

# **NOTICE OF SCHOOL ORGANISATION PROPOSALS UNDER THE SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013**

## **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE DIOCESE OF ST ASAPH**

Notice is given in accordance with Sections 43 and 48 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, and the School Organisation Code 2018 that Flintshire County Council of County Hall, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6ND (“the Local Authority”), having consulted such persons as required, propose to:-

- **Discontinue Lixwm Community Primary School, Ffordd Gledlom, Lixwm, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 8NF (“Discontinued School”) from 31 August 2020. The Discontinued School is maintained by the Local Authority.**

Notice is also given in accordance with Sections 41 and 48 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, and the School Organisation Code 2018 that the Diocese of St Asaph, Diocesan Office, High Street, St Asaph, Denbighshire, LL17 0RD (“the Diocese”), having consulted such person as required, propose to:-

- **Establish a new Church in Wales Voluntary Aided primary school for boys and girls aged 3-11 (“Proposed New School”) from 1 September 2020 on the site of the Discontinued School. The Proposed New School will have a religious character of Church in Wales. The Proposed New School will be an English Medium Category 5 school and be maintained by the Local Authority.**

### **Discontinued School**

The Local Authority undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the proposer’s responses and the views of Estyn is available on [www.flintshire.gov.uk](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk), or alternatively you may request a copy by emailing [21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk)

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 31 August 2020.

The school which pupils at the Discontinued School may attend, subject to any admission arrangements, is the Proposed New School which will operate from the same site as the Discontinued School and will have the same language category as that school, namely English Medium Category 5.

Parents/carers may express a preference for another school and the Local Authority will comply with any such expressed preference subject to section 86 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

Home to school transport arrangements for pupils will be determined in accordance with the Local Authority's Home to School Transport Eligibility Policy.

### **Proposed New School**

The Diocese (together with the Local Authority) undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the proposer's responses and the views of Estyn is available on [www.flintshire.gov.uk](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk), or alternatively you may request a copy by emailing [21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk)

It is proposed to implement the proposal on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

The Proposed New School will be a Church in Wales voluntary aided school which will have a religious character.

The Proposed New School will operate from the same site and service the same age range as the Discontinued School, namely for boys and girls aged 3 – 11. It will also be in the same language category as the Discontinued School, namely English Medium Category 5.

The governing body of the school will be the admission authority. The Proposed New School will adopt its own admissions policy with the support from the Church in Wales. However the Local Authority will maintain the Proposed New School.

The admission number at the Proposed New School in the first year in which the proposals have been implemented is 10. The Proposed New School's pupil capacity will be 71.

Home to school transport arrangements for pupils will be determined in accordance with the Local Authority's Home to School Transport Eligibility Policy as of the date of implementation.

Parents/carers may express a preference for another school and the Local Authority will comply with any such expressed preference subject to section 86 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

The Proposed New School will be implemented jointly by both the Diocese and the Local Authority and will work together to implement.

### **Discontinued School and Proposed New School**

In relation to both the Discontinued School and Proposed New School, within a minimum period of 28 days of the date on which the proposal were published, that is to say by **14 February 2020** any person may object to the proposals.

Objections should be sent in by email to [21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk) or in writing to Claire Homard, Chief Officer, Education and Youth, Flintshire County Council, County Hall, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6ND.

Please note that it would be helpful if any such objection sent by email or post contain the full name and postal address of the objector.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CH Homard". The initials "CH" are written in a stylized, cursive font, followed by the name "Homard" in a similar cursive script.

**Claire Homard**  
**Chief Officer – Education and Youth**  
**For Flintshire County Council**

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "RS Williams". The initials "RS" are written in a cursive font, followed by the name "Williams" in a similar cursive script. A long, horizontal flourish is drawn below the signature.

**Rosalind Williams**  
**Director of Education and Lifelong Learning**  
**For the Diocese of St Asaph**

14 January 2020

## **Explanatory Note**

**(This explanatory note does not form part of the Notice but is offered by way of explanation).**

- a. The reasons for the proposals contained in the Notice were set out in a consultation document circulated in September 2019.
- b. Copies of the consultation document, the consultation report, the Local Authority's Home to School Transport Eligibility Policy and the Local Authority's Information for Parents booklet (setting out schools admissions procedures) are available at the address set out in paragraph 1 of the Notice and on the Local Authority's website at [www.flintshire.gov.uk](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk)
- c. The Act gives the Local Authority the power to close a community school and the Diocese the power to open a voluntary aided school. Accordingly, the Local Authority and the Diocese have worked jointly on the proposals and will work together to implement them should they be determined.
- d. Delegated funding for the Proposed New School will be in accordance with the Local Authority's local funding formula for schools.
- e. The home to school transport arrangements in place for pupils attending the Discontinued School who go on to attend the Proposed New School will be determined in accordance with the Local Authority's Home to School Transport Eligibility Policy as at the date of implementation of the proposals (as amended from time to time).