

# STATUTORY NOTICE

# Proposal to Reorganise Primary Education Provision in the Saltney area of Flintshire FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Tŷ Dewi Sant, St. David's Park, Ewloe, CH5 3FF

# **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

In accordance with Sections 41 and 43 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code (2018) that Flintshire County Council, being the Local Authority, having consulted such persons as required, proposes to reorganise primary education provision in the Saltney area of Flintshire through the implementation of the following measures:

- 1. Saltney Ferry C.P. School, Saltney Wood Memorial C.P. School and the proposed new Saltney Primary School
- i. To discontinue Saltney Ferry C.P. School, Saltney Ferry Road, Saltney Ferry, Flintshire CH4 8TF, as from 31 August 2026.
- ii. To discontinue Saltney Wood Memorial C.P. School, Boundary Lane, Saltney, Flintshire CH4 8NT, as from 31 August 2026.
- iii. Both existing schools are currently maintained by Flintshire County Council and have no designated religious character.
- iv. To establish on **1 September 2026** a new English Medium Community Primary School (hereinafter referred to as the "new Saltney Primary School") to be maintained by Flintshire County Council, operating across the existing Saltney Ferry C.P. and Saltney Wood Memorial C.P. school sites. The new school will cater for boys and girls aged 3 to 11 years.
- v. It is intended that a new school building will subsequently be constructed on land at Saltney Wood Memorial C.P. School, with completion of the new facilities anticipated by 1 September 2028, at which point the school will transfer to the new building.
- vi. The admission number (PAN) for the Reception Year Group at the new school in the first school year in which the proposals are implemented will be 45.

vii. The total capacity of the new school will be 315 full-time pupils, together with 30 full-time nursery places.

viii. Flintshire County Council will be the admission authority for the new school and admission arrangements will be dealt with in line with Flintshire County Council's Admission Policy. No provision will be made for either selection by aptitude or pupil banding.

ix. Home-to-school transport will be provided in accordance with Flintshire County Council's School Transport Policy. Details can be found at:

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

#### 2. Consultation

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 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

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

#### 3. Alternative Arrangements and Transport

Pupils currently attending Saltney Ferry C.P. School and Saltney Wood Memorial C.P. School will be offered places at the new Saltney Primary School, an English Medium Community Primary School maintained by Flintshire County Council.

This new school will initially operate across both existing sites until the new building is proposed to be completed in September 2028.

Home-to-school transport for eligible pupils will continue to be provided in accordance with Flintshire County Council's School Transport Policy.

# 4. Implementation and Objections

- i. It is proposed that Flintshire County Council will implement the proposal on 1st September 2026.
- ii. Within a period of 28 days of the date on which the proposal was published, that is to say by **5**<sup>th</sup> **December 2025**, any person may object to the proposals.
- iii. Objections should be sent to Flintshire County Council, either by post or by email, at the addresses below:

Post:

School Modernisation Team

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Signed:

Chief Officer, Education & Youth For Flintshire County Council

Dated: 7th November 2025

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note does not form part of the Notice but is offered by way of clarification)

#### **Background and Proposal**

Flintshire County Council, acting as the Local Authority, proposes to reorganise Saltney Ferry C.P. School and Saltney Wood Memorial C.P. School. The proposal involves the closure of both existing schools and the establishment of a new, amalgamated English Medium Community Primary School for pupils aged 3–11 years.

#### Implementation

The proposal will take effect from September 2026, with the new school initially operating across the two existing school sites. A new, purpose-built facility will be constructed on land at the Saltney Wood Memorial C.P. School site, scheduled to open in September 2028.

#### Rationale

This reorganisation is proposed in response to the significant current and projected surplus capacity at the existing schools, as well as condition and suitability issues affecting both sites. Establishing a single, modern school will improve the quality, efficiency, and sustainability of primary education in the Saltney area.

### **Educational and Community Benefits**

The new school will be a state-of-the-art, carbon-neutral, and cost-effective facility designed to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum, providing a wide range of learning opportunities and enhanced resources for pupils and staff.

# **Transport and Admissions**

Admissions and home-to-school transport will continue to be administered in line with Flintshire County Council's prevailing policies.

#### **Further Information**

Further information regarding these proposals may be obtained from:

School Modernisation Team

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