

CONSULTATION TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF DRURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Introduction

Flintshire County Council is considering changing the way that education is being delivered in your area, by increasing the size of Drury Primary School to allow additional pupils into the school.

The Council is looking to increase the number of full time pupils at Drury Primary School from 124 to 180.

Want more information?

We have prepared more detailed documents on this proposal.

You can follow this link to find out more



<http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Modernisation-Related/Home.aspx>



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What are we doing?

The Council must follow certain processes when considering making significant changes to schools.

As part of these processes we have started a formal discussion to ask for your views to help our decision making process.

Your views are very important to us and will be given to the Council's Cabinet to make a decision to make changes to Drury Primary School.

Councillors will discuss your views, issues and implications of the options for Drury Primary School and then will decide what happens next.



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Drury Primary School - Background

There are a number of primary schools and one high school in the surrounding area

- Drury Primary School is one of five English medium community school in the area
- It can currently accommodate up to 124 full time pupils
- Drury Primary School has consistently been over subscribed creating accommodation problems for the school
- Increased housing developments and pupils in the area has put pressure on demand for places at Drury Primary School



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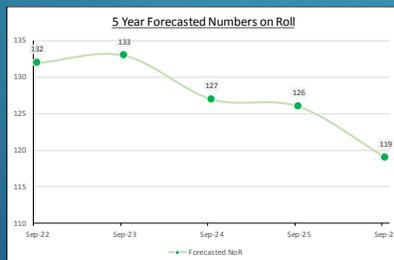
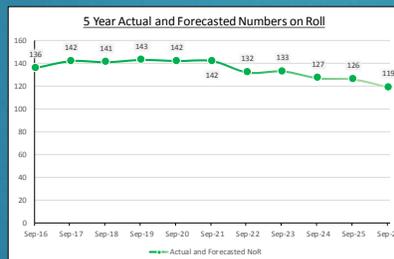
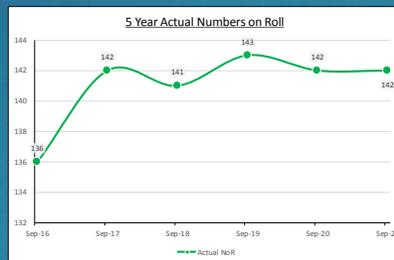


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Drury Primary School – Additional Information



Location of the School	Beech Road, Drury, Buckley, Flintshire, CH7 3EG		
Age Range	3-11		
School Category	Community school		
Language Medium Category	English medium		
	Reception – Year 6	Nursery	
Number of pupils on the school register September 2021	142	12	
Number of pupils on the school register	September 2020	142	18
	September 2019	143	19
	September 2018	141	22
	September 2017	142	15
Capacity	124	12	
Surplus Places	-18		
Pupil Projections	September 2022	132	18
	September 2023	133	17
	September 2024	127	16
	September 2025	126	17
	September 2026	119	17
Building Condition Category	Condition Grade B – Satisfactory Performing as intended but exhibiting minor deterioration.		
Building Suitability	Suitability Grade D - Bad. Buildings seriously inhibit the staff's ability to deliver the curriculum		
Cost to Resolve Condition Issues	£139,102		

Why are we thinking about changing things?

- We would like all children and young people in the local area to attend their local school
- Demand for places at Drury Primary School has increased and we want to address this by building two additional classroom spaces for the school
- The existing school accommodation has significant suitability issues and we would like to address these by remodeling the existing school building



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What are our options?

We have looked at a number of options for Drury Primary School

- Option 1 - Do nothing – this option has been rejected as this would not address the increased demand for pupil places at Drury Primary School and would mean some pupils in the area would potentially have to travel out of the area for their education ☒
- Option 2 – Do the minimum – this option has been rejected as it would not address the ongoing condition and suitability issues at Drury Primary School ☒
- Option 3 – New Build for Drury Primary School – there is not sufficient land on the existing school site to build a new school and no other land available in the area ☒
- Option 3 - Increase the size of Drury Primary School to provide two additional classrooms and remodel the existing school building to allow the school to accept more pupils – **this is our preferred option** ☑

What are we Proposing?

We are proposing the following

- ❖ Increase the size of Drury Primary School from 124 to 180 full time pupils
- ❖ Build two additional classrooms onto the existing school building for Drury Primary School and remodel of the existing school building
- ❖ We are looking to increase the size of the school and complete the building works by September 2024



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What are Advantages and Disadvantages of the proposal?

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none">☺ We address demand for pupil places for the Drury area☺ We address the school suitability and condition issues☺ Reduces the amount of pupils needing to travel outside of the area to access education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">☹ Might be some building disruption for the school and local community whilst the extension is being built



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Timescales

Stage of Process	Key Dates
Formal Consultation	1 March 2022 to 11 April 2022
Cabinet consider the results of the consultation and determines whether to proceed with proposals	July 2022
Council publish statutory notice and enter into objection period	September 2022
Cabinet consider the objection report and determine whether or not to implement the proposals	November 2022
Decision notification letter is issued with outcome from Cabinet determination	December 2022

Tell us what you think

Now we have outlined details about the plans.

We really want to know what you think of them

You can let us know through a number of ways. 

If you would like a paper copy of this document please contact us

21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk

Or call
01352 704014 or 01352 704015

**You must respond by:-
Midnight 11 April 2022**

Online

Using the link to survey

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Y6R54T/>

Paper

Write to us with your views or you can respond in writing to:

School Modernisation Team, Ty Dewi Sant, St David's Park, Ewloe, Flintshire, CH5 3TX

21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk



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Thank You!