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## **Welsh Late Immersion Programme**

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## Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child will be embarking on secondary education in less than 12 months time. You are about to make a decision on which secondary school he/she will attend next September. Before you indicate your preference we would like to inform you of a project that will enable pupils to transfer from English medium primary schools to access a full bilingual education at Ysgol Morgan Llwyd as indicated on page 5 of the Parents' Guide to Education Services in Wrexham 2018/2019. You are asked to consider whether it would be advantageous to your child, later on in life, to be fluent in two languages which in many ways can improve opportunities.

With the full support of the Welsh Government, the Welsh Language Board has developed a national project to provide late immersion for pupils to access Welsh medium education. Prior to full attendance at Ysgol Morgan Llwyd in September 2018 pupils will be supported in their primary school by our Welsh Advisory Team from January 2018. Following the Whitsun break they will embark on a six week immersion course based at Ysgol Morgan Llwyd. A small number of pupils have transferred to Ysgol Morgan Llwyd from English medium primary schools in the past and have adapted very well to Welsh medium education.

It is possible that transport can be made available for the 6 weeks course for pupils who fulfil the Council's qualification criteria for free school transport; however, this is dependant on places being available on the school bus. In order to ascertain the availability of places, I would advise contacting the school transport team on 01978 292056 prior to making an application for a place on the course.

An informal information evening will be held at Ysgol Morgan Llwyd on Monday 18 September 2017 at 6.30 p.m. Please ring the Headteacher's Secretary on 01978 315050 to confirm your attendance. If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact either Siwan Meirion, Education Effectiveness Manager, on 01978 295443 or Miss Eleri Lewis, Acting Headteacher, Ysgol Morgan Llwyd on 01978 315050.

If your son/daughter does join the immersion course at Ysgol Morgan Llwyd and finds that they are having difficulty adapting to Welsh medium education they will still be able to access English medium secondary education in September 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Roberts

**Head of Education** 

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh.

We will respond to any correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to any delay.