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| **TITLE**  | **Publication of the Welsh Government's Annual Report for *Cymraeg 2050* (2019-20)** |
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It’s a pleasure to publish the [2019-20 Annual Report on our Welsh language strategy *Cymraeg 2050: A million Welsh speakers*](https://gov.wales/welsh-language-strategy-annual-report-2019-2020). This is the third time we’ve shared our progress on our long-term strategy for the Welsh language.

I’m pleased to share the work we’ve done implementing our strategy’s objectives over the past year with Members today.

Once again, we’re recording our progress against the three strategic themes of *Cymraeg 2050:*

• Theme 1: Increasing the number of speakers
• Theme 2: Increasing the use of Welsh
• Theme 3: Creating favourable conditions – infrastructure and context

We’ve succeeded in strengthening the essential foundations we laid during 2018-19. We have done this by working across Government, with our grant partners and at the heart of our communities across Wales, as well as in a number of e-communities.

This report is an opportunity to look back at the 2019-20 financial year. Of course, so much has changed since March this year, and although the context of our work may have changed dramatically since we launched *Cymraeg 2050* in the summer of 2017, our strategic priorities remain the same. COVID-19 has definitely presented new challenges, but it has also created many exciting new opportunities. I strongly believe that the hard work already achieved provides a solid foundation for the next government to continue delivering our vision of reaching a million Welsh speakers by 2050.