

# EARLY ENGAGEMENT ON REVIEWING SCHOOL PROVISION IN THE SALTNEY & BROUGHTON AREA

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# Introduction

The Council is considering changing the way that education is being delivered in the Saltney & Broughton area, by building on how primary and secondary schools in the area work together.

## Want more information?

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

[www.flintshire.gov.uk/schoolmodernisation](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/schoolmodernisation)



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# What are we doing?

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

As part of this process, we have started an early engagement conversation to ask for your views to help our decision-making.

Your views from this early engagement conversation will be given to the Council's Cabinet to decide about the future of schools in the Saltney and Broughton area.

Councillors will discuss your views, issues and implications of the options for schools in the area and then will decide what happens next.



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# Broughton & Saltney Schools - Background

There are 4 primary schools and 1 high school in the Saltney & Broughton area/cluster – the schools all work closely together

- Broughton CP
- Saltney Ferry CP
- Saltney Wood Memorial CP
- St Anthony's Roman Catholic Primary School\* (\*is a Voluntary Aided school maintained by the Diocese of Wrexham and is *not* part of this early engagement)
- St David's High School



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# Why are we thinking about changing things?

- We would like all children and young people in the local area to attend one of the local schools
- Numbers of pupils in the local area are not sustainable to support the number of schools we have
- School buildings in the area have suitability and conditions issues which need a large amount of money to fix
- Changing the way we do things in the area would give schools opportunity to develop the new Curriculum for Wales



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# What are our options?

No firm decisions have been made on the future shape of primary and secondary provision in the Saltney & Broughton area.

There is no intention to change the provision at Broughton CP which will remain as a separate school on its existing site. The school will continue to work in partnership with the other schools in the area as it does already.

We have looked at a few options for schools in the area, including:

- Do nothing – schools remain as they are, and maintenance issues are tackled as they arise. Financial investment is provided to schools in their budgets to complete their repairs and maintenance as is undertaken now.
- Do the minimum to remove maintenance issues at schools. Individual schools remain as they are. Maintenance issues are addressed through the Council's Capital Investment Programme, funding permitting.
- Refurbish and extend existing school buildings. Individual schools remain as they are. Refurbishment costs are met through the Council's Capital Investment Programme and Welsh Government investment.

More options for the area are noted on the next page



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# What are our options?

More options for the area, include

- Build a 3 -16 Campus to accommodate St David's High School and a merged Saltney Ferry CP and Saltney Wood Memorial School, resulting in one high school and one primary school on the same site. *The only land the Council has, which would possibly accommodate this, is in Bretton but this site has several challenges including flood risk, access issues, and is remote from both Broughton and Saltney. The existing St David's High School site cannot accommodate a 3 – 16 campus due to its size.*
- Build a 3 -16 All Through School. St David's High School merges with Saltney Ferry CP and Saltney Wood Memorial and a new school is created on the same site for all learners in this age range. *The only land the Council has which would possibly accommodate this is in Bretton with the challenges indicated above. The existing St David's High School site cannot accommodate a 3 – 16 campus due to its size.*
- Build a new 11-16 Secondary School St David's High School on the Bretton site and build a new 3-11 Primary School for a merged Saltney Ferry CP and Saltney Wood Memorial on the old site of St David's High School.
- Take the difficult decision to consult on the closure of St David's High School because its numbers are not sustainable and provide learners in the area with a secondary education offer elsewhere in Flintshire.

*If a decision is made to close St David's High School and pupils are offered secondary provision elsewhere, a new 3-11 Primary School could be built for Saltney Ferry CP and Saltney Wood Memorial on the existing St David's High School site.*



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# Tell us what you think

We really want to know what you think of the provision in your area and also your views on the options available for the schools in the area.

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

[21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:21stcenturyschools@flintshire.gov.uk)

or call

01352 704018 or 01352 702188

**You can tell us what you think from the 6 June 2023. You must respond by 3 July 2023**

## **Online**

Using the link to survey.....

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Z334AG>



## **QR Code**

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



## **Paper**

You can respond in writing by sending questionnaires and written responses 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/SaltneyBroughton-Area.aspx>

Thank You!