

# CONSULTATION TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF YSGOL PENYFFORDD

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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 Ysgol Penyffordd to allow additional pupils into the school.

The Council is looking to increase the number of full time pupils at Ysgol Penyffordd from 315 to 375.

## 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 Ysgol Penyffordd.

Councillors will discuss your views, issues and implications of the options for Ysgol Penyffordd and then will decide what happens next.



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# Ysgol Penyffordd - Background

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

- Ysgol Penyffordd is the only English medium community school in the area
- It can currently accommodate up to 315 full time pupils
- In 2019 the Council built a new school for Ysgol Penyffordd on the existing Abbots Lane Infants site to combine two sites into one
- Increased housing developments and pupils in the area has put pressure on demand for places at Ysgol Penyffordd



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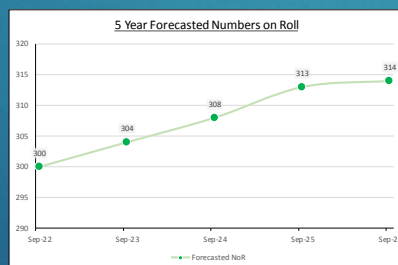
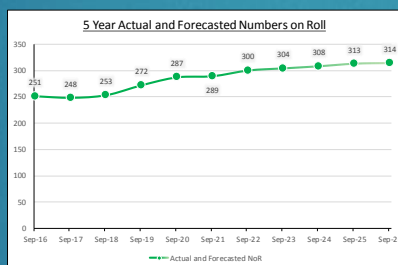
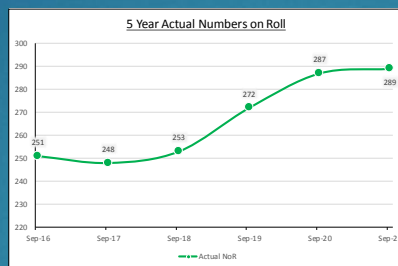


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# Ysgol Penyffordd – Additional Information



<b>Location of the School</b>	Parc Crescent, Penyffordd, Near Chester, CH4 0HW		
<b>Age Range</b>	3-11		
<b>School Category</b>	Community school		
<b>Language Medium Category</b>	English medium		
	Reception – Year 6	Nursery	
<b>Number of pupils on the school register</b>	289	43	
	September 2021		
<b>Number of pupils on the school register</b>	September 2020	287	40
	September 2019	272	50
	September 2018	253	39
	September 2017	248	35
<b>Capacity</b>	315	45	
<b>Surplus Places</b>	26		
<b>Pupil Projections</b>	September 2022	300	46
	September 2023	304	44
	September 2024	308	44
	September 2025	313	45
	September 2026	314	45
<b>Building Condition Category</b>	A – New Build 2019 Good. Performing as intended and operating efficiently		
<b>Building Suitability</b>	A – New Build 2019 Good. Facilities suitable for teaching, learning and well-being in schools.		

# 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 Ysgol Penyffordd has increased and we want to address this by building two additional classroom spaces for the school
- We have additional funding to support investment into Ysgol Penyffordd



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# What are our options?

We have looked at a number of options for schools in the area

- Option 1 - Do nothing – this option has been rejected as this would not address the increased demand for pupil places at Ysgol Penyffordd and would mean some pupils in the area would potentially have to travel out of the area for their education ☒
- Option 2 - Increase the size of other schools in the area – this option has been rejected as it would not address the demand in Penyffordd and the other sites are complicated to expand ☒
- Option 3 Increase the size of Ysgol Penyffordd to provide two additional classrooms 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 Ysgol Penyffordd from 315 to 375 full time pupils.
- ❖ Build two additional classrooms built onto the existing school building for Ysgol Penyffordd (one classroom on the ground floor for Foundation Phase and one classroom on the first floor for Key Stage 2)
- ❖ We are looking to increase the size of the school and complete the building works by September 2023



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# What are we Proposing?

Outline plans for the new classrooms

Planning Permission = already sought and approved

Predicted Project Costs = £600,000



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# What are Advantages and Disadvantages of the proposal?

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>☺ We address demand for pupil places for the Penyffordd area</li><li>☺ We have already future proofed the existing building to enable the school to be expanded</li><li>☺ Reduces the amount of pupils needing to travel outside of the area to access education</li><li>☺ We already have planning permission to build the additional two classrooms</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>☹ Might be some building disruption for the school and local community whilst the extension is being built</li></ul>



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

Or call  
01352 704015 or 01352 704014

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

## Online

Using the link to survey

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/VJ6MJH/>

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



## QR Code



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

Thank You!