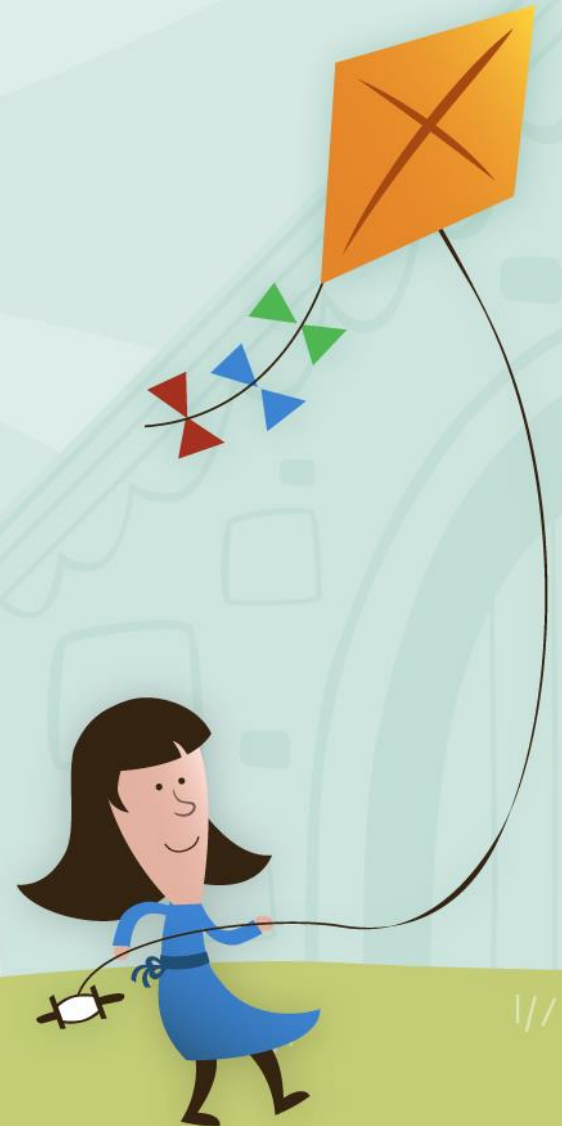


# Consultation Findings

## Plan to change schools in Flintshire – Ysgol Maes Edwin, Flint Mountain

Children and Young People's Version

January 2015



# What have we been doing?

We are part of a team that work for the Council to support schools.

We recently spoke to a number of children and young people about the plans for Ysgol Maes Edwin, Flint Mountain.





We wanted to know what you thought about the plans for Ysgol Maes Edwin, Flint Mountain.

Some of you have taken the time to send in letters and completed our booklets on the plans for Ysgol Maes Edwin, Flint Mountain.

We asked you:

Q.1 how you would feel if Ysgol Maes Edwin, Flint Mountain were to close;

Q.2 is there anything else you would like to see happen instead, and

Q.3 if you would like to say anything else.

# What did we ask you?

# Ysgol Maes Edwin Responses -

## Q.1 How would you feel if Ysgol Maes Edwin were to close?

- I don't want the school close
- We are all upset
- Why us?
- We have lots of children
- I would not want to move schools
- We would lose our memories
- We would lose our friends
- There are no reasons to shut us down
- It makes me feel terrible
- You have no rights to close down the school
- I would have to travel far away to another school
- It's a big mistake
- It makes me feel devastated
- I don't want to leave
- It's a bad choice
- I feel upset



# Ysgol Maes Edwin Responses – (continued)

## Q.1 How would you feel if Ysgol Maes Edwin were to close?

- This makes me feel terrible
- You are doing something very wrong
- It makes me sad/very sad/extremely sad
- There is no room for all of us to be together
- I will miss my teachers
- I have no other school to go to
- I might get bullied at another school
- I moved from a big school – the teachers bullied me
- This makes me feel angry
- I don't want to be split up from my friends
- The school has been gifted to us
- I would miss everyone
- We do not deserve to be closed down
- The teachers would have to find new jobs
- We have been distressed



# Ysgol Maes Edwin Responses -

## Q.2 Is there anything else you would like to see happen instead?

- Please do not close our school
- Please don't
- Save our school
- You should acknowledge that there are 73 children in the school





# Ysgol Maes Edwin Responses –

## Q.3 Is there anything else you would like to say?

- I like playing with my friends
- We go on trips
- The school has been standing on this ground for many years
- The school has helped us learn
- We have fun
- We get lots of opportunities
- We love our school/teacher
- We want our children to come here
- We have learnt so much
- I became confident when I moved here
- We have lots of history
- Its very welcoming
- All people in the school feel safe
- The school has changed my life
- I feel safe here
- We may be small but we are as good as a big school
- We all have lots of good memories
- We are a big family
- My family went to this school
- I know all the teachers
- I have been here since nursery
- The school has given me lots of opportunities
- The school has a lot of history
- We play lots of sports
- We love this school
- I love my friends
- We go on trips
- It's a great school
- My teachers help me



# School Council Responses

We also met with members of School Councils from schools which could be affected by any of the proposed plans for Ysgol Maes Edwin, Flint Mountain. The schools consulted were:

- Ysgol Owen Jones, Northop
- Cornist Park CP

A School Councils discussed the plans in their own meeting;

- Ysgol Gwynedd

We asked you:

- Q1. how you would feel if Ysgol Maes Edwin were to close;
- Q2. how you would feel about making new friends;
- Q3. is there anything else you would like to see happen instead, and
- Q4. if you would like to say anything else.





## Ysgol Owen Jones, Northop School Council Responses -

Q.1 How would you feel if Ysgol Maes Edwin were to close?

- Mixed Emotions
- Sad
- Ok
- I don't mind



## Ysgol Owen Jones, Northop School Council Responses -

Q.2 How would you feel about making new friends?

- Happiness
- Hope that new pupils would fit in
- Hope that nice people would come
- I don't mind
- Fear of being bullied
- Fear pupils would not be nice



## Ysgol Owen Jones, Northop School Council Responses -

Q.3 Is there anything else you would like to see happen instead?

- They could build an extension

## Ysgol Owen Jones, Northop School Council Responses -

Q.4 Would you like to say anything else?

- no further comments made



## Cornist CP School Council Responses - Q.1 How would you feel if Ysgol Maes Edwin were to close?

- Concern for pupils at Ysgol Maes Edwin losing their friends
- Concern for teachers at Ysgol Maes Edwin losing their jobs
- Concern for where pupils would go
- Sad Face
- You don't really need a school there as there are lots of other schools
- They would have to buy new uniforms and that costs money
- Children would not have an education
- It could take a while to find a new friend



## Cornist CP School Council Responses - Q.2 How would you feel about making new friends?

- Ok
- Don't mind
- Worried
- Nice
- Make everyone feel welcome
- There might not be enough room in our school because were nearly full
- Children might really love their school and might feel they don't fit in



## Cornist CP School Council Responses - Q.3 Is there anything else you would like to see happen instead?

- The could do a fundraising event to extend their school and make it bigger
- They could put up a banner



## Cornist CP School Council Responses - Q4. Would you like to say anything else?

- What will happen to the building?
- The buses running through the village take a long time to get through
- Would not be good for parents because they would need to buy new uniform
- How would they get to their new school?
- What would happen to the teachers?
- I would wish them the best
- I would know how they feel



## Ysgol Gwynedd School Council Responses -

Q.1 How would you feel if Ysgol Maes Edwin were to close?

- Happy for more children in this school
  - Excited
  - New friends
  - New games and ideas
  - Happy
  - Sad for other children
  - Excited if they were to come to this school
  - We would make sure the children feel welcome, help them, make them feel not alone
- Would give them a warm welcome



## Ysgol Gwynedd School Council Responses -

Q.2 How would you feel about making new friends?

- I would feel happy because I would make new friends
- I will get to meet new friends
- Happy, excited, shy, nervous



## Ysgol Gwynedd School Council Responses -

Q.3 Would you like to say anything else?

- We have full classes and classes with spaces we are worried about the impact on full classes



## Ysgol Gwynedd School Council Responses -

Q.4 Is there anything else you would like to see happen instead?

- They could turn the school into something fun for everyone
- Find area and build a new building
- Make it better
- Like to be knocked down and built in to something else





# What happens next?

The Council will have a meeting to decide what to do.  
We will let everyone know the outcome.

If the decision is to close Ysgol Maes Edwin, Flint Mountain then a notice letting everyone know this, will go up outside the school for a short period of time. This is called a 'statutory notice' or objection period.

If the decision is to close Ysgol Maes Edwin, Flint Mountain, anyone can object (disagree) to the proposal by writing or emailing during the statutory notice or objection period.



# How long do things take?

October 2015

December 2015 January 2016

February 2016

April 2016

September 2016

Consultation Period until 2<sup>nd</sup>  
December – now ended

Objection  
Period Jan-  
Feb 2016

1. People told us what they thought.

2. We collected all the responses and told everyone what the main comments were.

3. The Council will have a meeting to decide what to do. We will then let everyone know what the decision is.

4. We collect all the objection letters/ objection emails and tell everyone what the main comments are.

5. The Council will have a final meeting to decide what to do. We will then let everyone know what the decision is.

6. Any changes agreed will start from this date.



If you want to find out more, there are documents on the internet for parents, teachers, teaching staff and members of your school community. Log onto:

[www.flintshire.gov.uk/schoolmodernisation](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/schoolmodernisation)

**Thank you**

