



# Cylch Meithrin Ysgol y Bedol

Child-led planning: Empowering young decision makers

## Background

Cylch Meithrin Ysgol y Bedol is a thriving full day care centre offering children enriching experiences through dedicated indoor and outdoor spaces, including a garden and chicken coop. The centre maintains strong connections with the school community, creating diverse learning environments where young minds develop naturally and confidently.

## What are they doing differently?

Cylch Meithrin Ysgol y Bedol places children at the heart of their decision-making, giving them choice and control over their learning environment and daily activities. This includes:

- involving the children in planning their activities; the children decide what they want to do and where they want to do it
- providing a functional kitchen area designed with the children in mind
- empowering children to use IT facilities to choose and order their own food supplies for the setting. Children are supported through the process; from selecting items to accepting deliveries
- enabling the children's voices to shape their daily experiences and learning opportunities

This approach transforms children from passive participants to active decision-makers, developing responsibility and independence while creating a genuine sense of ownership over their childcare environment.

## Impact ...

- Independent learners who confidently express choices and opinions
- Enhanced engagement as children participate in activities they've helped plan
- Improved numeracy skills through 'real world' use of numbers
- Stronger sense of belonging and community as children take ownership of their space
- Early awareness of various careers and local jobs through a range of experiences

*We are ensuring that children are actively planning their own authentic learning. Children are happy and fully engaged in their learning as a result of this effective planning approach.*