

Working for our Children's Future Education



“Our greatest asset, like all countries, is our people. How and what we invest in our young people in particular will have a bearing on our prospects for decades.”

Leanne Wood AM, Plaid Cymru Leader

We want to see Wales reclaim its name as a beacon of educational excellence. Plaid Cymru wants all of our children and young people to reach their full potential. We will ensure high standards of teaching, the latest equipment and the best possible outcomes for each and every child.

Plaid Cymru has worked for Wales

- To ensure that no child is left behind, we doubled the funding per pupil of the Pupil Deprivation Grant in 2014. We now want to ensure that this funding is most effectively used to support children from deprived backgrounds reach their full potential.
- Plaid Cymru opposed the school banding system from the start as it created league tables under another name. Our opposition led to the Welsh Government abandoning plans to introduce these for primary schools and eventually scrapped banding for secondary schools.
- As part of the One Wales Government, we introduced the Welsh Medium Education Strategy under which local authorities have to measure demand for Welsh-medium education. The Strategy also sets targets for increasing provision of Welsh-medium education. The obligation on local authorities to measure demand is now statutory under the Schools Standards and Organisation Act.
- We oppose the truancy tax – fixed penalty notices of up to £150 imposed on parents of children absent from school without authorization. Improved communication between schools and families is an effective way of dealing with absence from school without penalising often vulnerable families. We secured agreement from the Welsh Government for a review after a year of the truancy tax.