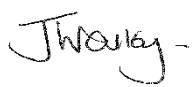


**NOTICE OF SCHOOL REORGANISATION PROPOSAL UNDER THE SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES)
ACT 2013**

1. Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 41 and 43 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (the **Act**) and the School Organisation Code that Denbighshire County Council of County Hall, Ruthin, Denbighshire LL15 1YN (the **Council**) and The Diocese of St.Asaph, Diocesan Office, High Street, St. Asaph, Denbighshire, LL17 0RD (the **Diocese**), having consulted such persons as required, propose the following:
 - The Council proposes to discontinue Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd, Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd, Ruthin, Denbighshire, LL15 2RU from 31 August 2016;
 - The Council proposes to discontinue Ysgol Pentrecelyn, Pentrecelyn, Ruthin, Denbighshire, LL15 2HG from 31 August 2016; and
 - The Diocese proposes to establish a new dual-stream Category 2, Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled primary school for boys and girls aged 4 to 11 years old from 1 September 2016. The proposed new school will have a religious character of Church in Wales and will be maintained by the Council.
2. Pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanfair and Ysgol Pentrecelyn and those admitted during the 2016-17 school year will be able to attend the proposed new school from 1 September 2016. The proposed new school will operate from the two current sites of Ysgol Llanfair and Ysgol Pentrecelyn.
3. The Council and the Diocese undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the responses of the Council and the Diocese and the views of Estyn is available on the Denbighshire County Council website: www.denbighshire.gov.uk/modernisingeducation/ or you may request a copy by emailing modernisingeducation@denbighshire.gov.uk
4. The Council will be the admission authority for the proposed new school. The admission number for first time admissions to the primary phase at the new school in the first year in which the proposal has been implemented is 23. Parents will need to state a preference in terms of which site they wish their child to attend to enable the Council to determine admissions for the new school.
5. From 1 September 2016, pupils will be admitted to the new 4-11 school in accordance with the Council's admission arrangements, which do not take account of the sex, aptitude or ability of the child. Pupils currently in nursery/reception provision and Year 1 to 5 at Ysgol Llanfair and Ysgol Pentrecelyn, and those admitted during the 2015-16 school year, will be admitted to the proposed new school;
6. The language category of the proposed new school, as defined by "Defining schools according to Welsh medium provision", Welsh Government Information document No: 023/2007 will be, 'Dual Stream- Category 2'.
7. The new school's pupil capacity will be 169. This will include 113 at the Llanfair site and 56 in the Pentrecelyn site.
8. Parents may express a preference for another school and the Council will comply with any such expressed preference subject to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, Section 86(3).
9. The home to school transport arrangements for pupils currently at Ysgol Llanfair and Ysgol Pentrecelyn will remain the same at the proposed new school in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy as at the date of implementation of the proposal.
10. Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of this proposal, that is to say by **15 July 2015** any person may object to the proposal (the **Objection Period**)
11. Objections should be sent in writing to Jackie Walley, Head of Customers and Education Support, Denbighshire County Council, County Hall, Ruthin, Denbighshire, LL15 1YN, or by email to modernisingeducation@denbighshire.gov.uk. The Council will publish a summary of any such objections made within the Objection Period (and not withdrawn in writing), together with the observations of the Council and the Diocese, within the period of 28 days after the end of the Objection Period.



Jackie Walley
Head of Customers and Education
Support
For Denbighshire County Council



Rosalind Williams
Director of Education and Lifelong
Learning
For The Diocese of St Asaph

Dated this day [18 June] 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

- a) The proposal is one of six identified through the 'Review of Primary School Provision in the Ruthin Area' which was undertaken by the Council to address issues including Headteacher recruitment, surplus places, mobile accommodation and the sustainability of schools.
- b) At the date of the last school census in January 2015:
 - i) Ysgol Llanfair had 94 Full Time pupils. Its capacity was 113 Full Time pupils which meant there were 19 (16.8%) surplus places; and
 - ii) Ysgol Pentrecelyn had 35 Full Time pupils on roll. Its capacity was 56 Full Time pupils which meant there were 21 (37.5%) surplus places.
- c) This proposal is the first phase for the development of the area school. The second phase would see the Area school consolidated on a new site in the Llanfair/ Pentrecelyn area, subject to land availability and suitability. We are proposing that the new build will be ready by September 2017.
- d) The rationale for this proposal was set out in a consultation document circulated in February 2015.
- e) Copies of the consultation document, School Admissions Policy and Home to School Transport Policy are available from Modernising Education at the address set out in the Notice.
- f) The Act gives the Council the power to close a community school and the Diocese the power to open a voluntary controlled school. Accordingly, the Council and the Diocese have worked jointly on the proposal and will work together to implement it should it be determined.
- g) Delegated funding for the proposed new school will be in accordance with the Council's local funding formula for schools.
- h) This Notice marks the start of a 28 objection period from **18 June 2015 to 15 July 2015** and sets out the address to which objections in writing may be submitted.