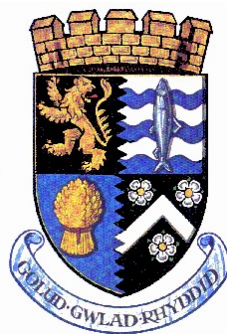# Ceredigion County Council

Principles for Ensuring Sustainable Education Infrastructure

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SECTION 1: Introduction and Principles

1.1 Introduction

The purpose is to outline the principles of Ceredigion County Council in developing the school provision and infrastructure.

The **aims and objectives** of this strategy are to provide the children and young people of Ceredigion with the best possible opportunities:

1. to learn and thrive in a school/setting that offers the best possible learning experiences in a fit for purpose learning environment
2. to promote and support well-being, and an integrated childcare model for families
3. to ensure that our children and young people are well equipped to meet the future needs of employers and communities
4. to ensure that our children and young people continue to develop their Welsh language skills and are proud to contribute to a bilingual society

The aims and objectives of this strategy are aligned to other key documents and ways of working as outlined below:

- Future Generations and Well-being Act
- United Nations Rights of the Child
- Curriculum for Wales
- Additional Learning Needs Bill and Code
- Cymraeg 2050
- Local Well-being plan 2023-2028
- Ceredigion Corporate Strategy 2022-2027
- Local Development Plan 2007-2022
- Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2021-2031
- Childcare Sufficiency Assessment
- Ceredigion Economic Strategy 2020-
- Growing Mid Wales
- Through age and Wellbeing Strategy

1.2 Core principles

1. Continue to ensure excellent provision, leadership and standards in schools/settings for all groups of pupils, which reflects the requirements of Curriculum for Wales and the Additional Learning Needs Code
2. Continue to build capacity to ensure that School Leaders have the appropriate time to lead and manage their schools
3. Continue to develop Welsh language provision to ensure the bilingual competencies of our children and young people
4. Continue to develop education provision for 3 year olds in schools as is appropriate
5. Provide excellent learning environments for children, young people, staff and the wider community
6. Make effective and efficient use of resources to ensure a sustainable infrastructure
7. Ensure parity and equity of access to a broad range of learning opportunities post 14 and 16 courses to prepare highly skilled and well-qualified children and young people for their next steps in education, training or the workplace

Any future re-organisation proposal will be based on <u>one</u> or more of the principles noted above in accordance with the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code 2018.

2.1 How Education Infrastructure has changed since the turn of the 21st Century

- ➢ Built 3 new Welsh medium 3-11 area primary schools – Bro Sion Cwilt, T. Llew Jones and Dyffryn Cledlyn
- ➢ Developed 3 new all-through schools – Ysgol Bro Pedr, Ysgol Henry Richard and Ysgol Bro Teifi
- ➢ Established a variety of formal and informal federations between schools
- ➢ Established 5 Additional Learning Needs Specialist Resource Centres within the Primary sector and 4 within the Secondary sector
- ➢ Increased the number of schools providing education for 3 year olds
- ➢ Changed the language category of 2 primary schools
- ➢ Reduced the number of primary schools from 70 to 36
- ➢ Developed 3 immersion centres for latecomers to the Welsh language
- ➢ Developed a PRU Centre in order to support pupils with social, emotional and behavioural problems and reintegrate them back into mainstream school.
- ➢ Delivered the Welsh Government's 21st Century Band A programme at a cost of £40.1m. This included:
    - o a new 3-19 school at Llandysul, Ysgol Bro Teifi;
    - o a new 3-11 area school at Drefach, Ysgol Dyffryn Cledlyn
    - o a new primary wing and refurbishment of secondary school at Tregaron in order to create a 3-16 school, Ysgol Henry Richard
    - o Comins Coch Primary – extension and removal of demountable classroom
    - o Llanilar Primary School – extension and removal of demountable classroom

2.2 Band B 21st Century School Programme and other capital Grants

Band B

The Local Authority is committed to providing the following as part of the Welsh Government's 21st Century Band B programme:

- Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi – refurbishment and extension to the existing school
- Ysgol Gynradd Aberteifi – refurbishment and extension
- Dyffryn Aeron 3-11 School – new 3-11 area school in the Aeron Valley
- Canolfan y Môr – extension to the current provision at Aberaeron Secondary School

100% Capital Grants

- Extension to Ysgol Gynradd Pontrhydfendigaid
- A contribution to the works at Ysgol Gynradd Aberteifi project
- Extension to Ysgol Gynradd Cenarth
- Remodelling to Ysgol Henry Richard

Sustainable Communities for Learning

- The Welsh Government's Sustainable Communities for Learning is a 9 year rolling programme that Local Authorities can access when they are 60% through Band B subject to the approval of the Strategic Outilne Programme.

Years	Expectation
1, 2 and 3	Projects expected to reach Full Business Case within the 3 years
4, 5 and 6	Projects being developed and going through Statutory consultation
7, 8 and 9	Pipeline projects

- The expectation is that the SOP, subject to Cabinet approval is presented to Welsh Government by March 2024 which will include the Local Authority's plans for education infrastructure for the next 9 years (2024 – 2033).
- Match funding will need to be identified for any projects included in the SOP

3. Maps of Education Provision

Map showing location of Primary, Secondary and middle schools within Ceredigion
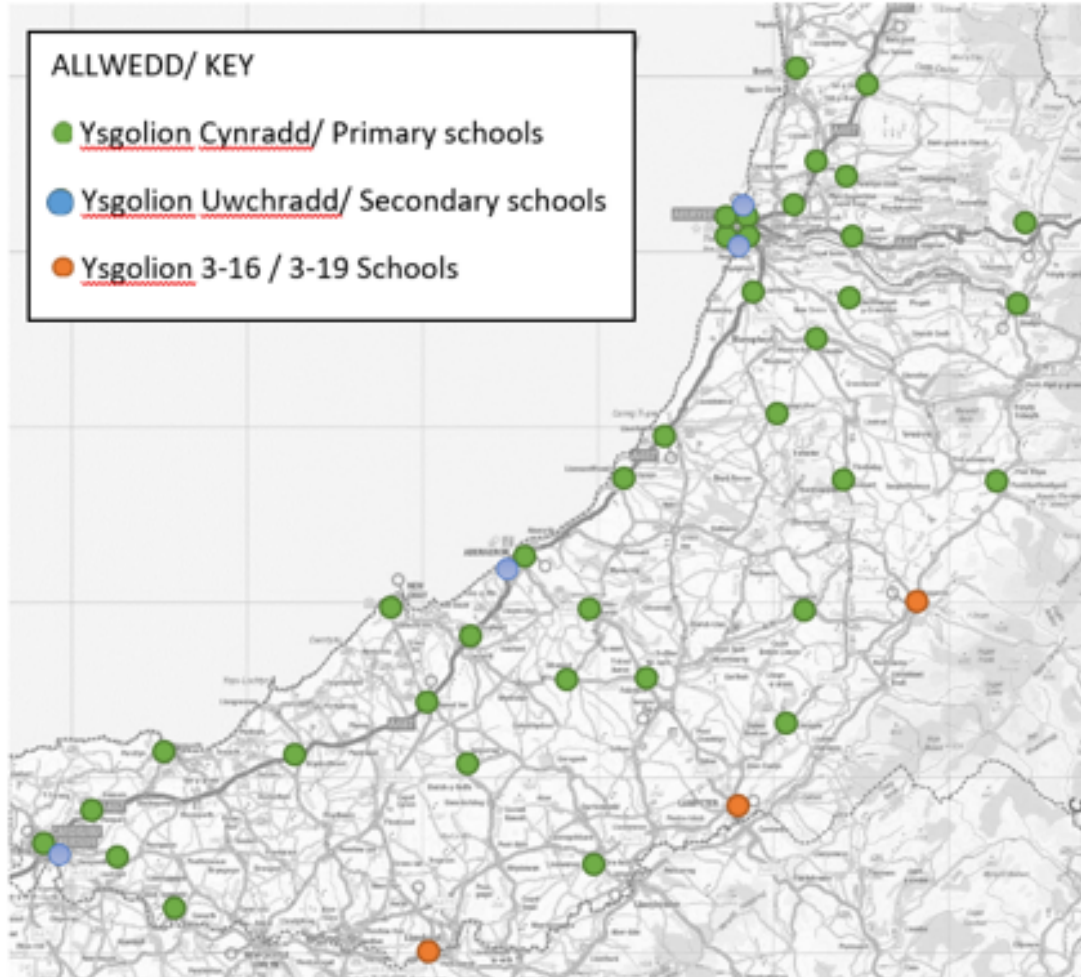
Map showing location of schools with nursery provision

KEY
1 – Ysgol Gymraeg
2 – Llwyn Yr Eos*
3 – Plascrug*
4 – Rhydypennau
5 – Aberaeron
6 – Bro Sion Cwilt
7 – Henry Richard
8 – Ysgol y Dderi
9 – Bro Pedr
10 – Dyffryn Cledlyn
11 – Bro Teifi
12 – T Llew Jones
13 – Aberteifi
14 - Cenarth

* English medium
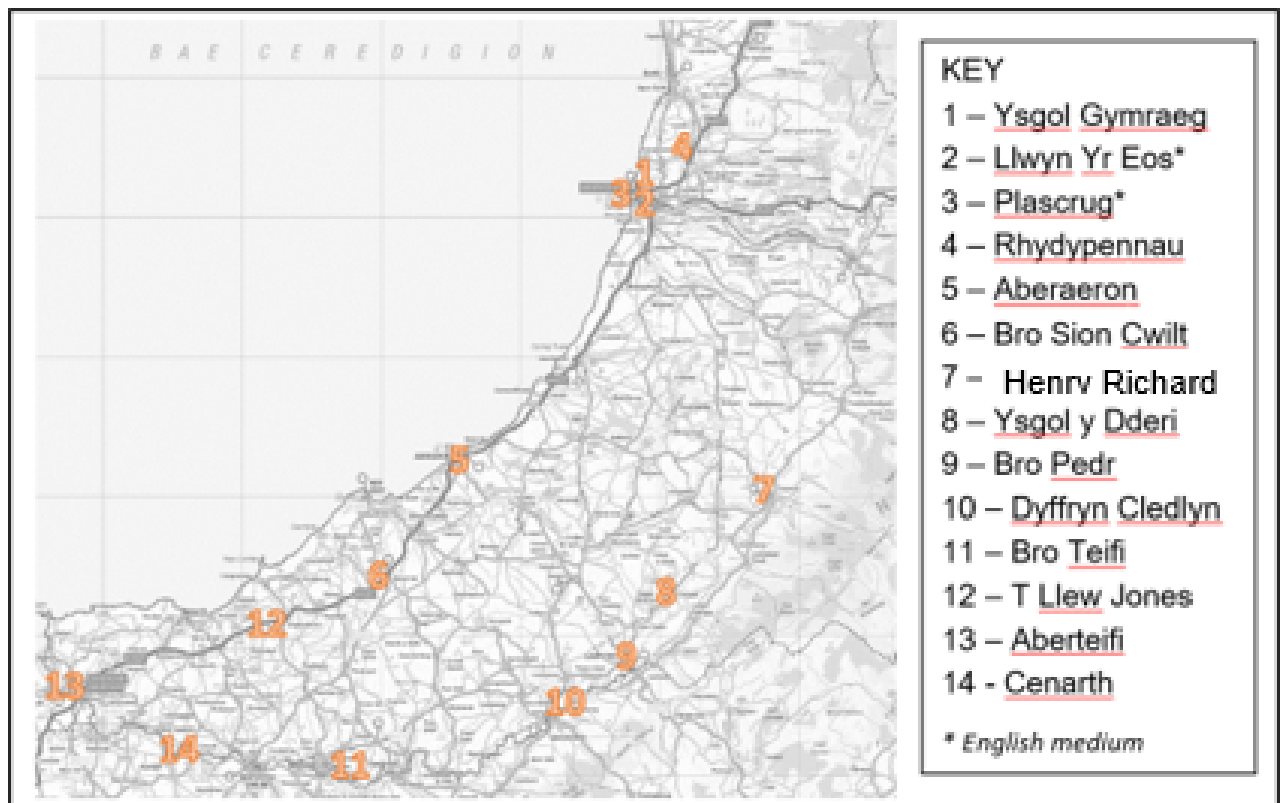
Map showing location of specialist resource centres within mainstream schools

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Primary provision

🔴 - Pili Pala, Enfys, ALC1 & ALC2, Llwyn yr Eos

🔺– Canolfan y Don, Aberporth

⭐- ALN Unit Dyffryn Aeron (proposed provision)

Secondary Provision

⭐– Learning Resource Centre & Hearing Resource Base, Penglais

🔵 – Canolfan y Bont, Bro Pedr, Lampeter

🔺– Canolfan y Môr, Aberaeron
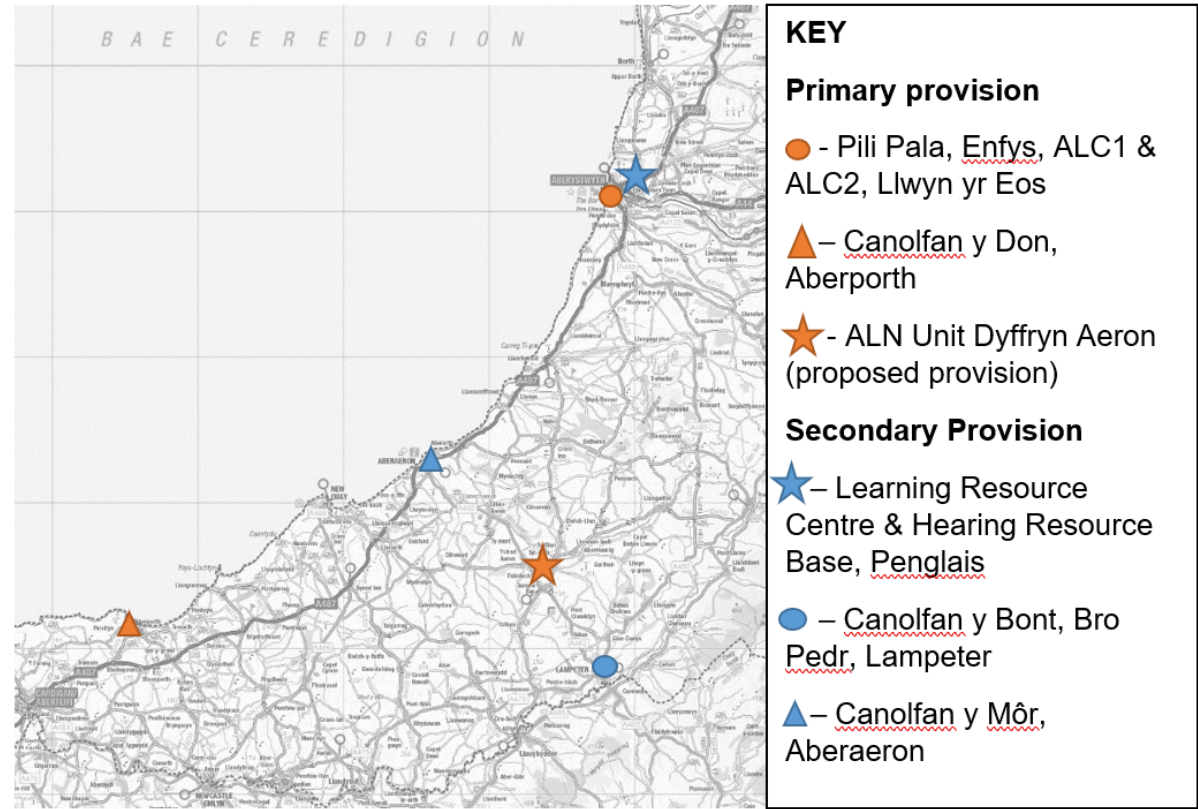
Map showing location of Welsh/English/Dual stream Schools within the Primary sector
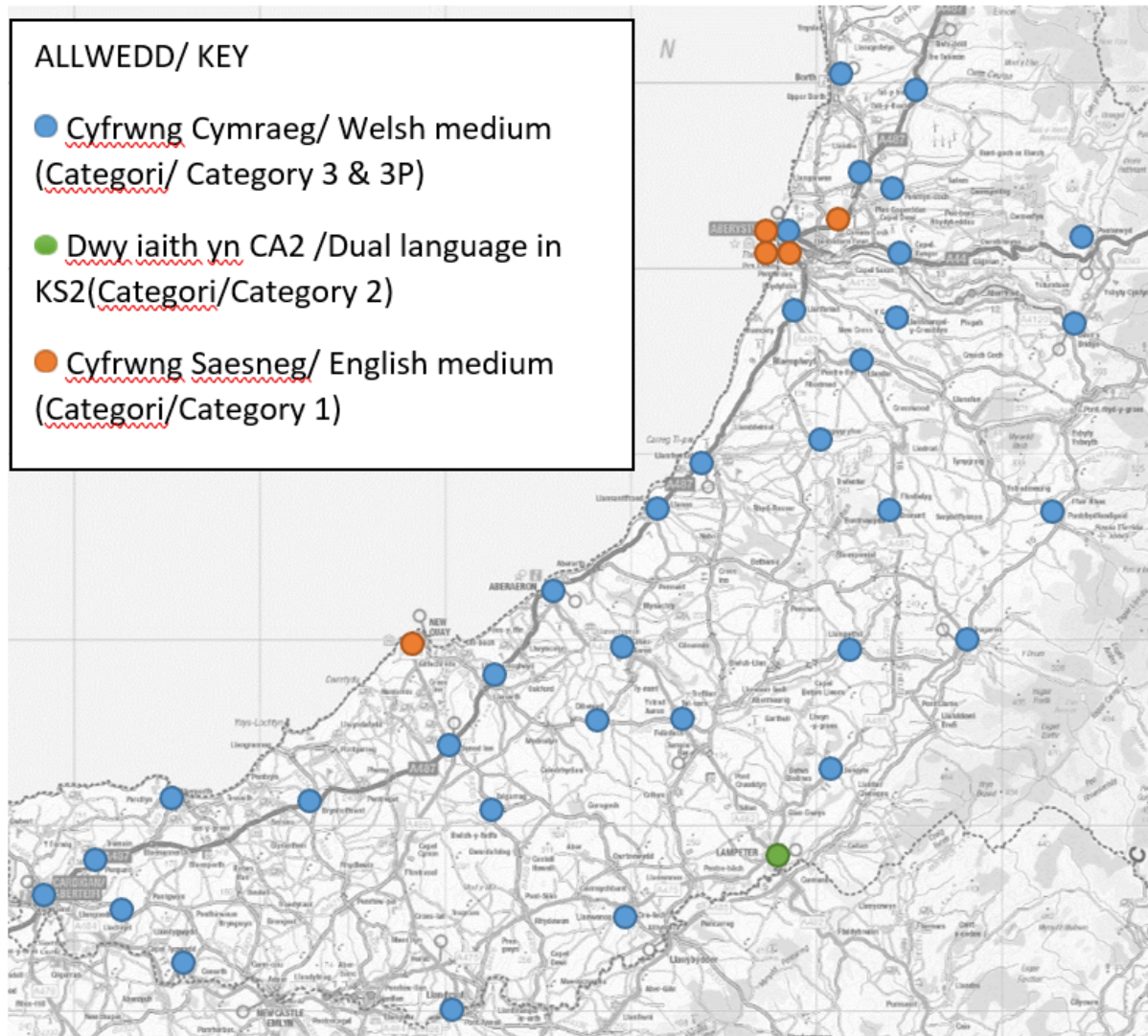
Map showing location and language provision of schools within the Secondary sector

KEY

● 3 or 3P Secondary schools where education is mainly through the medium of Welsh for the majority of pupils

● T3 Secondary schools, where they will be increasing the numbers accessing subjects through the medium of Welsh during the next decade

● Category 1 schools, who provide education mainly through the medium of English
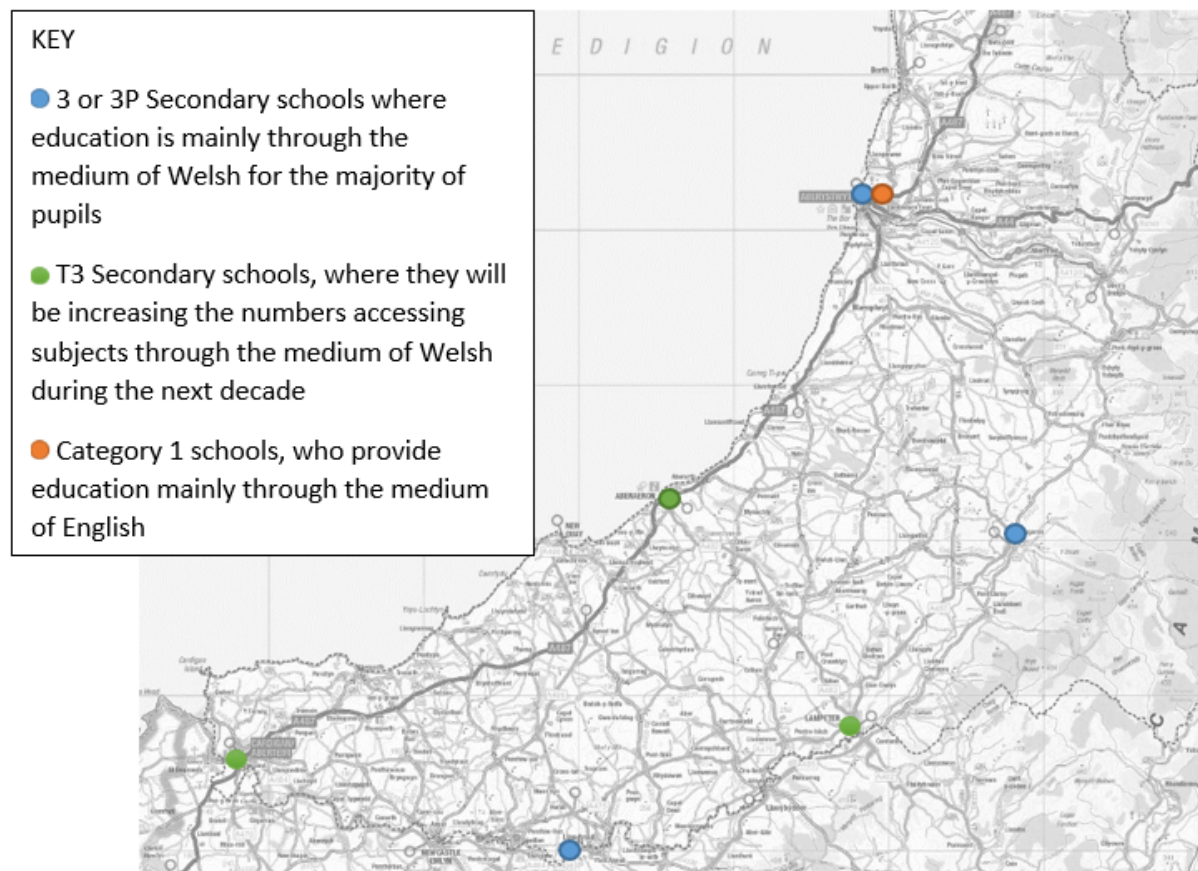
3.5 Pupil numbers

current situation

Table showing pupil numbers, capacity and surplus places within Ceredigion schools for the past 3 years

Primary

	Pupil no.	Capacity
PLASC 2021	4,696	5,516
PLASC 2022	4,582	5,516
PLASC 2023[*]	4,568	5,538

Secondary

	Pupil no.	Capacity
PLASC 2021	4,220	5,873
PLASC 2022	4,299	5,873
PLASC 2023*	4,309	5,873

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[*] PLASC data submitted January 2023 - Data yet to be verified

Primary pupil numbers per school – PLASC data

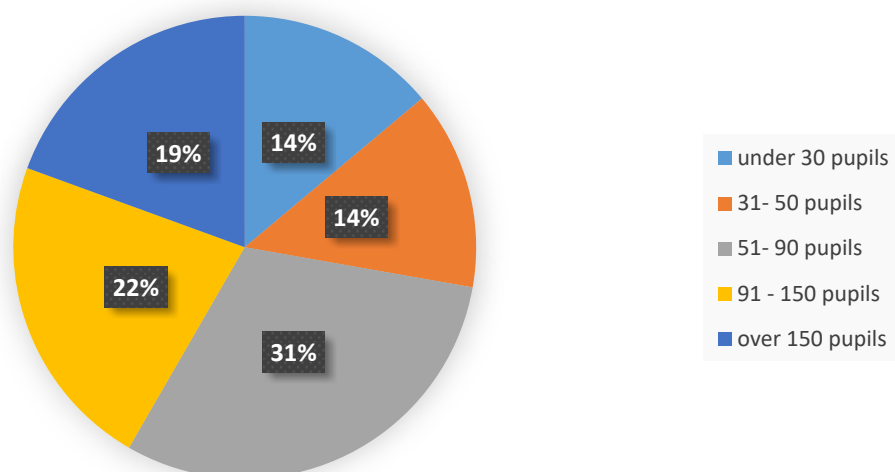|	2021	2022	2023*	Capacity
Aberaeron (Cynradd)	197	196	197	201
Aberporth	146	157	161	181
Aberteifi (Cynradd)	378	374	367	421
Bro Pedr	321	321	322	376
Bro Sion Cwilt	99	100	93	147
Bro Teifi	306	309	300	360
Cei Newydd	77	82	83	98
Cenarth	61	75	75	73
Ciliau Parc	76	62	71	68
Comins Coch	174	153	144	185
Craig Yr Wylfa	35	27	24	74
Dihewyd	34	30	28	35
Dyffryn Cledlyn	103	103	101	120
Felinfach	48	50	54	60
Henry Richard	112	115	119	120
Llanarth	52	52	61	86
Llanfarian	47	42	38	56
Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn	26	24	22	37
Llangwyryfon	39	30	26	55
Llanilar	113	115	105	129
Llanon	32	36	41	59
Llechryd	62	67	62	99
Llwynyreos	210	195	189	219
Myfenydd	70	71	70	91
Mynach	38	35	35	51
Padarn Sant	135	122	138	134
Penllwyn	42	38	35	55
Penparc	102	93	90	146
Penrhyncoch	94	89	94	110
Plascrug	395	395	396	409
Pontrhydfendigaid	71	67	67	74
Rhos Helyg	62	59	61	104
Rhydypennau	162	162	165	193
Syr John Rhys	23	22	21	39
T. Llew Jones	163	153	145	180
Talgarreg	45	38	37	63
Talybont	74	70	78	127
Y Dderi	106	101	98	133
Yr Ysgol Gymraeg	366	352	355	370
TOTAL	**4,696**	**4,582**	**4,568**	**5,516**

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PLASC Data 2023* - Primary Sector per school year

School	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	R-6	Cap
Aberaeron (Cynradd)	32	28	29	28	27	22	31	197	201
Aberporth	23	25	21	23	27	17	25	161	181
Aberteifi (Cynradd)	50	48	48	52	54	58	57	367	421
Bro Pedr	34	37	44	45	49	50	63	322	376
Bro Sion Cwilt	15	14	16	5	12	17	14	93	147
Bro Teifi	44	50	41	54	39	38	34	300	360
Cei Newydd	13	7	12	9	15	12	15	83	98
Cenarth	14	16	11	9	8	10	7	75	73
Ciliau Parc	11	6	8	11	9	13	13	71	68
Comins Coch	12	12	18	21	24	26	31	144	185
Craig Yr Wylfa	3	2	6	3	2	4	4	24	74
Dihewyd	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	28	35
Dyffryn Cledlyn	13	13	19	21	10	15	10	101	120
Felinfach	9	11	8	10	6	4	6	54	60
Henry Richard	17	15	14	22	8	20	23	119	120
Llanarth	17	9	9	9	4	3	10	61	86
Llanfarian	6	4	7	8	8	2	3	38	56
Llanfihangel-Y-Creuddyn	5	2	-	2	3	4	6	22	37
Llangwyryfon	3	4	4	4	2	6	3	26	55
Llanilar	11	17	14	14	15	20	14	105	129
Llannon	8	6	4	6	5	6	6	41	59
Llechryd	8	7	11	9	10	11	6	62	99
Llwyn yr Eos	22	23	27	31	28	31	27	189	219
Myfenydd	11	12	10	12	10	10	5	70	91
Mynach	6	2	7	7	5	4	4	35	51
Padarn Sant	12	18	20	22	23	20	23	138	134
Penllwyn	3	6	2	7	5	6	6	35	55
Penparc	12	15	16	13	12	12	10	90	146
Penrhyncoch	12	10	19	15	17	12	9	94	110
Plascrug	45	56	59	60	58	60	58	396	409
Pontrhydfendigaid	13	6	9	14	3	12	10	67	74
Rhos Helyg – (Llangeitho)	4	3	5	8	2	3	8	33	61
Rhos Helyg – (Rhos y Wlad)	6	3	4	2	5	3	5	28	43
Rhydypennau	17	25	31	21	17	25	29	165	193
Syr John Rhys	2	1	1	6	4	2	5	21	39
T Llew Jones	19	10	21	26	27	16	26	145	180
Talgarreg	5	4	7	5	3	8	5	37	63
Tal-y-bont	10	7	9	12	9	13	18	78	127
Y Dderi	11	8	15	21	11	11	21	98	133
Yr Ysgol Gymraeg	52	42	52	44	51	54	60	355	370
Ceredigion	**613**	**587**	**662**	**695**	**631**	**665**	**715**	**4,568**	**5,538**

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Primary School pupil numbers: PLASC 2023*

Legend:
- under 30 pupils — 14%
- 31- 50 pupils — 14%
- 51- 90 pupils — 31%
- 91 - 150 pupils — 22%
- over 150 pupils — 19%

Secondary

	2021	**2022**	**2023***	**Capacity**
Aberaeron	557	570	573	933
Aberteifi	623	608	604	691
Penglais	1073	1092	1085	1287
Penweddig	592	621	619	1070
Bro Pedr	625	632	643	841
Henry Richard	193	212	231	373
Bro Teifi	557	564	554	678
Total	**4,220**	**4,299**	**4,309**	**5,873**

PLASC Data 2023* - Secondary Sector per school year

School	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**7-13**	**Capacity**
Aberaeron	101	115	83	90	103	37	44	573	933
Aberteifi	106	106	103	113	110	37	29	604	691
Penglais	166	188	153	165	192	106	115	1085	1287
Penweddig	105	124	97	81	106	55	51	619	1070
Bro Pedr	111	114	85	114	92	73	54	643	841
Henry Richard	40	46	52	44	49	-	-	231	373
Bro Teifi	100	90	80	99	84	48	53	554	678
TOTAL	**729**	**783**	**653**	**706**	**736**	**356**	**346**	**4,309**	5,873

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