

The Flying Start bilingual journey

Childcare

Did you know that eligible children aged 2 and older can access their funded Flying Start Childcare placement (12.5 hours per week) through the medium of Welsh in a Cylch Meithrin?

You have a choice

Ask for a Welsh-medium Flying Start provision (called Dechrau'n Deg) when choosing childcare.

Do I have to be able to speak Welsh myself?

No, 76% of children who attend Cylch Meithrin come from homes where Welsh isn't spoken. If you'd like to learn, we offer free, fun Welsh lessons through [Clwb Cwtsh](#). Mudiad Meithrin also offers you and your family loads of support and advice:

Applying for a Welsh-medium school place

Have you considered choosing Welsh-medium education when applying for School Nursery or Reception? Find out more on your Local Authority's website, or contact your local Family Information Service.



Childcare:
[What is Flying Start | Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council](#)

Applying for a Welsh-medium Nursery or Reception place:
[Pre-nursery and nursery school admissions | Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council](#)

Cymraeg for Kids 0 - 1 years (Bilingual support group)

Cymraeg for Kids offers practical support for you to use Welsh with your baby. Cymraeg for Kids officers across Wales offer fun, free groups including baby massage, baby yoga and sign, story and rhyme sessions.



For more information visit Mudiad Meithrin's website:

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Cylch Ti a Fi 0 - 4 years (Welsh-medium stay and play group)

The Cylch Ti a Fi offers you and your child the opportunity to meet with other families to play, share experiences and offers practical support for you and your child to use Welsh.



Cylch Meithrin & Welsh-medium nurseries 0 - 4 years

A Cylch Meithrin (Welsh-medium playgroup) or Welsh-medium nursery offers your child an opportunity to socialise with other children and learn through play, under the guidance of professional and qualified staff while being immersed in the Welsh language. Here's the beginning of your child's journey towards Welsh-medium education and becoming bilingual.

