**Newport**

Millbrook Primary School is the hub for the Children First Pioneer area in the Bettws community and Pillgwenlly Primary School in the Pillgwenlly community. Millbrook primary school has established itself as a children’s learning community and has a history of working in partnership with other statutory and non-statutory services to deliver better outcomes for children.

Millbrook Primary is one of the host sites for the Team Around the Cluster (a multi-agency approach established in Newport to locate agencies including Families First, Flying Start, and Social Services and Education Welfare at a school or similar setting within each cluster.) Since this has been established, Millbrook Primary has seen a significant reduction in the number of Children on the Child Protection Register. The most influential factor for this, is the way in which the agencies work together.

Within the Pioneer area collaboration across agencies has strengthened the provision that they offer to families and their communities. This includes:

* Collaboration with Gwent Police to train staff across Newport and establish Operation Encompass. This allows the early exchange of information between education and police when domestic violence has occurred;
* Collaboration with Gwent Police to pilot and establish the Heddlu Bach/Mini Police initiative;
* Collaboration with The ACE Support Hub Wales and The Education Achievement Service. All schools across Newport have had ACE training for professionals. Through the pilot multi-agency training has been provided. Training has also taken place for families at Millbrook;
* Collaboration with Save the Children Wales has enabled us to research and pilot Families Connect for 3 year olds as a new early intervention programme;
* Collaboration with Barnardos Cymru to pilot a child-centred approach to community research. Barnardo’s and the children have developed a *Finding your voice* toolkit to support other schools across the city to become more involved in community consultation work.

Next steps for the Newport Pioneer include working with Save the Children Wales and other key partners to develop a Bettws as an Early Learning Community.