

TRANSPORT AND POST 16 WELSH MEDIUM EDUCATION



**A survey of the impact of introducing travel fees on
Welsh Medium Education 16+ in Bridgend CBC**



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Main Findings – based on the survey

1. There continues to be a very strong desire among the pupils to remain at Llangynwyd to access Welsh medium education at 16+ years of age.
2. Parents' response to the actual cost means that post 16 education will not be viable at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd. Only 11% would definitely enrol with 9% stating they are less likely to attend.
3. The provision of effective transport is crucial to ensure the equality of access to Welsh medium education, as the school is such a long distance from the homes of the majority of pupils. Equality is not ensured as the percentage paying large sums for Welsh medium education is far greater than the percentage who would need to pay a similar charge in order to access English medium education post 16.
4. This proposal will make a Welsh language education accessible only to those who can afford the additional costs. At a time where every attempt is being made to dispel the belief that the Welsh language is elitist this proposal will further support that belief.
5. Parents have a general anxiety that the education of their children will suffer.
6. Parents are anxious over their financial situation which would mean that they are not able to afford school transport.
7. Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd is different to Bridgend College, and to other schools within the Borough (with the exception of Archbishop McGrath), as approx. 72% of pupils live more than 3 miles from school.
8. Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd 's situation is unique in Bridgend as nearly 90% of students depend on a bus to come to school.
9. Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd does not benefit from a regular public bus service, which is in complete contrast to Bridgend College; therefore the vast majority of pupils depend on the transport provided. In addition most pupils pass at least 2 English comprehensive schools on their journey.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Charging actual travel costs for post 16 school transport to Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd is likely to end viable post 16 provision.
2. Charging for post 16 transport will have a disproportionate and unreasonable impact on those who choose Welsh medium education within the County Borough. This change will affect nearly 8 in 10 students at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd.
3. The transport charge will affect those on low incomes more than most, and will mean that those from

disadvantaged backgrounds will not be able to remain in Welsh medium education.

4. As English medium education post 16 is more accessible to most students, charging actual transport costs to access Welsh medium education places Welsh medium education at a distinct disadvantage.
5. **Bridgend County Borough Council has not researched the impact of transport fees on Welsh medium education post 16 or on Welsh medium education generally as these changes will have an adverse effect on parents choosing Welsh medium education for their children at Nursery and Primary school level. The Equality Impact Assessment for the school produced by Capita in August 2014 only addresses the effects of Proposal 1 – to increase the distance required for free transport. The report anticipates that the additional traffic likely to be caused by this proposal will cause “higher likelihood of increased congestion in the vicinity of the school gate. However, the surrounding environment is predominately residential with good infrastructure links for walking and cycling”. If this is the consensus for the 83 pupils affected – what would the impact assessment state for the additional post 16 students?**
6. **It is clear from the comments made by parents that should post 16 school transport funding be withdrawn they would not have chosen Welsh medium education in the first instance. THE EFFECT ON FUTURE WELSH MEDIUM TAKE-UP IS POTENTIALLY THE MOST WORRYING IMPACT OF THIS PROPOSAL**
7. The Welsh-medium Education Strategy places equality of opportunity as one of its central planks:

“Equality of opportunity is a cross-cutting theme integral to this Strategy and all policies of the Welsh Assembly Government [...] Welsh-medium education should reflect the composition of the Welsh population as a whole, and should be available to, and accessed by, all communities, including those characterised by disadvantage and ethnic diversity. We will expect our partners, providers and stakeholders to recognise this principle and make it a reality.”¹
8. Section 10 of the Learner Travel Measure (Wales) 2008² places a duty on Local Authorities to provide transport to school with the aim of ‘promoting Welsh medium education’ when exercising functions under the Measure. This proposal will have the opposite affect and has the potential to be detrimental towards Welsh-medium education.
9. Welsh-medium Education Strategy (WMES) reiterates this stipulating that LAs should ‘promote access to Welsh-medium statutory primary and secondary provision, and to institutions providing further education and nursery education, when exercising functions under the Learner Travel (Wales) 2008.’³

¹ Welsh-medium Education Strategy, Welsh Assembly Government, April 2010, p.12 Information Document Number: 083/2010

² Learner Travel Measure (Wales) 2008, Welsh Assembly Government

³ WMES, Strategic Objective 1.9, p.14

10. Furthermore the WMES highlights linguistic progression as one of its cornerstones and states the need to ‘improve linguistic progression as a national, regional and local authority priority in all phases of education and training.’⁴
11. Indeed the implementation of this policy could possibly bring in to question the ability of the Local Authority to fulfill its statutory requirements in relation to the Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009⁵, by undermining the sustainability of the 6th form in terms of pupils, staffing and provision of the post 14 curriculum within the school.
12. The Impact Reports commissioned or carried out by BCBC refer to the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 which aims to encourage more people to walk and cycle more often cannot be the priority in the case of Ysgol Gyfun Gymrag Llangynwyd due to the size of the catchment area.

1. Background

On 29 September 2014 Bridgend County Borough Council launched a second public consultation on school transport, the previous consultation of December 2013 having been suspended. Proposal Two relates to charging the full cost of a school bus pass for pupils who do not receive free school transport and Proposal Three concerns the withdrawal of free transport for learners aged 16 or over:

Proposal One

Change to statutory minimum distances

Proposal Two

To charge the full cost of a school bus pass for pupils who do not receive free school transport

Proposal Three

Cease to provide transportation for post 16 learners (sixth form pupils and college students)

It appears that the Council has not researched into the consequences of charging for school transport post 16 or impact upon:

- Welsh medium education
- Low income families
- General post 16 education.

⁴ WMES, Strategic Objective 3.1, p.16

⁵ Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009, Welsh Assembly Government Circular No: 021/2010
Date of issue: July 2010

The Learner Travel Measure (Wales) 2008 gives local authorities the option, to pay the full or part cost for students whose free transport is not statutory. Part of the LA's responsibility is to provide transport which does not place a long term stress on students, and which places obstacles for them to access the education provided.

Clause 10 of the Measure notes:

Promotion of access to education and training through the medium of Welsh

Each local authority and the Welsh Ministers must promote access to education and training through the medium of the Welsh language when exercising functions under this Measure.

The Learner Travel Operational Guidance underpinning the Measure, stipulates that ‘this duty will also apply in relation to any regulations the Welsh Ministers may make under section 7 of the Measure about travel arrangements for learners in post-16 education or training and any regulations under section 8 of the Measure in relation to travel for nursery education.’⁶

Furthermore, the Guidelines state that if there should be any changes in learner travel arrangements which decrease access to Welsh medium education or seem likely to lead to a reduction in uptake of places at Welsh medium schools then Welsh Ministers would be prepared to use other provisions in the Measure to secure a turnaround. Welsh Ministers would consider issuing directions under section 15 if for instance it appeared that changes in the provision of learner transport were affecting the effectiveness or viability of a Welsh medium school.⁷

Good practice in terms of the duty to promote access to education and training through the medium of Welsh would include:

- considering children’s and parents’ wishes when local authorities assess learner travel needs under section 2 of the Measure
- Not acting or advising in any way that would detract from learners accessing education or training through the medium of Welsh⁸

There is no evidence that the Authority has made reference either to the Measure or Operational Guidance in drafting this proposal, and they have not accounted for the impact this proposal would have in promoting education and training through the medium of Welsh.

The BCBC Potential Impact of Removing Free Access to Transport for Post 16 Learners report dated May 2014 identifies that this proposal holds equality impact issues for Welsh medium and VA schools, yet they

⁶ Learner Travel Operational Guidance, Welsh Assembly Government, April 2009, Clause 2.14, p.17.

⁷ Ibid, Clause 2.16, p.17

⁸ Learner Travel Operational Guidance, Welsh Assembly Government, April 2009 , Clause 2.17 p.17-18

are not specifically addressed. The report states at paragraph 7.2 that “research tells us only 2% of students are likely to alter their plans based on introducing change to transport provision”; based on the survey results that we have conducted this is substantially greater for Welsh medium and VA schools and it would be interesting to see which schools the council approached to conduct their research.

The BCBC Impact of changes in parental choice of school as a result of the proposed change to learner travel policy (distance criteria) dated June 2014 identifies the risk to Welsh medium education at paragraph 4.6 stating that “It is considered more likely that a parent might forgo their commitment to their child being educated in a VA/Welsh medium school and choose a non VA or welsh medium secondary school instead, particularly if their child meets the distance criteria for free school transport in their catchment school.” The risk of pupils choosing not to attend the Welsh medium primary schools is considered high. RhAG would like to highlight that any loss of pupils in the primary schools will clearly have a detrimental effect on the secondary school and ultimately will damage Welsh medium education in the area.

2. Geography

Bridgend County Borough is comparatively compact in comparison to other local authorities in Wales. The distance East –West is approx. 12 miles and from North to South approx. 18 miles.

The majority of the population is concentrated in the south of the County Borough in the Bridgend, Porthcawl and Cornelly areas.

The location of Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd in the north of the county close to Maesteg means that the school is comparatively far from the homes of the majority of pupils. Pupils at the school travel considerable distances to come to school: e.g.

From Blaengarw	8.5 miles
From Bridgend	9 miles
From Croeserw	4.5 miles
From Maesteg	2 miles
From Nantymoel	10.5 miles
From Pencoed	10 miles
From Porthcawl	14 miles
From Pontycymmer	7.5 miles
From Pyle	12 miles

3. Survey brief

It was decided to conduct a survey which would seek to find the following from parents:

1. Year group of pupil
2. Home location
3. Distance from school
4. Mode of transport to school
5. Time taken to travel to school
6. Desire to remain at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd for post 16 education
7. Travel difficulties without school transport
8. Importance of the certainty of a seat on the school bus
9. Journey time to school on public transport
10. Acceptable cost to parents for school transport
11. Willingness to utilise Education Maintenance Allowance to pay bus costs
12. Likelihood of enrolling at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd for post 16 education, if actual transport costs per year were introduced.

Parents were also invited to comment on the proposals.

When responses were received, the questionnaires were processed using Excel software, which enabled responses to be compared according to the whole data collected.

This report notes the main findings of the survey, and includes further comments by parents.

4. Responses

Questionnaires were made available via the school website for parents and pupils of Year 7 to 12 pupils at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd, and they were asked for their opinion on the proposal to charge for school transport post 16. Online and paper surveys were also made available to parents of primary school pupils, which addressed their concerns for the future of Welsh medium education in the county.

223 responses were received from Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd. This response was deemed a substantial response and that this constituted a fair percentage to be assessed and to be taken as a fair reflection of the cohort. There is a fair differential between parents and also regarding home locations throughout the CBC.

It was unfortunate that the consultation period came so quickly after the original consultation and some parents may simply have not responded on this occasion. The response on this occasion shows an increase from the Maesteg area and a decrease from the Cornelly & Porthcawl areas.

It is of course possible, that those who responded are more likely to be interested in this matter rather than those who chose not to respond, (and this is common in surveys of this nature). This means that the responses are more likely to be in favour or more interested in Welsh medium education. However, the clear pattern of responses and the high percentage of those who responded (within one week of returning to school), demonstrates that there is real interest in this matter and that there are significant matters to be reviewed.

A number of parents attended the drop in centre provided by BCBC (although it was disappointing that a request had to be made to have a workshop specifically for Welsh medium education) where the concerns and fears for the future of the school and indeed the Welsh language were expressed.

5. Home location and current travel to school

Respondents live in the following areas:

Bridgend	26%
Cornelly & Pyle area	10%
Garw Valley	11%
Maesteg	29%
North Bridgend	14%
Ogmore Valley	2%
Pencoed	5%
Porthcawl	4%

Due to the distance of the school from the majority of pupils' homes, free school transport is crucial in securing the future of the school. 4% of pupils walk to school, 5% travel by car, less than 0.5% by public transport and 90% travel by school bus.

6. Distance from school

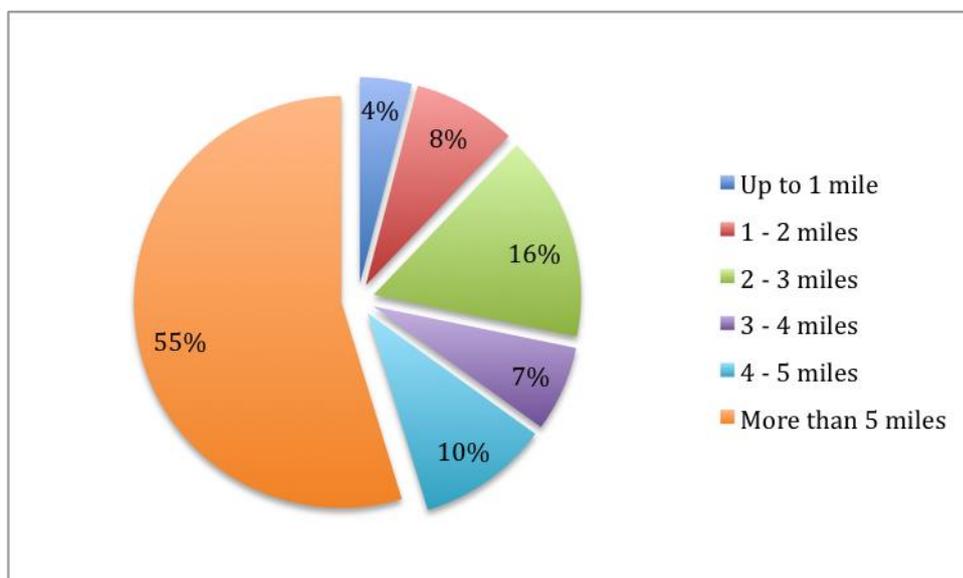
55% of pupils live further than 5 miles from school. 4% live within a mile, and 8% of pupils live between 1 and 2 miles from the school, which is the distance, which excludes pupils from eligibility for school transport under the current guidelines. A further 16% of pupils live between 2 and 3 miles from school, these are the pupils who will be affected by Proposal 1 of this consultation.

17% of pupils live between 3 and 5 miles from school. Almost three quarters of pupils live more than 3 miles from their school.

This pattern of distances from school is very different from other schools (excluding Archbishop McGrath) within the County Borough, where the vast majority of pupils live within 3 miles of their nearest local English medium school.

In order to ensure that access to Welsh medium education is comparable to access to English medium education, provision of transport needs to be easily available.

Graph 1 Pupil distance from school

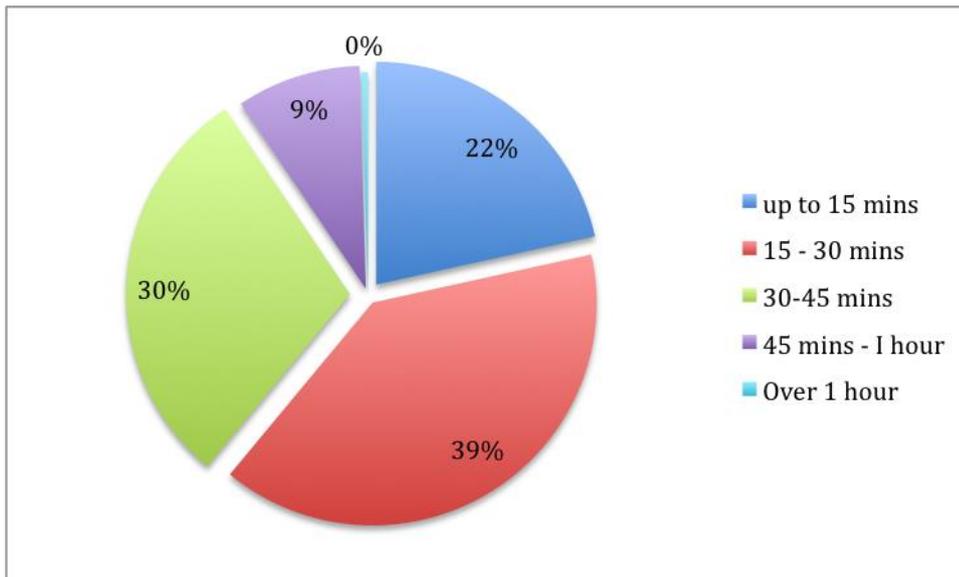


7. Journey time to school

61% of pupils take either half an hour or less to travel to school. 30% take between half an hour and three quarters of an hour, 9% take between three quarters of an hour and an hour.

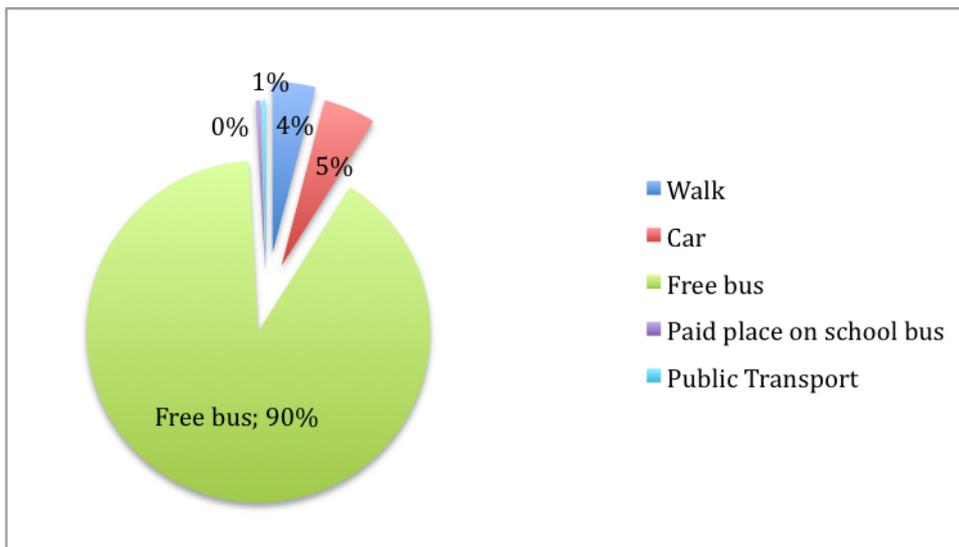
These long journeys, due to the location of the school, demonstrate that most pupils face continual journey stress, despite statutory guidance that school travel should not increase stress on students.

Graph 2 Journey time to school



The distance from school impacts on the time of arrival. The vast majority live further than 3 miles from school, and take over 30 minutes to get to school. The provision of a free school bus service reduces the journey time, as seen further on when discussing availability of public transport. The provision of a free school bus at present, compensates pupils who travel considerable distance to school.

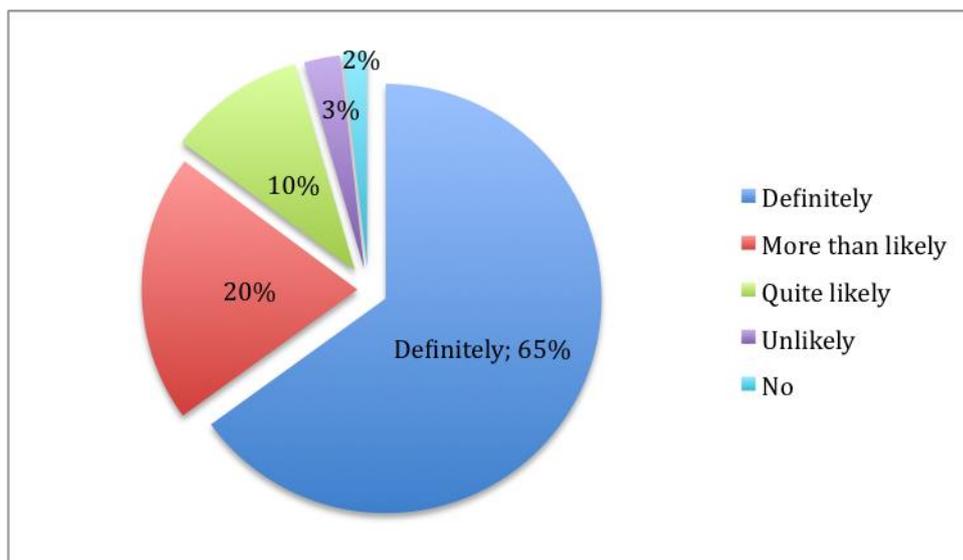
Graph 3 Travel to school



8. Desire to access Welsh medium education 16+

Responses were very positive regarding desire to access Welsh medium education post 16. 65% of respondents were definitely returning to Llangynwyd for post 16 education and a further 30% noted they were likely to be in favour of accessing Welsh medium education. It is difficult to compare these figures to previous demand for post 16 education at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd as the 6th form only opened in September 2013.

Graph 4 Desire to access 16+ education at Llangynwyd



As will be demonstrated later, this positive response is reversed through the proposal to charge for school transport.

The survey demonstrates that there is a close correlation between living locally and the desire to remain at Llangynwyd, for post 16 education.

78% of parents of primary school aged children who responded to a second survey indicated that they would definitely want their child to continue their Welsh medium education through secondary school. This drops to 23% should they be required to pay the actual cost of travel.

However, such small numbers of students would inevitably question the future of a sixth form at Llangynwyd, which ultimately would result in there being **no 16+ Welsh medium education being available in Bridgend County Borough**. The knock on effect of this would be that parents do not chose to send their children to a Welsh medium primary school in the first instance.

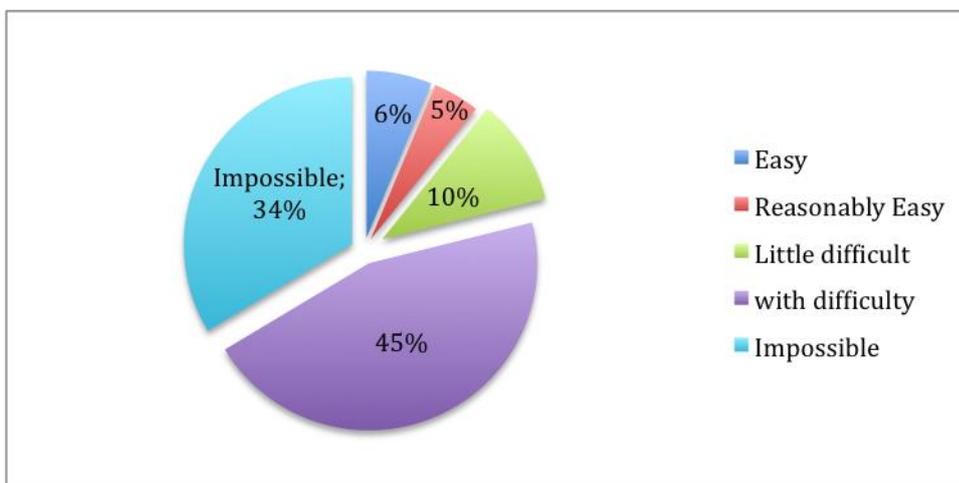
9. Getting to school without school transport

In order to see how dependant the school is on school transport provision, parents were asked how easy it would be for their children to reach school without a school bus.

The majority, 34%, noted it would be impossible. It would be difficult for a further 45%, and easy or comparatively easy for only 11%.

Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd, is different to other schools in Bridgend County Borough, as it depends entirely on school transport provision. The weakening of this provision would undoubtedly weaken the school.

Graph 5 Ease of getting to school without school transport



The BCBC Potential Impact of Removing Free Access to Transport for Post 16 Learners report dated May 2014 at paragraph 3.7 states that “81% of young people interviewed for the report stated that they find it easy to work out the times of buses and trains. 92% reported feeling confident using public transport and 92% reported feeling safe when doing so”. These statistics are clearly not the case for the students of Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd.

As part of this consultation a number of the sixth form pupils travelled to school on public

transport. Only one arrived in time for registration and he had left Porthcawl around 7:15am in order to do so. In addition they all stated that the cost would be too great to continue their education at the school.

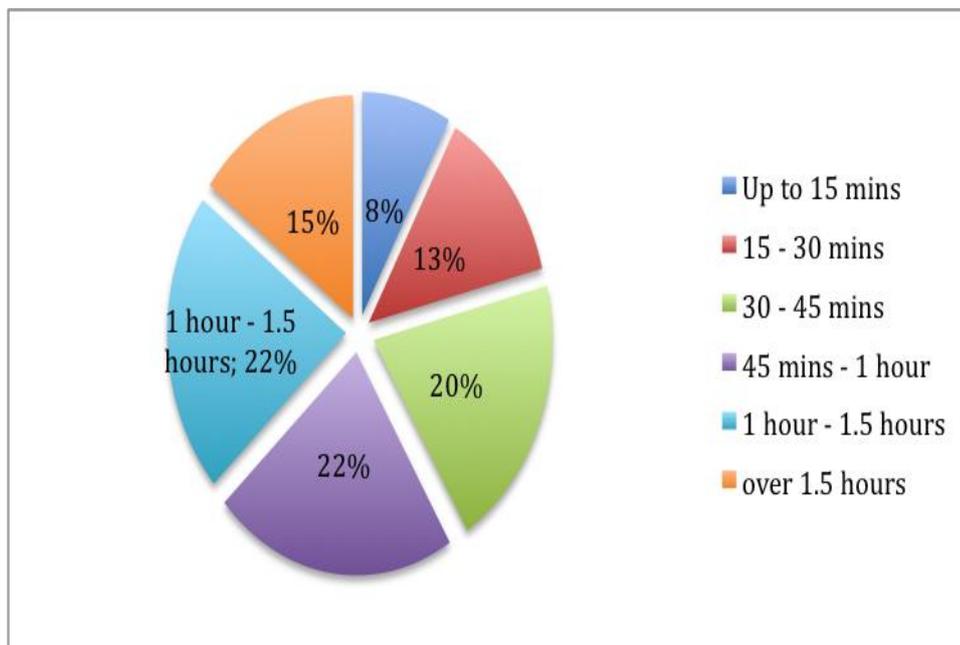
10. Journey time to school using public transport

The survey asked about journey times to school using public transport and 79% noted that it would not be impossible or difficult for pupils to arrive using public transport. Public transport options would take more than 1½ hours for 15% of pupils and more than an hour for a further 22%.

It was clear that public transport routes or service to Llangynwyd are currently very difficult, and that depending on public transport, as in the case of Bridgend College, is neither practical nor possible.

More than half of pupils would travel for more than 1½ hours a day if they were forced to use public transport. This compares very poorly with English medium Comprehensive Schools and Bridgend College, thus creating a disproportionate effect on Welsh medium education in the county.

Graph 6 Journey time to school using public transport



11. Willingness to pay for school transport

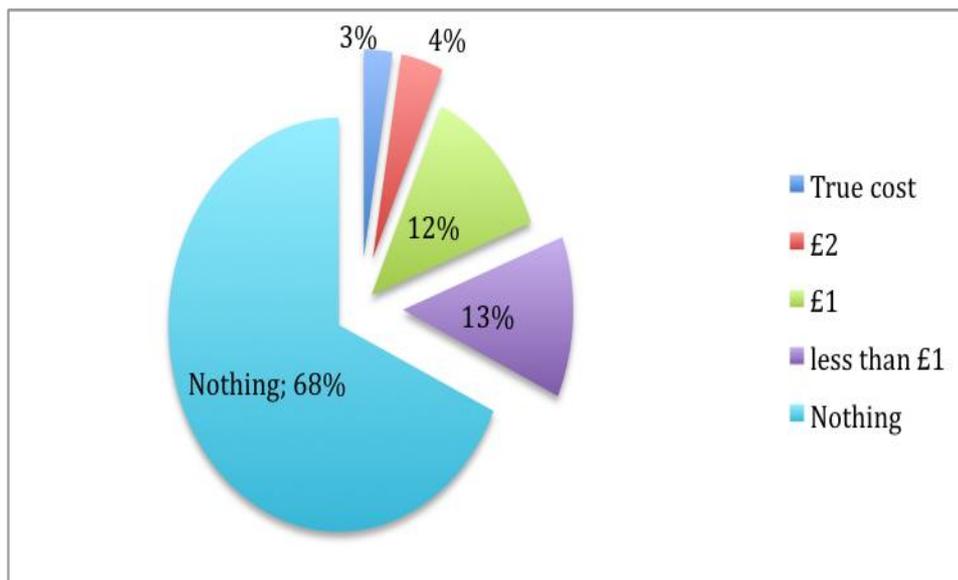
It was clear that asking parents to pay for post 16 education, following previous years of free transport, had a very negative response from parents. The survey asked for willingness to pay actual costs, £2.00 per day, £1.00 per day, and less than £1 per day.

68% noted they were not willing to pay anything. 13% were willing to pay less than £1 a day. Only 3% of parents were willing to pay actual cost and 4% willing to pay £2.00 per day.

The Authority should consider to what extent demanding a considerable amount from parents, after the Authority has provided free provision from the start, has initiated such a strong negative response from parents which could have been avoided through a proposal of gradual increase. The strong response from parents is clear, with almost 7 out of 10 refusing to pay.

In addition 78% said it was essential that the student has a guaranteed seat on the school bus throughout the school year, 16% said it was desirable and 7% feeling that this was not essential.

Graph 7 Willingness to pay for 16+ travel

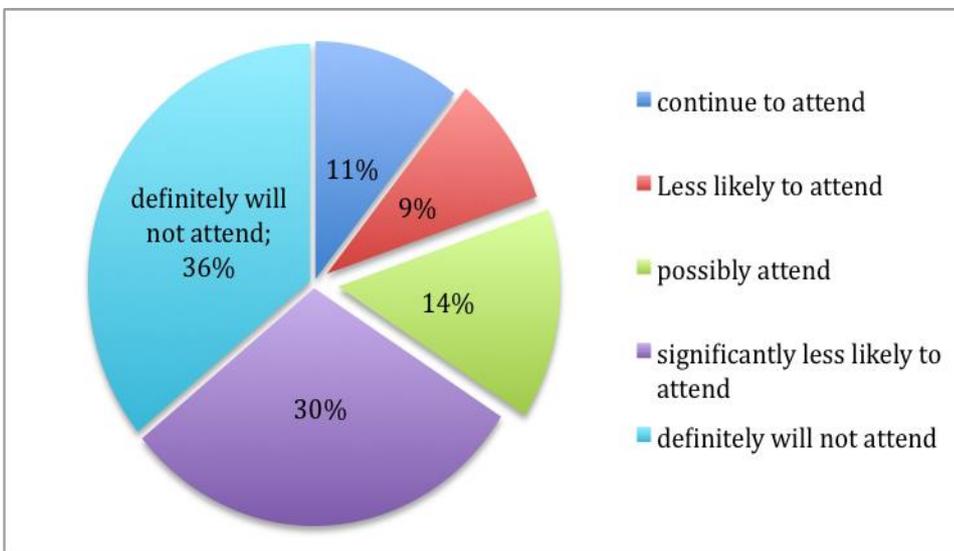


12. Desire to remain in Welsh medium education & pay full transport costs

In light of the proposal to pay to access Welsh medium education post 16, the desire to continue within Welsh medium education was reduced dramatically.

This significant reduction is clearly demonstrated in comparison with the present demand for post 16 Welsh medium education. The percentage of those who definitely wish to receive Welsh medium education falls from 65% to 11%. It appears that it would be a difficult task to ensure the viability of Welsh medium education post 16 at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd without free school transport.

Graph 8 **Desire to remain in Welsh medium & pay full costs**



Through comparison with those who wish to receive 16+ education at Llangynwyd and the change in this desire should students have to pay for transport, it is noted that the 65% who would definitely remain drops significantly to 11% with a further drop from 20% to 9% more than likely to remain within Welsh medium education.

Thus 60% of those pupils who would have intended on remaining in Welsh medium education post 16 would no longer do so if the County introduce actual costs for transport to school.

13 English medium institutions post 16 and other providers

Bridgend College has campuses, which are located in close proximity to densely populated areas in the authority, i.e. Bridgend, Maesteg, Pencoed

Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd is therefore different to Bridgend College, and to other schools within the Borough, as approx. 72% of the pupils live more than 3 miles from school and nearly 90% of students depend on a bus to come to school.

Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd does not benefit from a regular public bus service, which is in complete contrast to Bridgend College; therefore the vast majority of pupils depend on the transport provided. In addition, most students will pass at least 2 English comprehensive schools on their journey to Llangynwyd.

Vale of Glamorgan currently provide free school transport for post-16 pupils who reside beyond the statutory walking distances of over 3 miles and forms part of the Vale of Glamorgan policy to provide free travel.

RCT provide learners who meet the 2-mile distance eligibility criterion and who enrol for approved study courses within the appropriate 14-19 area timetabled provision, are currently eligible for free transport. This is under consultation.

Of the Councils that currently charge post 16 transport, Swansea is the most expensive ranging between £205 and £280 per year. The proposal by BCBC will be significantly higher at over £600 per year.

It is easy to predict that such transport will be available for students who live in certain areas of BCBC, and might lead to more BCBC students possibly accessing provision in other LAs.

14 Parent Comments and social deprivation

The survey asked:

If this proposal is implemented, what will be the effect on you/your family's educational arrangements?

The responses from parents concern 5 main themes:

1. The distance to Llangynwyd makes it difficult for pupils to travel to school.
2. Welsh medium education will suffer disproportionately, in comparison to English medium education with a large number of pupils likely to leave Welsh medium.
3. Concern for low income families.

4. Concern that the Bridgend County Borough Council is not promoting education post 16 through proposal of transport cost.
5. The Welsh Language will ultimately suffer in a predominantly English speaking area

Parents are anxious regarding their own personal ability to pay for transport in current economic downturn. These parents are not necessarily unemployed, but are generally on comparatively low pay and the further cost, where there exists a cheaper option, means that they will no longer be able to afford to send their children to Llangynwyd.

Parents are very aware of the effect this will have on the Welsh language, and also on promotion of education generally.

The parents' comments involve matters relating to social deprivation. This includes income deprivation, but it also involves employment, health and education deprivation. Living far from education facilities is one factor used in measuring social deprivation. It appears that the county has not considered these factors when proposing payment for transport to education. It can be foreseen that the present proposal will increase social deprivation in outlying parts of the county, especially those already deemed to be suffering from income and employment deprivation.

Parents' comments are seen in Appendix A.

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Questionnaires to Year 7 - 12 parents at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd.

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APPENDIX A

Parent comments

All comments appear as in the original (including original spelling) all comments are included in the original language.

Where a parent has named their child we have replaced this with 'my child' to ensure total anonymity.

This is a ridiculous bill. Take the money from elsewhere.

Despite my children being keen to continue their education in Welsh language we would seriously have to consider alternative school college placements with better public transport access than one bus an hour and no guarantee of a seat on that bus particularly at peak times.

My child will be discriminated against because I have chosen a bilingual route of education. She will be affected by having to change schools against her will and mine. She will have to leave welsh medium education. this may mean the school may have to close because they wont be able to afford teachers. It will the affect my other 2 children.

Leave school

My child could be forced to study a less desirable career path elsewhere.

efallai symud ysgol

effallai angen dal mwy nag un bws

Byddwn i yn rhoi lan addysg cymraeg i addysg llaeol Saesneg

Bydd fy teulu yn findio fe yn annodd i mynd a fi ir ysgol.

May not attend

struggle to get to education if have to pay will loose a lot for the family like food and have to be extra carful with money

I will more than likely need to attend another school that is closer to where I live.

My child has studied I welsh for 13 years and if they have to move to the English comprehensive because of money then they have wasted they\`re 13 years studying the welsh language and the less people who go to the school and move the more the welsh language is going to die away! If this takes place I\`m sure there will be riots I hope people take an read these questionnaires personally and take a good think and put themselves in children\`s and adults shoes of paying a significant amount of money and how hard it

Methu cyrraedd yr ysgol ar amser wrth defnyddio trafniadaeth cyhoeddus

Bydd rhaid codi yn gynharach er mwyn cerdded i'r ysgol.

Bydd fy mam fi ddim gallu cymrud fi i ysgol oherwydd mae he'n edrych ar ol babys ac fy dad fi ddim gallu oherwydd maen gweithio am 6am i 7pm

If this is implemented my child will have to change schools to an English school which is closer or leave his education.

Financial Impact and also having to make sure there are family members to take and pick up my child .

Both our children will not be able to attend the school as both parents are in full-time employment.

it will leave us without essential items to live as would have to cut back on food or heating to cover the cost

Difficulties arranging transport More cost

It will have a big impact as the school is out of my way for me to work, and as a single parent it is very difficult

A family member would have to go out of work.

I wanted my children to go to a welsh school and study the welsh language as now they speak fluent welsh. It will cost a lot for all my kids to pay for a school bus I do not wish to pay as it will make a big impact on they're education as they have learnt everything in welsh from maths to science and music etc

Find a closer school

I will continue to send my child to Llangynwyd therefore it will not make any difference.

Gormod o arian

Bydd rhaid i fy rhiant mynd i ei swydd yn hwyr gan maent yn gwell i fy rhiant cymryd fi ir ysgol, oherwydd bydd hwn yn costio yn llai i fy teulu ond yna byddwn ni yn colli arain oherwydd bydd rhaid i fy rhiant mynd i ei sydd yn hwyr. Felly os mae'r cynnig hwn yn dod i rym, bydd fy teulu yn colli arian.

Yn anffodus byddwn ni ddim yn gallu fforddio i anfon ein plant i'r Ysgol heb bws am ddim. Yn berthnasol dwi'n meddwl bydd y polisi yma yn gyfrifol am cau chweched dosbarth Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd achos bydd y mwyafrif o'r teuluoedd yn cael yr un trafferthion yn talu am y bws. Yn edrych i'r dyfodol, rydw i'n poeni bydd teuluoedd di gymraeg yn gwrthod dewis addysg gymraeg i'w plant os oes rhaid newid ysgol yng nghanol eu addysg. YGLI yw unig ysgol gyfun gymraeg yr ardal, dewis y cyngor oedd agor yr ysgol ym Maesteg ac mae'n teimlo ein bod ni yn cael ein trin yn annheg. Dwi'n deall bod rhaid i'r cyngor dangos cyfarteledd ond dwi wir yn poeni bydd y polisi yma yn lladd addysg gymraeg yn yr ardal.

bydd e anodd iawn

Byddai'n achosi trafferthion ariannol ac ymarferol - fel rhiant sengl sy'n gweithio'n llawn-amser ac yn talu trethu i'r cyngor: 1. ni fydd yn bosib i fi roi liffi i'r ysgol iddo pob dydd 2. byddai'n anodd i'm mhlentyn dal trafndiaeth cyhoeddus sydd o fewn cyrraedd hy. naill ai gorfod dal 2 bws neu gorfod cerdded pellter i ddal bws uniongyrchol, a dyw rhain ddim yn rheolaidd 3. Byddai'r tal o £600-700 yn achosi problemau ariannol mawr gan fy mod yn rhiant sengl 4. nid ein dewis ni fel rhieni yw lleoliad yr ysgol, yng ngogledd y sir, sydd mas o gyrraedd gyfleus i'r rhan fwyaf o ddisgyblion yr ysgol heb drafnidiaeth ysgol 5. Mae fy mab newydd ddechrau ei lefel A yn Llangynwyd ac yn dod ymlaen yn ardderchog felly yn bendant ddim eisiau mynd at ysgol arall - byddai hyn yn ymyrru ar ei cyrhaeddiad 6. Mae gan fy mab yr hawl i dderbyn addysg drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg trwy'r ddeddf cydraddoldeb a byddai gosod tal drafnidiaeth yn tarddu ar ei hawliau dan y ddeddf 7. Daeth Carwyn Jones, Winidog Cymru at yr ysgol y mis hon i'r seremoni wobrwyo TGAU ac yn pwysleisio wrth y disgyblion am bwysigrwydd yr iaith Gymraeg ac addysg dwy-ieithol - ac yn eu hybu i ddefnyddio'r iaith yn rheolaidd!!!

Bydd yn rhaid I fy mhlentyn mynychu ysgol Saesneg er fy mod in teimlon gryf iawn am addysg Gymraeg. Pam cosbi plant sydd eisiau addysg trwy'r iaith Gymraeg?

i will NOT pay!!

No holidays

It would seriously disjoint our daughters education to an extent that I fear it would be detrimental to her overall educational results.

wouldnt be able to come to school without a bus

Bydd mynychu YGG Llangynwyd yn amhosib heb trafndiaeth. Mae fy nhad yn gadael y ty am 7:00 y bore sydd lawer rhy gynnar i allu rhoi lift i'r ysgol ac nid yw fy fam yn gallu gyrru.

Ni fydd modd i mi cario ymlaen derbyn addysg trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg gan nid oes yr arian gennaf i dalu am bws pob dydd.

bydd dim newid i fy trefndiaeth yn bersonol ond efallai bydd rhaid i mi cymryd fwy o bobl i'r ysgol gan fod lle rhydd yn y car ac mae cost busiau yn anhygoel

Fe fydd hi'n anodd yn ymarferol ac yn ariannol cyrraedd yr ysgol. O bosib byddai rhaid i mi gerdded a gallai hyn wneud i mi fod yn hwyr i'r ysgol. Yn fwy tebygol bydden i yn defnyddio trafndiaeth cyhoeddus a fydd hyn yn rhy gostus i mi o lawer am flwyddyn ysgol.

Nid ydw i yn hoff iawn o talu arian i mynd i'r ysgol gan fod addysg yn hanfodol

cost teuluol

Bydd rhaid i mi fynd a gael addysg saesneg

Fydd rhid symud i ysgol Saesneg

bydd rhaid cael lift i'r ysgol yn lle

Chwalu'r freuddwyd o godi plant sy'n medru'r Gymraeg. Mae pob cyngor yn y de ddwyrain wrthi - dyali Carwyn Jones ymddiswyddo ar unwaith ac yntau yn Gymro Cymraeg!

i would have to find a closer school

i will have to move to a different school

It will seriously make us look at different schools as with two children the costs will be too much

It will be hard for me to attend another welsh comprehensive

Will always be late for school due to times of buses

It will cost our family a considerable amount of money to ensure our children continue their education at Llangynwyd. There is no other Welsh Medium Comprehensive in Bridgend.

Would cause significant increase in costs.

We would have to look at alternative English language school, which would totally go against our decision of keeping the welsh language alive by putting our children through the medium of welsh!

Symud i ysgol lleol saesneg

Bydd rhaid i fy rhieni trefnu i fy nhaid pigo fi i fyny o'r ysgol ond bydd hyn yn draferth gan ei fod yn pigo fy ngefneithir fyny o ysgol arall yn barod.

If free transport doesn't continue, then my child will not be attending the school. I do not have the means to transport him to school and the use of public transport is not option due to the distance and number of changes he would need to make. He would not arrive on time for the school day to start. I cannot afford to pay for transport

to school and as YGG Llangynwyd is the only welsh medium secondary school in the Borough I am limited in choice of school if I want my child to continue in welsh education. The Council would be severely affecting my child's future education choices and right to have the education in the only welsh school available to him. I also have a child currently in primary school and the decisions made will impact on her future schooling as well. I think BCBC needs to look elsewhere to save money.

Ni fyddwn yn gallu cyrraedd yr ysgol.

cost teuluol anferth i cael fi i yr ysgol os byddwn moen talu i'r ysgol byddwn yn mynd i ysgol preifet

Ni fydd addysg gymraeg yn peth delfrydol o gwbl. O achos cost y trafndiaeth. Ac yna wrth i bobl tynnu allan o'r chweched dosbarth fe fydd dim chweched dosbarth ar gael i fy mhlentyn ieuengaf sydd nawr ym mlwyddyn 6 oni bai eich bod yn danfon nhw i ysgol mewn sir arall.

Money is tight at the moment as it is so this extra expense may be unobtainable.

Will move school

Will look for another option, school/college.

i will loose all my money.

My child would probably not be able to attend the school and continue within the bilingual education in WALES. I class this as discrimination.

I will be late for school.

I wanted my children to go to a welsh school and study the welsh language as now they speak fluent welsh. It will cost a lot for all my kids to pay for a school bus I do not wish to pay as it will make a big impact on they're education as they have learnt everything in welsh from maths to science and music etc. they've gone from 6 years in the welsh primary Ysgol Cynwyd Sant and if we do have to end up paying there's more chance they will get sent to Maesteg comprehensive wich is a waste of my children's time studying in welsh in primary and comprehensive then leaving it all behind. I do not think any of this paying business should take place at all

May not be able to get his 6th form education through the medium of Welsh.

Go to collage instead. Younger siblings that go to YGG Llangynwyd will be less likely do go to 6th form.

Bydd yn gormod o arian

Mi fydd yn amhosib I fy mhlentyn i fyny chu Llangynwyd heb drafndiaeth. Dyw hi ddim yn deg I reini sydd yn dewis addysg Gymraeg i'w plentyn I dalu am y fraint. Dyna beth fydd hyn yn golygu. Mi fydd yn ambos I gerdded yno neu I ddefnyddio trafndiaeth cyhoeddus. Bydd addysg uwchradd Cymraeg ond I reini swydd age Arian.

Budd rhaid dewis sut mae yn mynd i gyrraedd yr ysgol. Byddai ddim am fynd i ysgol arall achos mae yn mwynhau bod yna ac wedi cael llwyddiant addysgol.

Wouldnt be able to attend school.

walk to school

My children will not be able to attend the school of our choice as there is no other Welsh school in the county. We would not be able to afford the bus fare and using public transport would mean travelling to Bridgend Town to catch another bus to the school.

Change school

Will be almost impossible for my children to attend school. Unable to use public transport as would be too expensive and take too long

Symud i rhywle arall.

Ni fyddai'n bosib i mi fynychu YGG Llangynwyd os daw'r cynnig hwn i rym.

Symud Ysgol

Bydd mynychu YGG Llangynwyd yn amhosib oherwydd mae fy rhieni yn gadael am gwaith am tua 7:15yb, a weithiau yn gynharach, felly bydd siwr o fod angen cerdded gan nad wyf yn gallu gyrru ac mae'r system cludiant cyhoeddus yn yr ardal yn hollol annibynadwy.

Fe fyddai rhaid dala tren neu fws gyhoeddus i'r ysgol. Fe fydd hyn yn cymryd fwy o amser ac bydd yn amlwg yn costio fwy nag y mae ar hyn o bryd.

Ni fydd hyn yn cael effaith ar ein teulu gan ein fod yn cerdded i'r ysgol.

Byddaf yn llai debygol o fynychu'r ysgol, mae ysgol saesneg fwy agos ac felly yn haws mynychu. Dim ffordd aros yn yr ysgol oherwydd mae fy rhieni yn gweithio yn ystod y dydd.

Bydd rhaid dal bws cyhoeddus yn llawer fwy gynnar, tua 7 o'r gloch y bore.

Methu mynychu ysgol cymraeg

Gan fy mod i'n defnyddio car ar hyn o bryd er mwyn teithio i'r ysgol, ni fydd yr newidiadau yn cael effaith ar drefnidau ysgol fy nheulu.

Bydd hyn yn effiethio fi oherwydd bydd raid cael bws mewn ir tref wedyn bws allan ir ysgol, bydd hyn yn cymryd mwy na awr.

Symud ysgol

Bydd angen cael bws i'r dref ac yna bws arall i'r ysgol, bydd hyn yn cymryd fwy na awr.

Efallai angen dal mwy na un bws.

ddim angen talu

Efallai mynd i llangynwyd.

Bydd rhaid i mi mynd i ysgol Saesneg sy'n fwy agos ato fi.

Yn annodd, bydd angen mynd i ysgol saesneg

Byddaf yn mwy na thebyg yn symud i ysgol sy'n fwy agos lle nad oes rhaid i mi dalu am drefnidiaeth.

ddim yn gwybod

Anodd iawn cyrraedd yr ysgol

cost teuliol anferth i cael fi i'r ysgol os byddwn mae'n talu i'r ysgol bddwn yn mynd i ysgol preifat

rhaid rhoi fyny addysg cymraeg i fynd i ysgol lleol saesneg

Byddai'r cynnig yma yn effeithiol yn ddifrifol ar ein hawl I ddewis addysg cyfrwng Cymraeg 16+ i'n plant. Nid ydym mewn sefyllfa i allu fforddio talu am sedd ar fws ysgol ac felly byddai'n rhaid symud ein plant i astudio lefel A mewn ysgol leol. Bydd hefyd gennym plant mewn ysgolion gwahanol o bellter i'w gilydd a bydd hynny'n effeithio ar eu cyfleon i dderbyn profiadau allysgol

byddwn i ddim yn mynd i ygg llangynwyd

newid llwyr - gyda'r ddau riant yn gweithio i'r dwyrain o Ben-y-bont, mae'n debygol mai symud y plant (bydd ail blentyn yn mynd i Langynwyd yn 2016) i Fro Morgannwg fydd yr opsiwn ar gyfer parhau mewn addysg Gymraeg

Bydd y sycrwydd bod fy mhlentyn yn mynd i gyrraedd yn brydlon ac yn ddiogel yn diflannu, gan y bydd rhaid dibynnu ar drafnidiaeth gyhoeddus. Bydd talu am gael mynediad i addysg Gymraeg yn bwysedd ariannol ychwanegol ar y teulu. Hefyd, rydw i'n pryderu'n fawr y bydd cylch ffrindiau fy merch yn lleihau oherwydd ni fydd pawb yn medru fforddio danfon eu plant i'r ysgol Gymraeg, a byddan nhw'n eu symud i addysg Saesneg agosach at y cartref.

Bydd llai o ddisgyblion yn dod i'r ysgol oherwydd bydd angen talu mwy o arian am drafnidiaeth. Bydd hefyd siawns bydd disgyblion yn hwyr, a dim bai y disgyblion bydd e, ond bai y cyngor oherwydd dydyn nhw heb rhoi trafnidiaeth i'r disgyblion am ddim.

Ddim yn siwr

dim yn galli dod

Newid ysgol

ddim gallu

Couldn't go to a welsh school..

Will continue to attend, will not pay you, laugh at you , haha scabs

My son will no longer be able to attend a Welsh medium school and we will have to look at moving him to the closer English medium school at Ynysawdre.

It will not effect us

It will have a significant detrimental effect. Not only will my child have to make alternative transport arrangements, there is the added risk of travelling along an already very busy main road towards the school. This would have to be crossed in the mornings as the service bus stop is opposite the school. this is not taking into account the added financial burden. I am not aware of any traffic calming measures planned by the Authority, particularly when there is likely to be a significant increase in traffic with parents driving children to school instead of a bus delivering them inside the school gates. I wonder what price our local authority places on a young child's life!

She will have to go to a school closer within walking distance that will not be a welsh school, and therefore she will suffer learning in the English language

My child who is currently at the school, and their siblings in the future, would not be able to stay in Welsh medium education.

If the free transport is stopped, my childs education will be affected as she will not be able to continue to get her education in a welsh speaking school. This would also affect her as she is to be starting her GCSE's next year, with the upheaval to a English speaking school where she would be at a disadvantage as she has only ever been in

welsh school.

My children will have to move to an English medium school which is closer. This move will have a detrimental effect on their education which has always been through the medium of Welsh.

I work full time and would not be a position to provide transport for my children post 16 learning; my husband works away during the week. I would want them to attend the school to complete their learning in a welsh medium context - this would not be as easily possible in an alternative educational institution -I would not want them to go onto further education at a post 16 level at the local FE.

Will be almost impossible for my children to attend school. Unable to use public transport as would be too expensive and take too long

Will not be able to attend school as both parents are in full-time employment.

It is likely my son will attend a local English medium school for the rest of his education, and definitely his post-16 education.

Will more than likely need to change school.

My daughter will be disadvantaged as she would not be able to study through the medium of Welsh. Terminology in her subjects are completely different in English and so she would be put under extra pressure if she wanted to attain her best possible grades.

If the proposal was implemented the educational arrangements would have to be reassessed as walking to school would be totally impractical, and there would be a 1/2 mile walk to the nearest public bus route!!!

My child will not attend

It will not only affect his current education, but also future job prospects. It will also cause disruption as he will have to go to an english medium school & friends will also be going to different schools.

It will have a great deal of effect on my family's educational arrangements.

Financial hardship

None. A bus is a luxury that can not be afforded- I am happy to pay for my child's transport- so long as every other child is charged. I am against free transport for everyone except those in well paid jobs.

My child will have no other option but to move schools.

My child would either have to change schools from all her friends or she would have to travel a number of hours per day to get to school and back home.

Impossible journey without free bus

none - as we are lucky we live close to the school

Cant afford to pay

Child will move to nearest English medium school which will mean disruption to his education and have an impact on his relationship with his peer group

will not continue with education through welsh.

Byddwn ni ddim yn debygol o mynychu'r ysgol yma, ac os fyddwn, bydd e'n effeithio gallu fy nhad i weithio gan fydd e'n gorfod darparu trafndiaeth yn aml.

Mi fydd fy mhlentyn wedyn yn cael ei anfon i ysgol wahanol/Saesneg lle does dim tal ar gyfer trafndiaeth.

Distrywio

Gormod o arian

Does dim wahaniaeth i mi achos rydw i yn fyw tua milltir i ffwrdd

Byddaf yn newid ysgol i mynd i ysgol agosach.

Bydd hi'n synhwyrol i symud ysgol

dim newid

Os oedd angen talu i fynd ar y bysiau byddaf angen symud i ysgol lleol sydd yn ysgol saesneg!

Bydd rhaid drawsnewid i ysgol o fewn bellter cerdded , ond fydd rhaid trawsnewid i barhau dan addysg Saesneg

Ni fyddaf yn fodlon talu gymaint am fws ysgol.

Symud ysgolion (Y Dderwen)

Ansicr

Gormod o arian

dim crimbo presents

Cerdded i'r ysgol felly bydd hyn ddim yn cael effaith ar fy nhrefniadau ysgol.

dim arian i dalu am ddsbarthiadau dawns

Ddim yn siwr

bydd rhaid i mi feindio ysgol arall

Bydd rhaid findo ysgol arall

Llai o arian, dim bwyd anodd i fyw.

Ffeindio ysgol/ coleg arall

Fyddai ddim yn dod i'r ysgol ym rhagor oherwydd y costiau teithio. Bydd angen symud i ysgol agosach, ond fydd yr ysgol yna yn un Saesneg.

Bydd rhaid symud i ysgol saesneg.

Bydd rhaid i mi ddal bws cyhoeddus neu gael dad i roi lifft i fi yn y car.

Os daw'r cynnig hon i rym, ni fyddwn yn gallu dod i'r ysgol oherwydd costau teithio a hefyd pellter. Bydd yn rhaid i mi felly mynychu ysgol Saesneg sy'n agosach i mi.

Rhaid cael swydd yn lle prhau efo addysg

Cadw y bwisiau fel mae yn and ddim arian.

Dydw i ddim yn siwr

Mi fydd efallai rhaid i fy rhieni newid amseroedd ei swyddi sydd bron yn amhosib.

Methu mynd i ysgol Gymraeg

Anodd iawn i drefnu cludiant i gyrraedd yr ysgol erbyn 8.20yb Dw i ddim yn hapus gorfod talu costau ychwanegol chwaith!

Cael effaith ar ein swyddi!

Bydd i dim yn talu

Symud i ysgol gyfun lleol

byddwn i ddim yn dod i ysgol llangynwyd rhagor oherwydd mae'r tal yn rhi uchel ac bydd angen i mi creu trefniant costys bob dydd.

I have children in year 8 and in primary school, I would end up taking them both out of Welsh school and putting them in a nearby English comp.

I do not drive so my child would have to attend another school, which would be terrible.

Job loss, moving home or changing school, possibly home schooling in English medium

I fear for the knock on effect. If (like me) parents can't afford to pay the transport cost, fewer children will attend 6th form, which will result in less courses being available. This is detrimental to the children's education and the viability of the school. Parents and pupils will see this and withdraw their children before end of year 9. I genuinely am fearful that if implemented this could seriously damage the future of the school. Less pupils will mean less budget and will inevitably result in job losses.

May require to attend a more local school or college (non welsh speaking)

I don't know if I will be able to afford to send my children on the bus so will have to consider English medium schools which would be unfair as my children deserve a welsh medium education irrespective of where they live.

Massive – my child will be forced into English Education just because we live far away and the bus has to go that way anyway for under 16's

Have to move schools

No effect – would not use

None. Education is more important

Possibly being late for school. Unable to afford costs.

She will have to stop Welsh medium education.

Bydd hi'n anodd dros ben I fy mhleintyn ddilyn addyst trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg – Dydy hyn ddim yn dderbyniol.

Have to attend an English comp which is closer to home.

My sons would have to continue education in an English school.

It will make things very difficult in getting my children to school in time for me to attend work. Children would end up being late/absent from school more frequently.

My children will have to go to a local comprehensive instead.

Will look into changing to a nearer school. This would be English Language Education.

My child will not likely be continuing her education in a Welsh medium, I personally will be furious because she will have wasted her time, the extra help that WILL be demanded from the council to re-educate my child to a suitable school will probably cost more than the bus.

Bydd rhaid ail-ystyriad anfon fy mhlant I ysgol addysg Gymraeg yn anffodus.

Will not be attending Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg as the cost for two children would be unacceptable.

My child will need to go on the bus if they want to stay at Llangynwyd. Otherwise he would need to move to a local school where he can walk. Buses should be provided by the Council, as Llangynwyd is the nearest (welsh) school to us.

I would have reconsider putting my daughter in Llangynwyd as I have children in another school and can't get to both schools in the mornings.

If there is a cost implemented we may have to look for a school within walking distance.

Dim o gwbl, heblaw am y cost! Dylai plant oedran ysgol, derbyn bws yn rhad ac am ddim am eu haddysg! Trwy unrhyw gyfrwng!

Financial. Wuldn't be able to continue a Welsh education as very soon my youngest will be starting welsh education and I couldn't afford to pay full amount for both children to travel to school. For two children cost would be £34.10 a week and the local English school would be able to walk to

Will probably send my daughter to Porthcawl comp for all education. May change to English primary school.

My child wouldn't be able to continue with A levels through the medium of Welsh.

My children would not be able to attend school as I cannot drive them everyday due to a disability and work and children in primary school.