

Consultation to Reorganise Saltney Ferry C.P and Saltney Wood Memorial C.P

Closing Saltney Ferry C.P and Saltney Wood Memorial C.P and opening a new maintained community primary school operating on the current two sites whilst a new building is approved and constructed.

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Why are we consulting again?

- . We already asked for views on these proposals in 2025.
- . The process had to be stopped in March 2026 because of a late legal challenge over the separate Catholic Schools proposal which could also have had implications for the Saltney schools' consultation.
- . This meant we could not finish the consultation within the required timescales.
- . Since then, there are new rules (School Organisation Code 2026) that we must follow.
- . We are now starting a new consultation process so that:
 - . It follows the correct legal procedures
 - . Everyone has a fair and up-to-date opportunity to share their views
- . The Council still believes the proposals should be considered, but no final decisions have been made yet.



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Introduction

The Council is seeking your views on a proposal to reorganise Saltney Ferry C.P and Saltney Wood Memorial C.P.

The council proposes to deliver this reorganisation by:

- . Closing Saltney Ferry C.P. and Saltney Wood Memorial C.P with effect from 31 August 2027.
- . The establishment of a new amalgamated community primary school, initially operating across the existing two school sites, from 1 September 2027.
- . The development, subject to planning approval and funding confirmation, of a new purpose-built 315-place English-medium community primary school (including 30 full-time equivalent nursery places) on the current Saltney Wood Memorial C.P. School site, with an anticipated opening date of 1 September 2030.

Want more information?

If you would like to learn more about our plans, we have prepared a more detailed document. Follow this link

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Modernisation-Related/Proposal-To-Reorganise-Saltney-Ferry-C.P-And-Saltney-Wood-Memorial-C.P.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 when they decide upon reorganising primary school education at Saltney Wood Memorial C.P and Saltney Ferry C.P.
- The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is a legally binding international agreement that outlines the civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights of every child, regardless of their race, religion, or abilities. Article 12 states that young people have the right to express their views on matters affecting them, and for those views to be given due consideration.
- Councillors will discuss your views, issues and the implications for reorganising primary school education at Saltney Wood Memorial C.P and Saltney Ferry C.P and then will decide what happens next.



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Background

Saltney Ferry C.P. and Saltney Wood Memorial C.P. are two English-medium community primary schools serving the Saltney area. Both schools have historically been undersubscribed, and projections indicate this trend will continue. Undersubscribed schools are costly to operate and reflect a diminishing demand in the area. Additionally, both schools require expensive repairs, maintenance, and suitability improvements.

As the local authority, it is our duty to provide the right number of school places in the right area and ensure efficient and effective use of finances. Therefore, a proposal has been put forward to close and amalgamate the two schools into a single, state-of-the-art facility using the land attached to the current Saltney Wood Memorial C.P. site.



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Why are we thinking about changing things?

- The current provision of school places in the Saltney area does not align with the number of learners. Projections indicate this imbalance will continue, with too many places available relative to the learner population.
- Saltney Ferry C.P. and Saltney Wood Memorial C.P. require significant repairs and maintenance to address issues with their buildings.
- The local authority aspires to provide the best possible learning environments to help students thrive. It is believed that constructing a modern, first-class facility for the young people of Saltney can achieve this goal.
- Amalgamating Saltney Ferry C.P. and Saltney Wood Memorial C.P. into a single school will generate cost savings through improved operational efficiency. This consolidation will also bring together the experience and expertise of staff from both schools into one institution.



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What are we proposing?

The council is proposing to close Saltney Ferry C.P and Saltney Wood Memorial C.P and initially open an amalgamated primary school on the current school sites. This primary school would have a new name, new uniform, one governing body, one headteacher and one senior leadership team.

It is then proposed that the school will move into a new building on land attached to the current site at Saltney Wood Memorial C.P. The school would have 315 places along with 30 full time nursery places. It is anticipated that this provision would open in September 2030.

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Other options

Status Quo -

- This option would maintain the schools' existing structure and format.

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- The schools would undergo refurbishment based on the actions recommended in the most recent condition and suitability assessments, while maintaining their current structural configuration.
- Amalgamate the two schools on their current sites while investing in their existing facilities.

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What are the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal?

Advantages



- Provides sufficient places to meet the needs of the local area.
- Significantly reduces running costs as there will now be one school rather than two.
- Establishes a new modern school with enhanced resources to provide better learning opportunities.
- Allows the opportunity for both schools to come together as one taking the experience and best practice at both to improve learning outcomes for children

Disadvantages



- Closure of both schools in their current format and the loss of Saltney Ferry C.P altogether.
- Potential redundancies with move from two schools to one.
- Impact of travelling distance on those currently attending Saltney Ferry C.P who would now have to travel to a new school on the Saltney Wood Memorial site.



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Timescales

Stage of Process	Key Dates*
Formal Consultation	Tuesday June 16 th to 11:59pm Wednesday July 29 th .
Cabinet consider the results of the consultation and determines whether to proceed with proposals	September 2026
Council publish statutory notice and enter into objection period	October 2026
Cabinet consider the objection report and determine whether or not to implement the proposals	January 2027
Decision notification letter is issued with outcome from Cabinet determination	January 2027

* these dates may be subject to alteration dependent on cabinet approvals.


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Tell us what you think

We really want to know what you think of the proposal

You can let us know through a number of ways. 

If you would like a paper copy of this document or further information please contact us at

saltneyconsultations@flintshire.gov.uk

or call

01352 704018/704014

You can tell us what you think from Tuesday June 16th 2026. You must respond by **11:59pm Wednesday July 29th 2026.**

Online

Using the link to survey

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/saltneyprimaryreorganisation1/>



QR Code

You can respond to the survey online by scanning the QR code



Paper

You can respond in writing to:

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

Further information can be found at

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Modernisation-Related/Proposal-To-Reorganise-Saltney-Ferry-C.P-And-Saltney-Wood-Memorial-C.P.aspx>

Thank You!

