

S4C Authority Consultation Paper - Serving Children in the Digital Future

On behalf of Estyn, I write the following response to the S4C Authority Consultation Paper - Serving Children in the Digital Future.

Estyn wishes the S4C Authority well on its consultation into Serving Children in the Digital Future. It is not appropriate for Estyn to offer detailed comments on the options outlined in the paper.

We appreciate S4C's contribution to facilitating the use of the Welsh language among children through providing original Welsh language programmes. A large number of Wales' children have benefited greatly from watching Welsh language programmes for pre-school ages, be they first language Welsh speakers or learners. Welsh language television programmes are often the first contact with the language for children from non Welsh speaking homes.

Watching Welsh language television programmes also extends contact hours with the language outside the class room for primary and secondary age pupils from non Welsh speaking homes. Welsh language television programmes also teach and strengthen pupils' vocabulary and syntax. They also hear a variety of accents and dialects as they watch and enjoy programmes in the Welsh language.