

## Education and Life-Long Learning Committee

### Policy Review: Supply of School Places

#### Catholic Dioceses in Wales

We agree that there is a need to keep the number of school places under review. We can also see clearly the need to establish procedures for the systematic and effective forecasting of all the issues which might affect the provision of places over a defined period, say ten years. We will continue to work in partnership with local authorities as they consider the capacity of schools and develop their pupil forecasting methodology.

Regarding surplus places, whilst we support the concept of 'value for money' strategies, we would not subscribe to the solution of problems by the application of simplistic formulas. For example, in terms of pupil development, positive advantages can often accrue from the prudent use of accommodation which, in purely administrative terms, might be deemed to be surplus to the requirements of a LEA.

#### Roman Catholic Schools in the Dioceses of Cardiff, Menevia and Wrexham.

Across Wales there are 80 Roman Catholic primary and 17 secondary schools in which 1,235 teachers serve some 27,000 pupils. Of the 17 secondary schools, 12 have sixth forms, the remainder are 11-16 schools. There is also a Catholic 6<sup>th</sup> form College providing education to 950 post 16 students in the Cardiff area. The majority of the schools are to be found in South Wales, predominately at Newport, Cardiff and Swansea. The schools are served by approximately 1,000 foundation governors. These governors are appointed by the Trustees of the three catholic dioceses and form the majority on each of the governing bodies to which they are appointed.

#### Total Number of Schools

	Primary	Secondary
Cardiff Diocese	47	11
Wrexham Diocese	15	3
Menevia	18	3

<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>17</b>
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### Total Number of Pupils

	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>
Cardiff Diocese	9,543	7,333
Wrexham Diocese	3,040	1,902
Menevia	3,387	1,326
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,970</b>	<b>10,561</b>

### Total Number of Permanent Teachers

	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>
Cardiff Diocese	353	409
Wrexham Diocese	123	112
Menevia	112	126
<b>Total</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>647</b>

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