Church Representative) Cllr. Keith Davies (Executive Board Member)</p> <p><i>Apologies were received from Councillors Hugh Richards, Gwyn Hopkins and Tom Theophilus, as well as Hugh Shepardson and Shirley Matthews (Pembrey Ward).</i></p>			
Tuesday 19th May 2015	Teilo Sant, Llandeilo Llandeilo	<p>Cllr. Eirwyn Williams Cllr. Ryan Bartlett Cllr. Cefin Campbell Cllr. Mansel Charles Cllr. Terry Davies Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths Cllr. Gwyn Hopkins Cllr. John James Cllr. Gareth Jones Cllr. Pat Jones Cllr. Tom Theophilus Cllr. Keith Davies (Executive Board Member)</p> <p><i>Apologies were received from Cllr. Ieuan Wyn Davies and from Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Rep.)</i></p>	Cllr. Edward Thomas (Llandeilo Ward)	<p>Cllr. Cefin Campbell (Teilo Sant – Chair)</p> <p>Cllr. Edward Thomas (Llandeilo – Chair)</p>	<p>Simon Davies (E&C Department)</p> <p>Aneirin Thomas (E&C Department)</p> <p>David Harries (Technical Services Dept.)</p> <p>Matthew Hughes (S&C Team)</p>

6. Attendance at Feedback / Discussion Meetings

Date	Committee Members Present	Officer(s)
14th November 2014	Councillors Eirwyn Williams (Chair), Ryan Bartlett, Tom Theophilus, Terry Davies, John James, Sue Allen, Mansel Charles and Gwyn Hopkins, as well as Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Representative).	Simon Davies (E&C Department) Matthew Hughes (S&C Team)
17th April 2015	Councillors Eirwyn Williams (Chair), Ryan Bartlett, Terry Davies, Mansel Charles, Tom Theophilus, Cefin Campbell, John James, Pat Jones, Gareth Jones, Gwyn Hopkins, Ieuan Wyn Davies, Peter Hughes-Griffiths and Hugh Richards, as well as Cllr. Keith Davies (Executive Board Member) and Mrs. Vera Kenny (RC Church Representative).	Simon Davies (E&C Department) Bernadette Dolan (S&C Team) Matthew Hughes (S&C Team)

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7.1 Appendix 1 – Details of all schools visited during 2009/10

Date	School	Electoral Ward	Category
Friday 13th November 2009	Peniel CP	Abergwili	WM
	Ysgol Cae'r Felin CP, Pencader	Llanfihangel-ar-Arth	WM
	Llanllwni VCP	Llanfihangel-ar-Arth	WM
	Ysgol Carreg Hirfaen CP, Cwmann	Llanybydder	WM
Thursday 10th December 2009	Dyffryn Taf Comprehensive School, Whitland	Whitland	EM (Secondary)
	Whitland CP	Whitland	DS
	Ysgol Beca CP, Efailwen	Llanboidy	WM
	Ysgol Bro Brynach CP, Llanboidy	Llanboidy	WM
Thursday 11th March 2010	Brynsaron CP, Saron (Llandysul)	Llangeler	WM
	Penboy'r VAP, Drefach-Felindre	Llangeler	WM
	Ysgol Gyfun Emlyn, Newcastle Emlyn	Cenarth	EM (Secondary)
	Ysgol y Ddwylan CP, Newcastle Emlyn	Cenarth	WM
Monday 29th March 2010	Llanedi CP	Hendy	EM
	Pen-y-Groes CP	Pen-y-Groes	WM
	Saron CP	Saron	TR
	Tycroes CP	Tycroes	EM
Friday 23rd April 2010	Tremoilet VCP, Pendine	Laugharne Township	EM
	Llanmiloe CP	Laugharne Township	EM
	Laugharne VCP	Laugharne Township	EM
	Ysgol Griffith Jones CP, St. Clears	St. Clears	DS
Monday 24th May 2010	Abergwili VCP	Abergwili	WM
	Richmond Park CP, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town South	EM
	Llangynnwr CP School	Llangynnwr	DS

Friday 18th June 2010	Ysgol y Castell, Kidwelly	Kidwelly	EM
	Burry Port Infants School	Pembrey	EM
	Burry Port Juniors School	Burry Port	EM
	Glan-y-Môr Comprehensive, Burry Port	Pembrey	EM (Secondary)
Wednesday 7th July 2010	Pontyberem CP School	Pontyberem	WM
	Bancffosfelen CP School	Pontyberem	WM

7.2 Appendix 2 – Details of all schools visited during 2010/11

Date	School	Electoral Ward	Category
Tuesday 16th November 2010	Amman Valley Comprehensive, Ammanford	Ammanford	CB (Secondary)
	Ysgol Y Bedol CP, Garnant	Garnant	TR
	Brynaman CP	Cwarter Bach	WM
Monday 29th November 2010	Ffairfach CP School (near Llandeilo)	Llandeilo	WM
	Tre-Gib Comprehensive School, Ffairfach	Llandeilo	CB (Secondary)
Monday 14th February 2011	Johnstown CP School, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town South	EM
	Queen Elizabeth High School, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town South	EW (Secondary)
Friday 18th March 2011	Cross Hands CP School	Llannon	WM
	Llechyfedach CP School	Llannon	WM
	Llannon CP School	Llannon	WM
	Tumble CP School	Llannon	WM
Wednesday 18th May 2011	Hafodwenog CP School, Trelech	Trelech	WM
	Meidrim CP School	Trelech	WM
	Abernant CP School	Trelech	WM
	Bancyfelin CP School	St. Clears	WM
Friday 17th June 2011	Llanybydder CP School	Llanybydder	WM
	Rhydcymerau CP School	Llanybydder	WM
	Llansawel CP School	Cynwyl Gaeo	WM
	Talley CP School	Manordeilo a Salem	WM
Wednesday 22nd June 2011	Bigyn CP School, Llanelli	Bigyn	EM
	Maes-y-Morfa CP School, Llanelli	Glan-y-Môr	EW

7.3 Appendix 3 – Details of all schools visited during 2011/12

Date	School	Electoral Ward	Category
Monday 3rd October 2011	Hendy CP School	Hendy	DS
	Llangennech Infants School	Llangennech	DS
	Llangennech Junior School	Llangennech	DS
	Bryn CP School	Llangennech	EM
	Brynsierfel CP School, Llanelli	Llwynhendy	WM
Thursday 17th November 2011	Pwll CP School	Hengoed	EM
	Five Roads CP School	Glyn	WM
	Trimsaran CP School	Trimsaran	DS
	Pembrey CP School	Pembrey	EM
Friday 25th November 2011	Heol Goffa Special School, Llanelli	Elli	Special
	Ysgol Y Felin CP, Llanelli	Felinfoel	DS
Friday 3rd February 2012	Myrddin CP School, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town North	EM
	Ysgol-y-Dderwen CP, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town North	WM
	Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin, Carmarthen	St. Ishmael	AB (Secondary)
Tuesday 28th February 2012	Carwe CP School	Llangyndeyrn	WM
	Gwynfryn CP School, Pont-iets	Llangyndeyrn	WM
	Pont-iets CP School	Glyn	WM
	Pont-Henri CP School	Glyn	WM
Friday 16th March 2012	Nantgaredig CP School	Llanegwad	WM
	Brechfa CP School	Llanegwad	WM

7.4 Appendix 4 – Details of all schools visited during 2012/13

Date	School	Electoral Ward	Category
Tuesday 16th October 2012	Bynea CP	Bynea	EM
	Bryn Teg CP, Llanelli	Llwynhendy	EM
	Halfway CP, Llanelli	Dafen	EM
	Dafen CP, Llanelli	Dafen	EM
Wednesday 14th November 2012	Betws CP	Betws	TR
	Ammanford Nursery	Ammanford	DS
	Parcyrhun CP, Ammanford	Ammanford	DS
	Llandybie CP	Llandybie	TR
Monday 25th February 2013	Ysgol Gyfun y Strade, Llanelli	Hengoed	AB (Secondary)
	Old Road CP, Llanelli	Lliedi	EM
	Swiss Valley CP, Llanelli	Swiss Valley	EW
	Stebonheath CP, Llanelli	Bigyn	EW
Wednesday 20th March 2013	Cynwyl Elfed CP	Cynwyl Elfed	WM
	Llanpumsaint CP	Cynwyl Elfed	WM
Tuesday 30th April 2013	Ysgol Gymraeg Rhydaman	Ammanford	WM
	Bro Banw CP, Ammanford	Ammanford	DS
Wednesday 22nd May 2013	Llanddarog VCP	Llanddarog	WM
	Maes-y-Bont CP	Llanfihangel Aberbythych	WM
	Blaenau CP	Pen-y-Groes	WM

Date	School	Electoral Ward	Category
Wednesday 19th June 2013	Llanwrda CP	Cil-y-Cwm	WM
	Llangadog CP	Llangadog	WM
Monday 8th July 2013	Llangain CP	Llansteffan	WM
	Llansteffan CP	Llansteffan	WM

7.5 Appendix 5 – Details of all schools / children’s centres visited during 2013/14

Date	School	Electoral Ward	Category
Wednesday 2nd October 2013	Y Fro CP (Llangyndeyrn Unit)	Llangyndeyrn	WM
	Y Fro CP (Idole Unit)	St. Ishmaels	WM
	Ferryside VCP	St. Ishmaels	WM
Monday 11th November 2013	Model VAP, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town West	EM
	Rhyd-y-Gors Special School, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town South	Special
Wednesday 5th February 2014	Felinfoel Children’s Centre, Llanelli	Felinfoel	N/A
	Penygaer CP, Llanelli	Lliedi	EM
	Bryngwyn Comprehensive, Llanelli	Dafen	EM
Wednesday 19th March 2014	Gorslas CP	Gorslas	WM
	Cefneithin CP	Gorslas	WM
	Drefach CP	Gorslas	WM
Friday 4th April 2014	Richmond Park, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town South	EM
	St. Mary’s RCP, Carmarthen	Carmarthen Town West	EM
Monday 19th May 2014	Morfa Family Centre, Llanelli	Glan-y-Môr	N/A
	Maes-y-Morfa CP School, Llanelli	Glan-y-Môr	EM
	Pentip VAP, Llanelli	Elli	EM
	Coedcae Comprehensive, Llanelli	Bigyn	EM
Friday 20th June 2014	Llwynhendy Family Centre, Llanelli	Llwynhendy	N/A
	St. Mary’s RCP, Llanelli	Dafen	EM
	St. John Lloyd RC Comprehensive, Llanelli	Dafen	EM

7.6 Appendix 6 – Details of all schools / children’s centres visited during 2014/15

Date	School	Electoral Ward	Category
Wednesday 22nd October 2014	Mynydd-y-Garreg CP School	Kidwelly	WM
	Maes-y-Gwendraeth Secondary School (Drefach and Cefneithin Campuses)	Drefach	2A (Secondary)
Monday 10th November 2014	Llansadwrn CP School	Cil-y-Cwm	WM
	Rhys Prichard CP School, Llandovery	Llandovery	TR
	Bro Dinefwr Secondary School (Pantycelyn Campus)	Llandovery	2B (Secondary)
Wednesday 4th February 2015	Ysgol Y Felin, Llanelli	Felinfoel	DS
	Ysgol Ffwrnes, Llanelli	Hengoed	WM
	Ysgol Brynsierfel, Llanelli	Llwynhendy	WM
Thursday 19th March 2015	Copperworks Infant CP, Llanelli	Tŷ-Isha	EM
	Lakefield CP, Llanelli	Tŷ-Isha	EM
	Ysgol Dewi Sant, Llanelli	Lliedi	WM
Wednesday 22nd April 2015	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwenllian, Kidwelly	Kidwelly	WM
	Ysgol Gymraeg Parc-y-Tywyn, Burry Port	Pembrey	WM
Tuesday 19th May 2015	Ysgol Gymraeg Teilo Sant, Llandeilo	Llandeilo	WM
	Llandeilo CP School	Llandeilo	EM

7.7 Appendix 7 – Map of schools / children’s centres visited during 2014/15



8. Glossary of Terms

2A (Secondary) – At least 80% of subjects apart from English and Welsh are taught only through the medium of Welsh to all pupils. One or two subjects are taught to some pupils in English or in both languages.

2B (Secondary) – At least 80% of subjects (excluding Welsh and English) are taught through the medium of Welsh but are also taught through the medium of English.

AB (Secondary) – At least 80% of subjects apart from English and Welsh are taught only through the medium of Welsh to all pupils. One or two subjects are taught to some pupils in English or in both languages.

CB (Secondary) – A bilingual secondary school where 50-79% of subjects (ex. English & Welsh) are taught through the medium of Welsh but are also taught through the medium of English.

CP School – Community Primary School

CYCA – Carmarthenshire Youth and Children's Association

DS (Dual-Stream Primary School) – Two types of provision exist side-by-side in these schools. Parents/pupils opt either for the mainly Welsh-medium or mainly English-medium provision which is usually delivered as in categories and 5 respectively. Both Welsh and English are used in the day to day business of the school. The language of communication with the pupils is determined by the nature of the curricular provision, but in some schools high priority is given to creating a Welsh-language ethos throughout the school. The school communicates with parents in both languages.

EM (Primary) – Predominantly English medium primary school.

EM (Secondary) – Predominantly English medium school where 1 or 2 subjects may be taught through the medium of Welsh as an option.

ESTYN – Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales

EW (Primary) – Predominantly English medium primary school but with significant use of Welsh.

EW (Secondary) – Predominantly English medium secondary school with significant use of Welsh. 20-49 % of subjects are taught through the medium of Welsh but are also taught in English.

GCSE – General Certificate of Secondary Education

RC – Roman Catholic

RCP – Roman Catholic Primary

SENCO – Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

Transitional Primary School (TR) – Welsh medium with significant use of English where pupils in the Foundation Phase experience the areas of learning mainly through the medium of Welsh. Both languages are used in teaching at Key Stage 2 but with greater emphasis on Welsh, so that Welsh is used as the medium of instruction for over half and up to 70% of the curriculum. Welsh is the language of the day to day business of the school. A high priority is given to creating a Welsh ethos. The school communicates with parents in both languages. Schools would usually only be in this category on a temporary basis.

VAP School – Voluntary Aided Primary School

VCP School – Voluntary Controlled Primary School

WAG – Welsh Assembly Government

WM (Primary) – All pupils in the Foundation Phase experience the areas of learning through the medium of Welsh. Welsh is the main teaching medium at Key Stage 2 with at least 70% of the teaching through the medium of Welsh. English is introduced formally as a subject at Key Stage 2 and is taught through the medium of English, and English may occasionally be used for some aspects of some subjects. Welsh is the language of the day to day business of the school. Welsh is used as the language of communication with the pupils and for the school's administration. The school communicates with parents in both languages.

Ysgol Gyfun – Comprehensive School

**Members are asked to note that the school capacities, pupil numbers and other details (e.g. head teachers) were correct at the time of the visits but that these can vary or change during the course of an academic year.*

***Language category definitions sourced from the Welsh Assembly Government's 'Defining schools according to Welsh medium provision' information booklet, published in October 2007.*