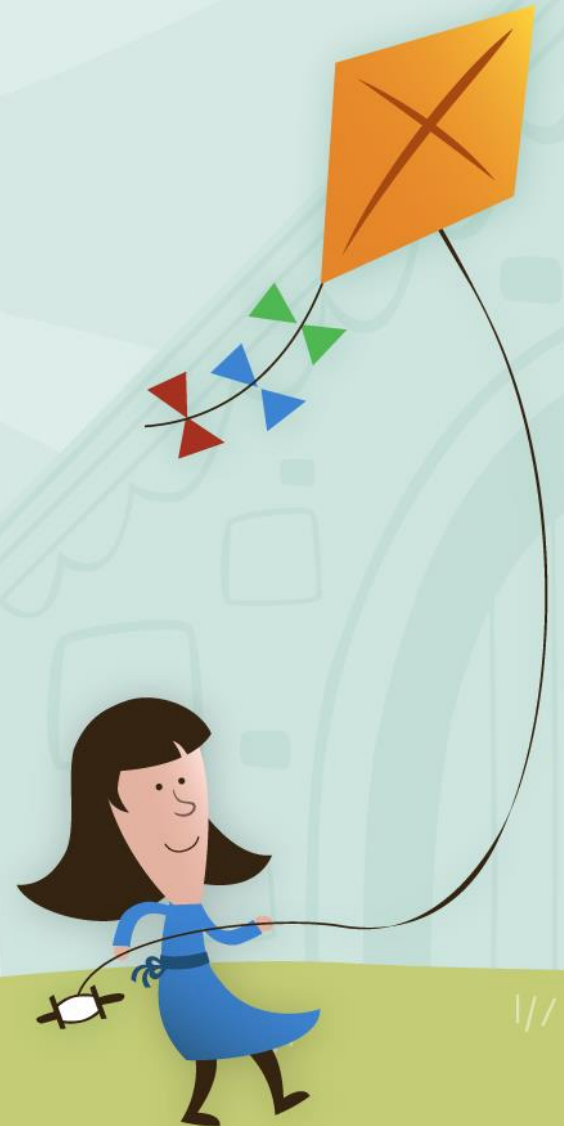


Consultation Findings

Plan to change schools in Flintshire – Ysgol Llanfynydd

Children and Young people's version

January 2016



What have we been doing?

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

We recently came to speak to you about the plans for Ysgol Llanfynydd.





We wanted to know what you thought about the plans for Ysgol Llanfynydd.

Some of you from your School Council came along to a session, where you told us what you thought about the plans.

Some of you also took the time to write letters and completed our booklets on the plans for Ysgol Llanfynydd.

We also asked you:

Q1. how you would feel if Ysgol Llanfynydd were to close;

Q2. how you would feel about making new friends;

Q3. how you would feel about the possibility of being taught by new teachers;

Q4. is there anything else you would like to see happen instead, and

Q5. if you would like to say anything else.

What did we ask you?

Ysgol Llanfynydd School Council Responses – Icebreaker: What do you like about Ysgol Llanfynydd?

- There are not many people in the school which makes it good
- Its quiet small so you get a lot of attention
- I love my school
- It's a historic building that had amazing facilities
- This school has been open for over 150 years
- I like our school field because we are allowed to play on it
- Safe, everyone has friends, happy, everyone is kind
- The people know each other
- We always share a great time working and its happy
- The teachers rule – they are kind, excellent
- The teachers know all about everyone, they are wonderful
- We take part in lots of activities and go on trips
- We have a good breakfast and after school club
- We raise lots of money for charity
- It's a special school – its amazing
- It would be a shame to close the school
- We enjoy singing with the choir at Christmas
- I have wonderful friends
- We are a family
- It's a marvellous, brilliant school
- It's a great school
- Our library has been remodelled it would be a waste of money
- It's a lovely caring place
- It's a beautiful school in a great location
- It's a big part of the community
- Many people came here when they were younger
- I want to send my children to this school
- We have been here since nursery
- It's a fun school – we have fun
- We get visits from people in the village
- There is no bullying
- It's a brilliant school
- We have the best learning
- It's a unique school
- We are a small school, but we do big things



Ysgol Llanfynydd School Council Responses – Icebreaker: What would you change?

- You did not wish to change anything about Ysgol Llanfynydd
- Its perfect as it is



Ysgol Llanfynydd School Council Responses -

Q1. How would you feel if Ysgol Llanfynydd were to close?

- Angry
- Feel annoyed
- I would feel sad/very sad
- It would be upsetting to see the building close
- We would lose our memories
- I would feel heartbroken
- Don't separate friends
- I would feel alone in my new school
- Traumatized
- I would be devastated
- I would be cross
- Unhappy
- I would miss my teachers
- It would be horrible if the teachers lost their jobs
- Scared, weird, anxious, disappointed
- It would be horrible to never see my friends
- Don't rip the heart out of our community
- Our village would be ghost town
- The schools raises loads of money for charity
- The school is lovely and safe
- All of our teachers would have to get a new job
- Do you really have the heart to close the school
- It may separate siblings and friends
- It would be a shame to close the school
- Worried
- I would miss my friends
- I would never see the teachers again
- It would affect the school we raise money for in Tanzania
- Other children would miss out going to this school
- Nervous, upset, worried



Ysgol Llanfynydd School Council Responses -

Q2. How would you feel about making new friends?

- Angry face
- It would be awkward
- I would not like it would be scary
- I would feel a bit nervous
- Making new friends is nerve wracking
- Please do not do it
- I don't want new friends I like my friends now
- Don't break us apart
- Some sisters and brothers will break up
- All of my friends may not see each other again
- Keep friends together
- It will be good to make new friends but I would like to stay with all of my friends
- Me and my friends have know each other for a long time
- I love my fiend and my school
- I would like making new friends but it still wont be the same
- It may be okay
- It would be hard
- Please care



Ysgol Llanfynydd School Council Responses -

Q3. How would you feel about the possibility to being taught by new teachers?

- I would feel scared
- Boo
- It would be scary because you don't know how nice they are
- I would feel nervous
- It would be strange
- It wouldn't feel the same
- It would be different because I have been in the school for years
- I would not like it
- I don't know
- I love my teachers
- Don't take them away – what will happen to them
- I might not see them again
- They should not lose their jobs, its not their fault
- They wouldn't know me so well
- Bossy
- It would be nice but nothing would be better than my teachers



Ysgol Llanfynydd School Council Responses -

Q4. Is there anything else you would like to see happen instead?

- We should stay open
- There are buses that come to the village with no one on them – they could be used
- We should join another school
- Our friends should stay together
- How about building an extension
- We could save money
- The new head works in another school – we should share him
- You could make savings anywhere
- Do you really have the heart to close the school
- Get more children
- Close other buildings
- We have already saved money sharing our headteacher and English Teacher
- No!
- Save our School



Ysgol Llanfynydd School Council Responses - Q5. Would you like to say anything else?

- Play workers cost money why do we have them if we need to save money
- They are building in the area – where are the new pupils going to go
- The lights in the village should be turned off after a certain time to save money
- What will happen to the fields and school



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 Llanfynydd. The schools consulted were:

- Ysgol Parc y Llan
- Bwlchgwyn CP
- Ysgol Estyn

A School Councils discussed the plans in their own meeting;

- Abermorddu CP



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- Q4. if you would like to say anything else.



Ysgol Parc Y Llan School Council Responses -

Q1. How would you feel if Ysgol
Llanfynydd were to close?

- Happy
- Mixed Emotions
- Sad
- The school would need to pay out more money if there were more pupils and buy more equipment
- Pupil wouldn't learn anymore if the school was to close



Ysgol Parc Y Llan School Council Responses -

Q2. How would you feel about making
new friends?

- Happy about making new friends
- Happy (smiley face)
- Great but wouldn't want to lose current friends
- Not happy in case lose current friends



Ysgol Parc Y Llan School Council Responses -

Q4. Is there anything else you would like to see happen instead?

- Send some pupils from the bigger schools to Ysgol Llanfynydd
- Could extend their school
- Could their school join together with another school



Ysgol Parc Y Llan School Council Responses -

Q5. Would you like to say anything else?

- What do we get back for our Headteacher working 2 days a well at Ysgol Llanfynydd
- Why do the children not come here?
- Will we get more staff and more money
- Will there be a bigger bus from Leeswood to our school



Bwlchgwyn CP School Council Responses -

Q1. How would you feel if Ysgol Llanfynydd were to close?

- Angry
- Not fair
- Sad (sad faces)
- I think if the school closes it would be hard for the kids to get a new school
- Parents will have to take time off and will not be able to earn money
- Stay open (Smiley face)



Bwlchgwyn CP School Council Responses -

Q2. How would you feel about making new friends?

- Happy
- Good
- Hard for them
- Worried
- Shy
- Would be frightened
- Use the golden moments box
- Could use the worry pig



Bwlchgwyn CP School Council Responses -

Q3. Is there anything else you would like to see happen instead?

- The school could do some fundraising
- Could they find new ways to get more pupils in
- Could make the school exciting
- The schools looks great
- Could make the school bigger



Bwlchgwyn CP School Council Responses -

Q4. Would you like to say anything else?

- The school looks amazing it should not really close
- Do they have different class sizes
- How many classrooms do they have
- The school could visit other schools and could share ideas



Abermorddu CP School Council Responses -

Q1. How would you feel if Ysgol Llanfynydd were to close?

- We would have some concerns

Abermorddu CP School Council Responses -

Q4. Would you like to say anything else?

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



Abermorddu CP School Council Responses -

Q3. Is there anything else you would like to see happen instead?

- We are sad but we cannot think of an alternative



Ysgol Estyn School Council Responses - Q1. How would you feel if Ysgol Llanfynydd were to close?

- Happy
- I don't mind
- Sad

Ysgol Estyn School Council Responses - Q2. How would you feel about making new friends?

- Happy about making new friends
- Happy
- Shy
- Sad



Ysgol Estyn School Council Responses - Q3. Is there anything else you would like to see happen instead?

- Money could be raised for the school so that it doesn't close
- Could make the school bigger and extend it so more pupils can go
- Could advertise for more children



Ysgol Estyn School Council Responses - Q4. Would you like to say anything else?

- Nothing was raised



What happens next?

The Council will have a meeting, look at all the feedback from the consultations and decide what to do. We will let everyone know the outcome.

If the decision is to close Ysgol Llanfynydd, 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 Llanfynydd, 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
2nd 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

Thank you

