

Appendix 2: Evidence base

The findings and recommendations in this report draw on:

- meetings using a digital platform with leaders in 21 primary schools, 10 secondary schools, two special schools and one pupil referral unit
- visits to six primary schools and two secondary schools
- interviews with regional consortia officers
- interviews with academic staff from Welsh Universities
- interviews with tutors from Initial Teacher Education Partnerships
- survey responses from 81 parents or carers from Estyn Parents and Carers Reference Group
- inspection reports from September 2018 to March 2020

The sample of schools visited or telephoned takes account of a range of geographical locations, socio-economic background, ethnic background, size of school and linguistic contexts.

Activities included:

- interviews with headteachers and subject leaders
- discussion with pupils
- learning walks with staff or pupils
- scrutiny of pupils' work
- scrutiny of school documents, including, for example policies, schemes of work, planning documents, portfolios of pupils' work, self-evaluation documentation, audits and resources

List of schools interviewed or visited

Primary schools

Albany Primary School

All Saints RC Primary School

Cogan Primary School

Coychurch Primary School

Cwmffrwdroer Primary School

Darran Park Primary School
Dowlais Primary School
Johnston C.P. School
Mount Stuart Primary
Our Lady and St Michael's Catholic Primary School
Pillgwenlly Primary School
Pembroke Dock C.P. School
Rhayader Church in Wales Primary School
Rhos Street C.P. School
St Helen's Roman Catholic School
St Illtyd's Roman Catholic School
St Woolos Primary School
Talycopa Primary School
Ysgol Croes Atti
Ysgol Gynradd Bethel
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Castell-nedd
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Hamadryad
Ysgol Gynradd Llanilar
Ysgol Pencae
Ysgol Terrig
Ysgol Gynradd Talwrn
Ysgol Y Bynea

Secondary schools

Cathays High School
Connah's Quay High School
Penyrheol Comprehensive School
Risca Community Comprehensive School
Stanwell School
The John Frost School
Welshpool High School
Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin
Ysgol David Hughes
Ysgol Gyfun Gŵyr
Ysgol Gyfun Y Strade
Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones

Pupil referral unit

Denbighshire Pupil Referral Unit Ysgol Plas Cefndy

Special schools

Portfield Special School

