

STATUTORY NOTICE

Proposal to Reorganise the Catholic Education Provision in Flintshire

To create a single 3-18 Catholic school within Flintshire by:

1. **Discontinuing St Anthony's Catholic, St David's Catholic and St Mary's Catholic primary schools, and also St Richard Gwyn Catholic secondary school**
2. **Creating a single all-through 3-18 Catholic education school**

Notice is given in accordance with section 43 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code 2018 that Flintshire County Council, having consulted such persons as required, proposes to discontinue the following voluntary aided schools:

- St Anthony's Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School, High Street, Saltney CH4 8SG.
- St David's Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School, St David's Lane, Mold CH7 1LH.
- St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School, Ffordd Llewelyn, Flint CH6 5JZ.
- St Richard Gwyn Catholic Voluntary Aided High School, Albert Avenue, Flint CH6 5JZ

Notice is also given in accordance with Section 41 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code 2018 that the Catholic Diocese of Wrexham and Flintshire County Council, having consulted such persons as required, propose to establish a new English-medium Catholic Voluntary Aided school for girls and boys aged 3-18 years (hereinafter referred to as "the new school"). 'Voluntary Aided' category schools are church schools and the Diocese contributes to the building costs and has a substantial influence on the running of the school. The Governing Body employs the staff and sets the admissions criteria. No provision will be made for either selection by aptitude or pupil banding

The new school will be located at Ffordd Llewelyn / Albert Avenue, Flint CH6 5JZ.

The overall capacity of the new school will be for 1185 full-time pupils. Capacity will be divided between 315 full-time primary pupil places and 750 secondary full-time pupil places. Sixth-form accommodation will be provided for 120 part-time pupils. Nursery accommodation will be provided for 45 part-time pupils. For the purposes of school admissions, there will be a published admission number of 45 for entry of full-time pupils into the reception year group, as well as an admission number of 150 for entry of full-time pupils into Year 7.

If the current proposal is agreed and implemented, St David's and St Mary's Catholic Primary Schools, as well as St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School will discontinue on 31 August 2026. The governance structure of the new all through school will start as of 01 September 2026. In effect, the 3-18 school will be established at the existing sites of St David's, St Mary's and St Richard Gwyn respectively and will transfer to the new building when ready.

It is important to note that St Anthony's Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School, High Street, Saltney CH4 8SG is proposed to close 31 August 2026 and will not be part of the proposed new school.

Details of the alternative school/s which pupils can attend:

- Venerable Edward Morgan English-Medium Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School, Caernarfon Close, Shotton CH5 1AR
- St Winefride's English-Medium Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School, Whitford St., Holywell CH8 7NJ
- The New English-Medium Catholic Voluntary Aided 3-18 School, Ffordd Llewelyn/Albert Avenue, Flint CH6 5JZ

This is however subject to parental preference and subject to available places. Parents may express a preference for the said schools, or indeed another school, and the Admitting Authority will comply with

any such expressed preference subject to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, Section 86 (3).

Home to school transport arrangements for pupils attending the new school and for those transferring to an alternative school, including those which transfer to an alternative school not listed above, shall be dealt with in reference to the Flintshire County Council's Home to School Transport Policy.. Details can be found at:

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Transport-Application.aspx>

The Catholic Diocese of Wrexham and Flintshire County Council 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 Estyn's full response is available on the Council's website:

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Modernisation-Related/Catholic-Education-Proposal.aspx>

A Welsh Language Impact Assessment and an Equality, Community and Transport Impact Assessment have been undertaken in accordance with the School Organisation Code (2018). Copies are available at the same link above.

It is proposed that Flintshire County Council will implement the proposal on 01 September 2026.

Within a period of 28 days of the date on which the proposal was published, that is to say by **23:59hrs, 15 December 2025** any person may object to the proposals. Objections should be sent, either by post or via email, to:

- School Modernisation Team, Flintshire County Council, Ty Dewi Sant, St David's Park, Ewloe, Flintshire CH5 3FF
- E-mail: CatholicEducationConsultation@flintshire.gov.uk

Please ensure that any objection submitted contains the full name and the postal address of the objector.

Signed 

17 November 2025

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

- Flintshire County Council has a responsibility to review and modernise all school provision, to make sure that we are providing the best possible opportunities for learners, so that they can achieve their full potential.
- The Council needs to ensure there are a sufficient number of school places, of the right type, in the right locations.
- The need to maintain a large number of ageing school buildings and the supporting infrastructure is unsustainable
- The rationale for this proposal was set out in a Consultation Document published 03 June 2025.
- Issues raised during the consultation period have been summarised in a Consultation Report, which also provides the Council's response to these issues. The Consultation Report is available on the Council's website:
<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Modernisation-Related/Catholic-Education-Proposal.aspx>
- A hard copy of the Consultation report can be requested from the School Modernisation Team (contact as above) or via telephone on 01352 704014, 01352 704018 or 01352 702188.
- The anticipated date that pupils will be relocated to the new school building, that being 01 September 2029, is subject to change depending upon the construction programme.