

Hi Kirsty,

I am a mum living in Llangennech, near Llanelli. Our local dual stream school is to become a welsh medium school in September, the county council have voted for this to happen despite huge opposition from the village, every argument we have put forward had been totally ignored. Not a single point has been taken into consideration. There is no real alternative English medium school for our children to go to, the nearest one is full and the next means crossing a motorway sliproad to get to and walking would take nearly 1 and a half hours, we have done it, plus that school is now set to also become a welsh medium school as the councils intention is to make every dual stream school in the county a welsh medium, they then intend to change all English stream schools to dual stream and then change them in time to welsh medium also, thereby eradicating English stream education in the county of Carmarthenshire. This was stated to us in a scrutinee committee meeting by the then director of education Rob Sully. As far as they are concerned children with special ed needs and learning difficulties who cannot learn through the medium of welsh will have to go to either a special unit or special school, which I think is totally unrealistic especially if it is just because of a language barrier, plus, having a child with special ed needs I know the benefits of mainstream education for such children and I also know how short in supply the special school and unit places are.

Can you please please look into this, we are trying to take this matter further, we are even running for community and county council to try and make a difference.

Whilst I support the encouragement of welsh language I do not and never will support enforcement of it, as I know first hand that welsh is not always suitable for all children especially children with learning difficulties or from an English speaking background.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Kindest regards

Michaela

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