

## Ruthin Review: Informal Consultation Questionnaire Responses

### Question 8 Additional Comments: Individual School Breakdown

#### 1. Ysgol Borthyn

<b>Permission to publish response</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Yes</b>	The closure of Ysgol Borthyn would rip out the heart of the community and leave a big hole.
<b>No</b>	redaction
<b>Yes</b>	I am quite happy for the good future modernising education programme.
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Borthyn is an exceptional school with a fantastic ethos. The school feels like a family and is very welcoming the minute you enter it. The staff are exceptional and make it what it is. I would prefer it to be bilingual as we live in Wales. I would also like more sport. Children should do more activity they enjoy it, it's good for them.</p> <p>They currently do 1 session per week and feel they would benefit from more. I am not a religious person but feel the involvement of the church is beneficial to the school and children and it is not overpowering but runs smoothly along with the running of the school. More than anything my children are happy at their school and are thriving.</p>
<b>Not Indicated</b>	<p>Borthyn school is not only a fantastic school it plays a huge part in the community. The big thing in our opinion is it is a faith school which was very important to us when we decided to send our children there. It is a very happy school and my children have both loved it there. Nothing is ever too much trouble for Mr Roberts and his staff, they have always been very approachable with any concern or worry.</p> <p>It will be a very grave and sad day if ever they decide to close it. I do feel that the amount of land that Borthyn has must be an advantage especially if any expansion needs to take place. They also have a good size hall that other schools use because they do not have this facility. Please don't shut this fantastic school. The support and help they give special needs children is second to none as with every child in the school and their parents.</p>
<b>Yes</b>	We chose this school because it practices a faith. We believe that this aspect gives our children good moral and ethical understanding, provides guidance, to promote understanding of inclusivity and be accepted and accept others. The school provides an excellent level of teaching and support throughout all key stages.
<b>Yes</b>	I have one child currently at this school and I have 2 other children who have been to this school. So I have had many years experience with the school. I feel as a faith school it has nurtured a very caring family ethos. My children have all enjoyed and thrived in this school. I have always been able to talk to staff about any concerns (although there haven't been many) I believe the quality of education is of a high standard and very varied. My daughter does so many interesting 'awesome' activities which I feel are very conducive to learning.
<b>No</b>	Ysgol Borthyn is a fantastic school. My son attended there for 4 years after previously going to Tir Morfa. Thanks to the commitment and dedication of the staff he was able to succeed in his education. I can't thank them enough. Ysgol Borthyn has something you can't describe-

	it's a family, it's caring, it's special. My daughter attends now- I wouldn't have chosen anywhere else. It is very important to me that she attends a faith school also.
<b>No</b>	redaction
<b>Yes</b>	Borthyn is my closest English-medium school that will enable me to continue working full time and make sure my son is able to be collected by nursery for them to look after him until 5:30pm.

\*12 responses in total

## 2. Ysgol Bro Fammau; Llanarmon yn Ial & Llanferres (two sites)

<b>Permission to publish response</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>No</b>	redaction
<b>Yes</b>	A local school is the focus of a rural community. Children develop both educationally and socially, and benefit vastly by knowing their wider network of parents/children of differing ages and year groups. Close working relationships between school/parents/community groups establish an environment where a variety of skills are valued and appreciated and a respect for peers, parents, and the village population is to ( <i>un-identifiable</i> ) in our children.
<b>Yes</b>	I would <u>never</u> pick a small school again as the children suffer with facilities and education by grouping year groups together I would prefer the children to be with others the same age.
<b>Yes</b>	I would prefer my child <u>not</u> to travel by bus all the way to have a very good local village school less than a mile away from my home.
<b>Yes</b>	The kids have to do prayers 3 times a day. Totally over the top (in this day and age) it's a farce- most parents and kids are atheists!
<b>Yes</b>	Schools are an important element of communities and sustaining rural communities should be a high priority of Denbighshire CC. These decisions should be made in consideration of education standards, child welfare and community.
<b>Yes</b>	Why would you want to close 2 schools (Bro Fammau & Llanferres) which are nice buildings and full up to capacity??
<b>Yes</b>	I feel village schools are extremely important within the education system of Ruthin as they offer a more 'family' orientated approach. Mix classes allow younger children to learn from older children's role modelling, creating shared values and a better understanding on how to relate class sizes give people a choice of education as some children are not equipped to cope with larger schools.  With regards to my daughters school I feel that whilst not ideal the twin site does provide a workable solution at keeping small village

	<p>schools open. Mrs Turner has worked hard to ensure the school works as one and the children are benefitting from this ethos through pooled resources. The staff are all extremely motivated and enthusiastic and as a result the children receive a well-rounded education.</p> <p>As I understand the review is associated with school build expenditure only. I feel on the whole the Bro Fammau buildings work well and that investment is required in resources rather than buildings so I would like to highlight this area when considering medium to long term spending.</p>
<b>Not Indicated</b>	<p>I think Ysgol Bro Fammau is a fantastic school and my children love school. They are well educated and thriving. I find it sad that some children from the village go to different schools (in Mold) when the parents haven't visited the school first. When children had to go to the local nursery it gave a more 'informed' perception of the school.</p> <p>It is important to note that wrap around care provision is necessary for working parents i.e. breakfast and after school club.</p>
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Lack of school funding is awful. Amount of fundraising school PTFA's have to do themselves is awful. School needs more books and pens etc etc.</p>
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Our school (Llanarmon site) is in need of decoration particularly the classrooms needing painting. I think the cost of this would be very minimal and the impact large. Also the toilet facilities and kitchen facilities could be modernised.</p> <p>I would hope that all children in the Ruthin Review would benefit in some way and not certain schools gaining all the benefits. Maybe some money per child designated. I would also love if our school was given support to become a bilingual school and to have improvements in its IT so we can become the best school we can be, to support our children in the modern world.</p>
<b>Yes</b>	<p>We currently have 2 children in full time and 1 in nursery at Bro Fammau Llanarmon. We believe strongly that the school provides a good standard of education and environment for our children within their locality and rurality. It was our parental choice to support this school being that we live and want our children to be educated within their rural community and (<i>unidentifiable</i>).</p> <p>We feel happy with the schools education and situation however in order to sustain and develop this school as the heart of the community (planning approval for further dwellings in the area) it would only be fair to (<i>unidentifiable</i>) resources across the board. We would (<i>unidentifiable</i>) further (<i>unidentifiable</i>) regards to IT and outdoor play. If a new school was to be built we feel that the issue of (<i>unidentifiable</i>) pupils from rural settings shall also be considered as the (<i>unidentifiable</i>) have a dramatic effect on such well managed rural schools.</p>
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Ysgol Bro Fammau covers every angle of both my daughters needs in terms of education and social/personal development so I would be most happy for this to continue and for my daughter's education to remain at the Llanarmon yn ial site. Thank you.</p>
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Both of my kids are very happy in their school as I am I do not wish to move them until they are ready to go to high school.</p>

\*14 respondents in total

### 3. Ysgol Clocaenog

<b>Permission to publish response</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Yes</b>	I am not willing to compromise the village school setting that we have- new school not no school!!
<b>Not Indicated</b>	Mae'r addysg drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg yn bwysig iawn. Yr ydarn yn deulu sydd yn siarad cymraeg ac yr ydarn eisio'r plant cael in addysg drwy'r gyfrwng Gymraeg.
<b>Yes</b>	We think there's a real sense of community at Ysgol Clocaenog, which was part of our decision making process when we moved to this area and send our eldest child to the school and we would be sad to lose this connection with other parents in the area. We have 3 children in total and obviously we would like to ensure that they all have the same opportunity to attend the same local school.
<b>Yes</b>	A school needs to be based in its community so that it is supported adds to the quality of life and interaction within that community. A large school that is remote will not benefit from this community interaction.
<b>Yes</b>	Mae'r ysgol yn darparu addysg a phrofiadau gwych l'r disgblion, ac mae'r gymuned sy'n cylchdroi o'l hamgylch yn gefnogol dros ben. Trueni fyddai gweld newidiadau mawr l ysgol Cymraeg ei chyfrwng. Yr ydym yn fodlon iawn l foderneiddio yr ysgol a symud yr ysgol yn ei blaen-ond yn teimlo yn bryderus iawn dros yr ail-strwythuro hyn, gan fod yr ysgol yn gwasanaethu ardal eang a'r niferoedd yn codi bob blwyddyn.  Nid wyf yn teimlo y dyliai ysgol gwbl Gymraeg ei chyfrwng orfod newid ei ethos (e.e l ysgol ddwy ffrwd). Ond ddyliai'r Adran Addysg rwan fod yn hyrwyddo ysgolion Cymraeg, er mwyn sicrhau dyfodol l'r iaith a chymunedau gwledig prin?
<b>Yes</b>	Pwysigrwydd l ni fel rieni ydy sicrhau fod ein plenthyn (ac ein plant ifanc) yn cael ei addysg drwy cyfrwng cymraeg mewn ysgol (maint canolig) mewn ardal wledig. Ni dim eisiau ein plant fynychu ysgol fawr l gwblhau eu haddysg. Maer cymuned leol yng nghlocaenog yn gefnogol iawn ir ysgol leol.
<b>Yes</b>	We as parents chose to send our children to a small welsh medium school which is at the heart of the community. We feel that it is important that our children are able to speak write and read through the medium of welsh and that they have a strong sense of welsh identity and culture. We feel strongly that there should be welsh medium education provided on the hiraethog side of Ruthin.  The school is a focal point for the wider community and also supports local business. It also allows not only parents but the wider community opportunity to socialise . The school is supported by a strong parents association who raise in the region of £250 per child per year . In our opinion Ysgol Clocaenog is an outstanding school offering a good standard of education through the medium of welsh. Our children are happy at school. It would be a shame to lose our school from our community.

\*7 respondents in total

#### 4. Ysgol Cyffylliog

<b>Permission to publish response</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Mae Ysgol Cyffylliog yn cynnig addysg o safon <u>dda-iawn</u> mewn awyrgylch gartrefol. Ni fyddwn fyth yn ystyried ei anfon I ysgol tu allan I'w gynefin. Deallaf bod rhaid symyd gyda'r oes ac nad yw'n bosib I bethau aros yn union fel y meint, felly hoffwn weld o bosib uno'r ysgol a ysgol clocaenog drwy gael <u>un pennaeth</u> ar y ddwy. Ar un llaw, byddwn yn sicr eisiau I'm mhlentyn aros yng <u>nghyffylliog</u>, ond ar y llaw arall, pe byddai ysgol newydd yn cael ei hadeiladu yn yr "<u>ardal</u>" hy yng <u>nghefn gwlad</u> rhywle <u>rhwng</u> y ddwy, byddwn yn hapusach I hynny ddigwydd nai fod yn cael ei orfodi I fynd I'r "<u>dref</u>"!! Ond, yr opsiwn orau ar <u>hyn o bryd</u> yw cael un pennaeth ar y ddwy yn fy marn i.</p>
<b>Yes</b>	<p>I would like to have my children educated in a fully bi-lingual local community school which has a strong community spirit. Cyffylliog school has no portacabins, a good red brick building, is used by various organisations from the village and when necessary is still accessible by us even in bad weather.</p> <p>At Cyffylliog school 100% of the families fully support the Welsh language and the school is unique in the bi-lingual structure. Both the Welsh and the English families support the way the languages are organised, it is not dual stream like the others. If you asked my 3 children if they were Welsh or English they would say fully bi-lingual as neither language is given preference. Cyffylliog school also has a fantastic nursery class with great facilities which my 4 year old attends. We have no steps to the main entrance, we have never flooded, we have two classrooms which convert to 1 for concerts etc, we have our own kitchen and an area for dining, we have no portacabins, we have a good playground, playing field and outdoor covered classrooms. We have good resources, 4 ipads, a laptop for each child, white boards and sufficient books to go around. We always get good results in the library reading challenge.</p> <p>We have breakfast club, a strong PTA, AN Urdd club, Ti a Fi uses the school which also introduces the children to the school surroundings which make transition to school easier. The numbers at the school are due to have a sharp rise due raising intakes and the number of young children in the village has risen recently. Travelling to Clocaenog or clawddnewydd would not be an option for my family due to time and my work commitments. Any school would need to be easily accessible for my children to be able to attend the many out of hours school activities i.e continue at a school in Cyffylliog or in a new school in Bontuchel to serve the local rural community as I am fully aware the need to improve or centralise education.</p>
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Ysgol cyffylliog is a friendly and supportive environment for our children, who we both want to experience an education in the countryside. It is a happy and safe school where they enjoy learning together, respect and care for one another. Every pupil is know personally and the staff take the time to listen to pupils and parents alike. We are proud to send our children to a school which is at the very heart of the community. Both of our children have settled effortlessly in Ysgol Cyffylliog and are progressing well in all aspects of their education and we do not want them to be disrupted in any way. However we fully understand the need for cost cutting and readdressing future educational</p>

	<p>provision for pupils in the Rhuthun area.</p> <p>We would very much appreciate it if the Modernising Education Team can try to ensure that our children can continue to have as near to possible to their current learning environment. We feel that all that can be said about the schools qualities was said during the Consultation meeting last month (February 25<sup>th</sup>) but we do believe that there are suitable and viable options which can be and should be considered. We strongly believe that these options would go some way to minimise the disruption to the pupils of Ysgol Cyffylliog. Of course, in an ideal world we would want it to remain as it is but we realise that the current situation is unsustainable. Therefore, we propose that the following may be possible solutions:</p> <p><u>1. Shared headteacher</u> between both Ysgol Cyffylliog and Clocaenog (as has successfully happened in several other local primary schools e.g. Betws G.G and Gwyddelwern). Although the situation in Ysgol Clocaenog does not directly affect our children but it would be naïve not to discuss the option of having on head teacher in charge of both Ysgol Cyffylliog and Clocaenog. This would save money and disrupting pupils in both schools.</p> <p><u>2. An extension on Ysgol Cyffylliog</u> would allow the current building to educate more children from the extended local area (Cyffylliog and Clocaenog). Ysgol Cyffylliog is a well-kept, purposeful and beautiful building which could be extended at the rear to allow additional classrooms. No portacabins!</p> <p><u>3. New school</u> to encompass pupils from both current local schools (Ysgol Cyffylliog and Clocaenog). A modern building which would be located between both villages with a new name, uniform and identity creating an equal and fair situation for all. This would solve the problems faced of both surplus places and over subscription and maintain the local Welsh environment. The pupils could be involved in the planning stages e.g. ideas/names etc?</p> <p>In our mind, these are the only viable possibilities to ensure that a local school remains in <i>our immediate area</i>. Under <b>no</b> circumstances would our children attend a school in Rhuthun town, it is not our parental choice to ever do this. Our children spend 39 weeks a year in school and we can't emphasise how important the council's decision will be. The bottom line must be the security and stability of our children's education. We want our children to continue to have a Welsh medium education in their small local school within the community we have chosen to raise them.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that our thoughts and concerns are listened to and we look forward to future generations being able to attend their local primary school.</p>
<b>Not Indicated</b>	<p>Dyma beth fuaswn yn ddymuno neu yn fodlon gyda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rhannu Pennaeth os oes rhaid.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addysg Gymraeg gyda'r Ysgol yn cymryd rhan mewn eisteddfodau a thraddodiadau Cymreig.</li> <li>• Bod niferoedd yr Ysgol yn codi fel ein bod yn gallu cystadlu mewn trnament pel droed a phel rwyd. Cystafllu mewn eisteddfodau – dawnsio gwerin a'r corau a.y.y.b.</li> <li>• Bod niferoedd yn codi yn yr Ysgol fel ein bod yn gallu cael clwb ar ol Ysgol.</li> <li>• Ymuno Cyffylliog a Clocaenog os oes rhaid er mwyn cael cadw Ysgol cefn gwlad. Dydw I ddim eisiau I fy mhlant fynd I Ysgol yn dref Rhuthun.</li> </ul> <p>Er fy mod wedi rhoi y manylion uchod rwyf yn hollol hapus gyda Ysgol Cyffylliog. Mae'r addysg yn dda yno, staff yn gweithio'n galed, Ysgol cartrefol ac yn bennaf oll mae'r plant wrth eu boddau yn mynd i'r Ysgol.</p>
<b>Not Indicated</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rwyf wrth fy modd hefo Ysgol Cyffylliog ac eisiau fy mhleantyn barhau yn yr ysgol, ond rwyf yn dealt bod angen ystyried newidiadau.</li> <li>• NID wyf eisiau fy mhlant fynychu ysgol fawr yn y dref!</li> <li>• Rwyf yn derbyn y syniad o rannu Pennaeth rhwng dwy ysgol wlad er mwyn arbed arian.</li> <li>• Os bydd RHAIID ymuno Cyffylliog a Clocaenog fel awgrymir yn y cyfarfod ymgynghori, ble fydd y safle?? Teg byddai cael ysgol rhwng y ddau bentref. Bontuchel?? Galltegfa/Llanfwrog??</li> <li>• Mae Clocaenog allan o'r ffordd I ni (ac nid yw'n ffordd addas iawn) er rwyf yn derbyn bydd cludiant ar gael, byddaf angen teithio I glwb brechwast bob bore.</li> </ul> <p>Pe bai Cyffylliog yn gorfod cau, ni fyddaf fy mhlant I ysgol Clocaenog, heb gael safle 'teg' newydd, enw newydd I'r ysgol a gwisg newydd.</p>
<b>Not Indicated</b>	<p>Our school provides a welsh education, when we moved to area it was the closest rural school. Even though my daughter has been set back she will be fluent in bot hlanguages by the age of 8. Her dad cannot swim and we have another child therefore we can't go swimming. Our school takes them every Friday.</p> <p>Our daughter has improved since being in a small class. <span style="color: red;">redaction</span></p>
<b>Not Indicated</b>	<p>The school has such an impact on the quality of my children's home life as the emotional and educational support they receive is exceptional. The teachers are also approachable and amenable to ideas and discussion from us, the parents of the community would suffer greatly if there was any change made would have a massive impact. Standards at Ysgol Cyffylliog are exceptional.</p>
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Ysgol Cyffylliog has a permanent Headteacher and committed and permanent teachers which gives the children stability. The school has no portacabins and it has potential to extend if needed. The school provides bilingual education, where all children become fluent and confident speakers, readers and writers of both Welsh and English.</p>

\*8 respondents in total

## 5. Ysgol Gellifor

<b>Permission to publish response</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Yes</b>	We chose Gellifor as the best provider for our child. It is not our catchment school but we decided on viewing ESTYN reports and personal visits.
<b>Yes</b>	<p>The choice of school is not only to do with the factors listed. We are more concerned with the community and quality of care along with the quality of education. Having local village schools gives children a sense of social belonging and community. Children at Gellifor can attend 'meithrin' from 2 ½ then nursery at Ysgol Gellifor where there is also a bridging club to help parents between the end of meithrin and start of nursery.</p> <p>There is also a breakfast club and an afterschool club providing affordable care for working parents.</p> <p>The standard of education is very high and the school provides lots of 'extras' through various clubs and involvement in projects and competitions, developing the children more than just academically. I believe larger schools lack the community focus and the learning country vision states 'community focused schools have a positive impact on pupils learning and attainment, as well as securing better value'.</p>
<b>No</b>	redaction
<b>Yes</b>	I do not have another child within primary which is why I would not worry too much about this. If I did have both my children at primary now it would be essential to me that they both went to the same school.
<b>Yes</b>	redaction Gellifor is a fantastic village school, the headteacher and teachers are very supportive and brilliant at their jobs. All my sons have found Gellifor School a brilliant school to learn in. redaction
<b>Yes</b>	<p>I would always travel to a school of my choice if it meant I was able to have those aspects for my child which I consider are important to their early education and as a result the distance wouldn't be a priority. We chose Gellifor having visited all the schools in the area before our first son attended nursery. It wasn't until we visited Gellifor which was the last school in fact we visited and still were not close to making a choice, that we knew that there was no question that was our choice. Before then we were unsure whether Welsh language should be our consideration. Gellifor felt right in the feel of the size of the school and the layout, the rapport we felt with the head and its size which we felt wasn't too small or too big. With others we felt the town schools were too big and some of the remote schools too small.</p> <p>Gellifor for friendship groups and teaching class sizes we felt spot on and also as a parent felt welcomed to support and get involved in this school community. The extra-curricular activities on offer and PE within the community hall attached together with the mini buses for</p>



	additional activities all positive aspects for the school. We were also informed that Gellifor had a reputation for a quality experience of education. This we have been lucky enough to have received with two of our children and hope Gellifor is able to provide this opportunity to others for many years to come.
<b>Not Indicated</b>	Ysgol Gellifor is an excellent school which has great staff. It is a difficult place to park but that is my only complaint. I am very keen to keep Gellifor at Gellifor and not to share any building with Ysgol Bryn Clwyd- only the headmistress!
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Only the first three factors in Q3 are of real importance to me. I chose Gellifor school because of its good Estyn report, it's very maternal approach to looking after children and because it is of a reasonable size without being a huge school. What for me is missing from the questionnaire is the availability of wraparound care and after school clubs. Gellifor offers wraparound care from 8am to 5:30pm through a combination of breakfast club and after school club and for children in nursery also Cylch and 'Toppers'.</p> <p>This is a real benefit to working parents as your child is in one place for the whole day rather than having to be ferried to and from the school for the 2 hours a day of free education from a private nursery. In addition, the PTA seems to do an extraordinary job in fund raising showing that parents seem to really value the school and are willing to put a lot of time in to helping it to thrive.</p>
<b>Yes</b>	I feel Ysgol Bryn Clwyd should be included also due to federation. Also I strongly feel important factors are: friendly, not too large school, excellent education, welsh provision as strong 2 <sup>nd</sup> language are priority factors.
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Due to the age of my children I would <u>not</u> consider or feel comfortable for them to travel on free transport. Ysgol Gellifor has excellent education and also offers breakfast club from 8am and an afterschool club until 5.30pm for working parents.</p> <p>There are many after school activities to which my children take part in. The school is going from strength to strength and feel it would be a great loss to the community (of which we are part of) if closure was to be considered.</p>

*\*11 respondents in total*

## 6. Ysgol Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd

<b>Permission to publish response</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Yes</b>	I totally disagree with education funding being spent on transporting children to school, in some instances less than 1 mile, it is shameful waste of resource. In addition I feel that small rural schools do knit a community together and are beneficial for early years key stage 1. At

	key stage 2 pupils would benefit from a centralised Ruthin based school to increase competitiveness, sports and general facilities.
<b>Yes</b>	We chose Ysgol Llanbedr because of it being a small village school with excellent facilities also parking is not an issue. Also the breakfast and afterschool club was essential for both parents working out of the county. Any school would have to offer such reasonably priced provision. The English language and faith school was also a reason. All in all we saw Ysgol Llanbedr as the ideal option for us even though a village school was closer.
<b>No</b>	redaction redaction redaction redaction redaction redaction
<b>Yes</b>	Ysgol Llanbedr is the only English medium, faith school in a rural setting in the area. The facilities at Ysgol Llanbedr are great- outdoor play space and green fields fully surrounded by safety fence, the parking, the ICT facilities, the wet areas in the classrooms, the wrap around care at munchkins. The school has a clear vision for developing a 21 <sup>st</sup> century school, including growth, sustainability and maintaining the existing excellent standard of education.
<b>Yes</b>	redaction and researched every school in the locality, we decided on Ysgol Llanbedr for the following reasons; Faith provision- most important to us as a Christian family, moving to Ruthin was redaction redaction Size of school- this was 2 <sup>nd</sup> on our list, we chose Llanbedr for their class sizes, redaction redaction. The quality of teaching at the school in my opinion is 1 <sup>st</sup> rate, redaction redaction, I believe this would not have happened in a larger school and redaction redaction redaction Ysgol Llanbedr has a wonderful family atmosphere and is set in the most idyllic setting, the grounds are secure and are ideal for all activities, the community as a whole use and support the school and it is well used by parents and members of the community outside of term time. Munchkins is a child care facility set up to benefit working parents, it provides them quality affordable childcare both during the school term and holiday club, catering for children aged 2-11 years from 8am-6pm daily, the club is open to not just children from Ysgol Llanbedr but all local children, we have children on our books from Ysgol Pen Barras, Ysgol Rhewl, Ysgol Cyffylliog and also Kings in Chester. The club is registered with CSSIW and have just passed their first inspection. The school can only grow in future.
<b>Yes</b>	Llanbedr school has a fabulous ethos. Fabulous care provision/education provision. Fabulous grounds and room to expand. Fabulous

	surroundings-unrivalled. Fabulous potential to grow and ready for even more people.
<b>Yes</b>	I chose Llanbedr school for my daughter as it was a small rural school in excellent safe surroundings. It was also a faith school which I feel is important to promote the underlying morals and guidance for life. The school buildings and exercise areas are very good. I live out of county and specifically chose Llanbedr school due to its excellent provision.
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Your consultation document states that; 'research undertaken illustrates clear links between student academic achievement and the quality of the physical environment'. We would question which of the schools under review can come even close to the amazing physical environment and the area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that houses Ysgol Llanbedr. The children can truly benefit from an all-round education, affording an excellent E.Q/I.Q balance. We understand of course that this refers to the environment within the school also and again would point out that Llanbedr affords a very spacious education for an older school. It would be great if, during this review, some available money could be spent on providing a hall- the only really thing they are missing. We find their plans for creating an eco-friendly 21<sup>st</sup> century school environment very exciting and forward-thinking.</p> <p>Until recently, as you well know, Llanbedr has been a well-supported school, affording a very good education. We know this will again be the case- we are beginning to see the start of this now as parents are bringing their children to the playgroup and registering for the nursery. Our wrap around care has become a necessity for many and serves to support the school extremely well. We want our child to be part of a village school, as, again, <b>redaction</b>, this was part of our reason for moving here!</p> <p>For our family, the only language spoken in the household is English. Whilst we are sympathetic to the Welsh language and happy for our children to be taught it as a subject, as they would French or German, we do not desire a bilingual education for them. This was one of the main reasons for our choosing Ysgol Llanbedr in the first place.</p> <p>We are practising Christian family and our faith is extremely important to us. The way that faith is able to be expressed in Ysgol Llanbedr and the Christian principles that are taught, along with the links our school has with Reverend Chew and the Church community are critical in our son's schooling.</p> <p>Whilst we acknowledge and understand the reasoning behind this review and accept that it will be a good thing for many, we must also speak what is on our heart for our own child. We have no desire to look backwards over the past months apart from pointing out that, through no fault of their own- some of the children at Ysgol Llanbedr have already suffered much trauma. <b>redaction</b></p> <p><b>redaction</b></p> <p><b>redaction</b></p> <p><b>redaction</b></p> <p>Thank you</p>

	<p>redaction</p>
<p><b>Yes</b></p>	<p>The leadership by the school management and the church in Wales is ensuring that a high quality education is provided. Our child is happy at school, engaging well in lessons and activities and growing in confidence. The wrap around care provided at school is an excellent service and one which we as parents could not manage without. Our child is well cared for, has fun and continues his learning through play and co-ordinated activities.</p> <p>The pastoral care provided at school under the guidance of the church in Wales is excellent. The children are encouraged to be caring and thoughtful of others which can be seen in each of them. They are taught to have good manners and to behave well in public- both important basics for their future lives. They learn how to interact with and respect other children and adults alike. They learn how to look after themselves and understand how important it is to live a healthy life.</p> <p>The school is in an idyllic and unique countryside setting and we as parents feel very strongly that this contributes to the happiness, well being, willingness to learn and the general nurturing of the children. The school plays an important role within the community by taking part in community events and church services and by inviting the local community to events held by the school. The events are well attended and the children never fail to impress with their achievements, performances and not least their good behaviour.</p>
<p><b>Yes</b></p>	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>redaction</p> <p>When deciding upon a school for our children we considered many important options before deciding upon Ysgol Llanbedr. As English speaking parents we felt that to fully involve ourselves in their education we wanted an English medium school and as Llanbedr was the school where my wife was educated we fought a long and hard to find places for our two daughters. We come from a village background and appreciate the pastoral, tranquil, spacious environment that the surroundings offer as a healthy medium for learning so we decided against the Ruthin schools where these attributes were not available.</p> <p>From the outset we warmed to its small family environment that has allowed our children to flourish surrounded by like-minded children, parents and teachers. As Christians, its status as a Church school provides guidance and this ethos further supplements its family atmosphere that remains as important now as it did 30 years ago. As our children have grown up we have become reliant on the 'wrap around' care that is available before and after school and during school holidays that our children enjoy so much, without this familiar, nurturing presence, our working options would have been severely restricted and curtailed.</p>

	<p>The economically viable, future redevelopment plans for the school and its buildings fill us with great confidence and it is without doubt that we benefit from a spacious site, situated on a quiet country lane with large car park and close links to the Church and the rear and wider community.</p> <p>Both ourselves and our children have made many friendships during our time at Llanbedr and we remain actively involved in its running, with my wife currently chairing the head of the PTA whose events vary from summer balls to firework displays which are extremely well attended by parents, both past and present, children and the wider community. With a dedicated visionary team of professionals, teaching in an environmentally sustainable modern school, we feel that we the parents, the teaching staff, the governors and most importantly in all of this the children can only continue to grow from strength to strength.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely</p> <p>redactio</p>
Yes	<p>I selected Ysgol Llanbedr for my children's education for a number of reasons, <b>all of equal importance</b>. These reasons being...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English Medium- redaction</li><li>• The Faith Provision, and the Christian ethos, very important to me, redaction</li><li>• The size of the school, redaction, a nurturing and caring small friendly class size is high on their needs. redaction</li><li>• Security- as the school was not over looked, and not in a built up area, with passers by being able to view or even speak to my children- redaction</li><li>• The school's reputation, Ysgol Llanbedr was recommended by a parent whose children were already attending this school... Their praise for not only the excellent educational standards, but also for the community spirit and pastoral care.</li></ul> <p>When we went to visit Ysgol Llanbedr, the safe, rural location, excellent facilities, huge playing field and astro turf, and most importantly the genuine warm welcome we received- simply sealed our decision. Three years ago, when we were applying for a place in Ysgol Llanbedr, the intake was to capacity, redaction</p> <p>redaction The recent reduction in pupil numbers, in my opinion, is due to the number of short</p>

	<p>term acting head teachers, and now we have an excellent head teacher, the pupil numbers are once again rising.</p> <p>In addition, as my children are now older and settled at Ysgol Llanbedr, the excellent wrap around care, and the holiday club available at Munchkins, which is safe, secure and with familiar staff and pupils, has allowed me to return to work.</p> <p>Your questionnaire, Q5 and Q7 is ambiguous- Q5 in its wording, and Q7- how do you class a 'suitable' school? Please verify before I can comment.</p>
<p><b>Yes</b></p>	<p><b>redaction</b> and one of the main reasons was that we didn't want our son to grow up and go to school in a city. Having grown up in Ruthin and living in Llanbedr since 1998, I wanted our son to go to my village school, because it always had high standards and a consistently high performing ethos. My wife is Muslim and I'm Church of England and was actually confirmed in Llanbedr church. We WANT a faith based provision for our son provided in an English medium. Of the 2 other church schools, Llanfair is no good as its bilingual school and Borthyn is a large urban school.</p> <p>We're well aware that the school went through a blip 18 months ago but we stuck with it and I couldn't now wish for a better school. The pastoral care and nurturing that the children now receive is second to none. The schools location in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is unique, the facilities the school has, with its huge grounds, great play area and the astro turf pitch shows that Denbighshire has already invested heavily in our school.</p> <p>We also have brilliant, safe, parking facilities, which are obviously very important, you don't see traffic chaos outside Llanbedr school like you do outside pretty much every school round here! This is also very important for my mother who sometimes picks up our son, she is elderly and needs to park very close, our school even have a disabled parking spot right next to the schools gates which is perfect for her.</p> <p>Because my wife and I are both working parents, the provision of a breakfast club and the munchkins after school club is drawing new children to the school and the schools numbers are now increasing with new pupils joining in nursery and reception.</p> <p>The vision the school has is very exciting, as it moves into the future, it has big plans for growth and to embrace the green, eco-friendly ethos. With all the space the school has, there is more than enough room for expansion and remodelling, plus, with the backing of the</p>

	<p>church, our village school given the opportunity has a very bright future and I really wouldn't want our son to go anywhere else.</p> <p>redaction</p>
<p><b>Yes</b></p>	<p>We chose Ysgol Llanbedr because of the quality of staff and family atmosphere provided within the school. As parents of 2 children who attend the school, we felt incredibly let down by the Council and the LEA during what became a very tumultuous period for the school. In 2011/12 we had 2 headteachers come and go within a very short space of time only then to have temporary ones as replacements. Parents were given no information as to what, if anything, was going to be done.</p> <p>Upon reading the informal consultation document I see that facts and figures seem to be set around the dates our school was in turmoil. This does not give a true and accurate record of how our school was <u>prior</u> to these events. If you look back over previous years, you will find that our school was thriving and that Ysgol Gellifor and Bro Fammau have benefitted by the children who moved from Ysgol Llanbedr due to lack of information and uncertainty provided by LEA at a time they most needed reassurances.</p> <p>Ysgol Llanbedr is a fantastic school. The staff are amazing and so caring. We have very good facilities- more than nay other school in the area:- breakfast club, afterschool club, munchkins- offering wrap around care, astro turf, playing fields, ample parking in a beautiful environment. And the icing on the cake is that Ysgol Llanbedr is also a faith school which was also an important factor for our family. There is also talk of 100 new homes being built in the immediate area. I am sure that families moving into these would be requiring a village school of such quality. With our wrap around care, this will prove even more attractive to working parents.</p> <p>We have huge faith that our acting headteacher Mrs Bennett can bring the school back to full capacity as she is already proving to be a huge asset and her achievements to date our outstanding.</p> <p>redaction</p>
<p><b>Yes</b></p>	<p>Llanbedr is a unique school, a faith school, and English medium with a Christian ethos there is strong backing in Wales for 'faith in education'. They are consistently high performing schools with a strong pastoral care environment. Llanbedr school is in a state of growth again we have future plans centred on pupil numbers, and plans for extensions.</p> <p>We have put in place 'wrap around care' which has built up an excellent reputation. This has enabled working families to consider Ysgol Llanbedr over other schools in the area. Our current intake limit is 11 and the school would like to increase this t0 15.</p> <p>Our future would be:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financially sustainable</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmentally sustainable with initiative put in place around this</li> <li>• Continue to teach children in an idyllic setting with adequate parking</li> <li>• Put in place an ICT plan which was state of the art</li> </ul> <p>All in all this school has worked too hard to put care in place for children together with forming future strategy plans for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century which incorporate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achievement</li> <li>• Environment</li> <li>• Cost effectiveness</li> <li>• Setting</li> <li>• Pastoral care- health and well-being for children</li> </ul> <p>Regards,</p> <p>redaction</p>
<p><b>Yes</b></p>	<p>The school offers us excellent faith provision which is active and relevant to the children’s religious development. The provision of Munchkins childcare on site is not just a nice to have but essential to our lives as without it I would not be able to work full-time and thus provide for the family. The school is in a wonderful environment and should be considered for development as a green school that many more children in the area could benefit from. The buildings are sound and welcoming and the education both my sons have received is excellent.</p> <p>Most importantly the school is the hub of a vibrant and supportive community that has welcomed us and both my sons (eldest now at Brynhyfryd) - Through no fault of the children or families at the school we have suffered a run of issues with leadership that have now been rectified. Our numbers have been badly affected by this poor leadership and we are now seeing that numbers are rising again and the future looks very bright. Llanbedr school has always been an excellent school up until the last couple of years - it would be very wrong if the numbers at the school today were used as a determining factor of the schools future. Llanbedr is an excellent school with excellent teachers and it would be wonderful if both current pupils and future intakes are allowed the chance to grow and develop in this special place.</p>

**7. Ysgol Llanfair DC**



<b>Permission to publish response</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Yes</b>	DC school is an undoubted success, turning away many children. The bilingualism allows most parents to be engaged with their child's education. A Welsh or English choice is <u>DEVISIVE</u> and threatening to English speaking parents who want their child to speak Welsh. The success of Llanfair should be built on and a fit for purpose new build should be planned as soon as possible. This would act as rural model primary catering for significant numbers of rural families.
<b>No</b>	redaction [REDACTED]
<b>Yes</b>	Ysgol Llanfair is a unique and thriving school and should remain at the heart of the community. However, the building itself will not be adequate in the near future. I feel that a new build should be considered, especially as the church have offered land in an ideal location.
<b>No</b>	redaction [REDACTED]
<b>Yes</b>	Llanfair school is an excellent school but the buildings and location next to the trunk road are negative factors. No child should be educated in portacabins. I would support building a new school in the area that would provide a 21 <sup>st</sup> century education through the medium of Welsh or English. I would like to see the removal of the church control.
<b>Not Indicated</b>	<p>Llanfair School is a successful and over-subscribed primary school. It has close ties with its local community, both with the Christian church tradition and the bilingual nature of the community. The faith aspect of the school is vital to the community in which it serves and enjoys close ties with the local church. The two work closely in many aspects of school life. Also Llanfair is a rare example of a truly bilingual school. The two villages which the school serves are both bilingual with English and Welsh families. The school provides an excellent welsh language learning opportunity for those who opt for this. There is also the option to learn through the medium of English still acquiring a good working knowledge of Welsh.</p> <p>A brief look at the school buildings reveals that the accommodation is not fit for purpose for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Indeed the school has not been fit for purpose for the final years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The school lacks a hall, adequate toilet facilities, a dining area and even no staffroom. Extension and rebuild seem unlikely options due to the shallow nature of the site and the proximity to an A road and bend.</p> <p>As further housing development in the area seems likely, thus increasing the population and number of children, a larger school with better facilities seems a viable option for the future. Although this will require financial outlay, it would be an investment for future generations of</p>

	<p>pupils in the two villages.</p> <p>Please support the excellent work of the school, the unique element of a true bilingual school in the North Wales area, the work of the faith community and the vibrant part the school plays within the communities of Llanfair and Pwllglas. The future of our villages, the town and the county require a decision with a clear vision of the future where our children are taught in modern accommodation within a safe environment with facilities that reflect the needs of all our children, facilities which our children deserve.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p><b>Yes</b></p>	<p>Ysgol Llanfair is an excellent bilingual faith school which achieves high standards of education in a caring, family atmosphere. The size of the school allows a close community to be fostered, while allowing good opportunities for added value. I don't see any educational or pastoral benefit to federalisation with another school as Llanfair is full and high-achieving. Improvement to the school buildings (and possibly a new build) would be advantageous but not at the cost of losing Llanfair's unique educational character. I could not choose a better school for my children.</p>
<p><b>Yes</b></p>	<p>In support of this letter I would like to draw your attention to a few points regarding Ysgol Llanfair D.C.</p> <p>Although this is the local primary school, after visiting a variety of the local primary schools, when choosing where to send our children, we felt that it this is totally unique school offering invaluable experiences for our children. Being a truly bi-lingual Welsh/English school has meant that our children have been able to be immersed in the welsh language and ethos, along with being able to learn to read and write initially in their home language of English, before becoming competent with a second language of Welsh. We were given the choice of which language we wanted them to read and write with first. This is not offered in any other school in the area and has been proven to be a success by not only parents like myself, where I know there have been families out of area turned away as there is not enough space for them, but also by Ofsted inspectors.</p> <p>Also the fact that the school is a church school and has fantastic links with the church and local community is another reason why this school offers a balanced setting to educate our children. The teaching and team work amongst the staff is evident in everything they do from the concerts they provide to the day to day education our children receive being led by an inspirational head.</p> <p>Although so far I have sung the praises of the school there are areas for improvement. The main problem is the site. When my children were younger one of them closely missed being run over whilst crossing the road. Unfortunately there is no parking next to the school so the only way is to cross a very busy main road with limited visibility due to the bend in the road. At the time letters were written to both yourselves at the council and to local MPs however no satisfactory solution was ever reached.</p> <p>There is no school hall which has caused problems over the years as they have to cross the road to use the local village hall or be bussed to another primary school in the area wasting valuable teaching time and money.</p> <p>My children are now in the top end of the school and have to be educated in mobile classrooms and these are not ideal due to the variations in weather and the fact of not being connected to the main school for all its facilities.</p>

	To sum up the school offers a high level education BILINGUALLY in adequate premises. I hope you take into account my points above.
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Ysgol Llanfair provides my child with a well-balanced education in close supportive situation. The atmosphere created in this school I feel is second to none.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The class sizes are manageable and allow each child the support it needs. It has also meant that each class becomes a close knit unit who play together well.</li> <li>• Although the religious aspect of the school is not essential to me the moral and ethical teachings which my son has learnt at the school are priceless</li> <li>• The children from Llanfair are on the whole being raised to be well balanced individuals and much of this is down to the dynamics of the school.</li> <li>• The school is bilingual. My son is learning through the English medium but his 'playground' Welsh is very good. We don't have a welsh speaker influencing him at home so it is great that he has experience in school and is learning a 2<sup>nd</sup> language at such an early age making the learning of foreign language in the future much easier.</li> <li>• Ysgol Llanfair is a thriving school, it is oversubscribed and having to turn people away.</li> <li>• The school lacks some facilities which is available would enhance what is already there; a dining area, a hall and a flat playing field.</li> <li>• The location of the school does present its hazards when dropping off and picking up, as it's on the main Wrexham road on a bend and with multiple junctions. It can be dangerous when the minibus/bus are leaving.</li> <li>• The school plays an important part of the village community. It provides support during the year eg singing carols at Christmas time, coffee mornings etc. This village are appreciative of what the school does and the children learn an important lesson in community support.</li> </ul>
<b>Yes</b>	We are extremely satisfied by all that Ysgol Llanfair offers and would only like this school to grow through improved facilities.
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Ysgol Llanfair DC should receive a purpose built new school to ensure its continued success into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. There is no question that Ysgol Llanfair DC is an 'excellent example of a truly bilingual school- an example which should be followed by many bilingual schools throughout Wales'... the 'schools distinct feature is the sense of a family community and closeness to learners' (Estyn, June 2010)</p> <p>However, parents are well aware that the school building, of Victorian design, significantly reduces the day to day development of the school. The school cannot provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A school hall, where the school as a whole can gather for morning service, or PE/dance lessons. Instead children are being bussed to Ruthin and back for 45 minute PE lessons.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dining area. Children must pack up classes early in order that their classrooms can be used as dining areas.</li> <li>• There are insufficient and inadequate toilets, which results in some children opting not to use the toilets in school and 'holding on' until they get home.</li> <li>• There are no wet areas in the classrooms, which would allow better provision of the curriculum.</li> <li>• There is no staff room- staff eat their lunch hunched over small children's chairs/desks in empty classrooms.</li> <li>• There is no ICT suite to ensure effective and consistent development of ICT skills.</li> <li>• There is no meeting room for instrument lessons, speech therapy, medical visits, staff PPA's, meetings or group work. I once attended a meeting as a parent with a health professional regarding my son in a storage cupboard in a portacabin!</li> <li>• Finally parking/drop off is a health and safety nightmare. Children are bussed an extra 2 miles to Llysfasi in order that the bus can turn around to drop the children off safely. Children have to cross the main A525 road to get to school if dropped off by parents, as the nearest car park is in the village hall opposite.</li> </ul> <p>The above points help to demonstrated that whilst Ysgol Llanfair is an excellent school with excellent results, it needs drastic investment to ensure it is able to meet the requirements of a 21<sup>st</sup> century school- that can only be provided with a new build school to cater for the children of Llanfair and surrounding area, including Pwllglas, Lloneildan and Pentrecelyn.</p> <p>As for the obvious questions regarding an amalgamation/federation with Pentrecelyn, this would be unfeasible due to the different faiths of both schools, as well as Ysgol Llanfair being a bilingual school and Pentrecelyn being a Welsh school.</p> <p>However, I would think that if Pentrecelyn was closed, the parents would still be able to choose a local school at Llanfair, or a Welsh school at Pen Barras, depending on their priorities.</p> <p>Similarly, if Pentrecelyn was closed and a new local school built in Llanfair to incorporate these pupils, the money gained from the sale of the school site at Pentrecelyn (to say Llysfasi College) could be added to the funding required to build the new school at Llanfair."</p>
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Our village school is fantastic. An integral part of the community- what makes it unique in the area is the input of the church which truly enriches the school experience and the high standard of truly bilingual education. I firmly believe that all Welsh schools should follow this model as it caters for the needs of all children under one roof. It would be great to have a new '21<sup>st</sup> century' school where the amazing work done by Llanfair teachers and pupils could continue to flourish.</p>
<b>Yes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. My children attend Llanfair and are very happy</li> <li>2. Unique points to be noted about Llanfair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faith based school with the church in close proximity (a short walk)</li> <li>• Bi-lingual- the 2 languages are completely integrated so that all children leave completely bilingual. The classes are not separated</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<p>on language . Whole school culture is bi-lingual.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family atmosphere- older children care for little/younger ones</li> <li>• Excellent teaching- the Headteacher is hands on and is the classroom. The benefit of her skills and experience are paramount.</li> </ul>
<b>Yes</b>	<p>My daughter is currently in year 5, as well my son is in nursery class in Ysgol Llanfair DC, and they are very happy there. It has a family atmosphere, where the older children play and help the younger ones. Everyone is valued and all play an important part in school life.</p> <p>We are a Welsh speaking family and my daughter is taking her education through the medium of Welsh. Because Llanfair is a bilingual school my daughter is doing well and not only with her Welsh but her English is also very good. We also choose Llanfair because it is a church school, religion is important to us as we attend Sunday school every Sunday. The standard of education is excellent in Ysgol Llanfair, as the Estyn report shows, this is due to the commitment and hard work of all the staff and especially Mrs Hughes, the headmistress. The success of the school is also evident from the increasing number of children who attend (we are the only school that is over capacity).</p> <p>Ysgol Llanfair is an excellent bilingual faith school, they nurture our children in a happy, safe and family orientated atmosphere. It is a very important part of the community not only in Llanfair but also Pwllglas. The only thing in my opinion that could change the school for the better is if we had a new school building. My children are the third generation in my family to attend Ysgol Llanfair DC. We want our children to be able to continue with the excellent education they are receiving in Ysgol Llanfair. It has a very happy and safe atmosphere and they love going every day.</p>

## 8. Ysgol Pen Barras

<b>Permission to publish response</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Yes</b>	It seems to me that vast majority of pupils are driven to Llanbedr school and once in the car there is very little extra journey time to Ruthin/Gellifor. Pen Barras seems to have many mobiles. Access and parking to it and Rhos Street is difficult. Logically I'd say for future we need Pen Barras moved to a new larger site.
<b>Yes</b>	We have chosen Welsh medium education for our children and would not like to have to take the out of their home town to receive this.
<b>Yes</b>	Mae gwir angen safle newydd ar gyfer Pen Barras yn arbennig o ysturid y nifer annebynion o ddsbarthiadau/ystafelloedd symudol sydd yno. Mae'n resyn bud plenty, ar ddechrau 21G yn gorfod croesi buarth ysgol ymhob tywydd, I ymweld at ty bach ac I gael dird o ddwr , ac

	mae'r nifer fawr o ystafelloedd symudol sydd yno yn pen anhamser I staff gydlynu gweithgareddau ar y cyd rhwng gwahanol ddosbarthiadau ac ir disgyblkion fathu ymdeimlad o 'berthyn' I un uned gynhwysfawr. Parcio hefyd yn fater o bwys. Diogelwch personol a gallu codi (unidentifiable) ymysg y cymuned leol.
<b>Yes</b>	Mae safon yr addysg yn ysgol Pen Barras yn cael ei effeithio gan y diffyg lle ac anaddasrwydd y safle. Gobeithio y bydd y Cyngor yn rhoi blaenoriaeth I ddiwallu yr angherion hyn.
<b>No</b>	redaction ██ ████████████████████ ██ ████████████████████ ████████████████████ ██ ████████████████████
<b>Not Indicated</b>	Er gwybodaeth mae nifer o blant o ardal Llandyrnog yn trafefilio I Rhuthun I ysgolion Cymraeg/Saesneg er bod dim trafriaeth ar gael.
<b>Yes</b>	Mae Pen Barras yn ysgol penigamp gyda awyrgylch ffynnianus a hapus. Mae'r safonau a'r gofal o'r radd flaenaf ac mae'r plant yn llwyddo er bod yr adeiladau'n anffafriol ac annerbynniol. Meddylwch pa safonau y byddai'r plant yma'n gallu eu gwredu pe bae ganddynt gyfleusterau adfdas I ysgol yn y 21G. Fedrai fod yn ysgol fyddain arwain y ffordd yng Nghymru. Fy Ddau ar y blaen ac maent wedi dioddef o ran adeiladau yn ddigon hir yn fy marn i.
<b>Not Indicated</b>	Ysgol gynradd Cyffylliog yw'r ysgol gynradd agosaf I ni yma- ond ohenydd fy mod yn gweithio lawn amser ac ohenydd y diffyg yn y ddarparnaeth yno o ran clwb brecwast/ar ol ysgol bu'r penderfyniad yn in angenrheidion a synhwyrol. Y mae Ysgol Pen Barras ar staff yn arbennig- trueni mawr am y safle.
<b>Yes</b>	Pryder mawr am gyflwr adeiladau a bob cantan uchel o ddisgyblion yn cael eu haddysg mewn cabbanau. Pryder am safle a dryfleusterau yr ysgol nad ydynt yn ddigonol ar gyfer nifer y disgyblion. Pryder bod y safle ar brif ffordd brysur heb safleoedd parcio a digon o farnau croesi diogel I'r plant.
<b>Yes</b>	Pen Barras site is not fit for purpose due to the lack of suitable amenities and mobile classrooms. We welcome an alternative solution being found but would want assurances that the current educational standard that my children receive would be maintained.
<b>Yes</b>	Please note I send my child to Pen Barras as this is our nearest Welsh school. I am very pleased with his education there although the school buildings are totally inadequate. This is not our nearest school but is our school of choice and therefore we make our own transport arrangements. Pen Barras is an excellent school and I really support the need for them to have a new facility.
<b>Yes</b>	Cyflwr gwael ac anaddas yr adeilad Ysgol Pen Barras. Mae rhan fwy af or ysgol mewn cabanau sydd yn rhy oer yn y gaeaf a rhy boeth yn yr haf. Mae'r neuadd a'r ffreutur yn fach o ystyried bod rhaid I 2 ysgol eu rhannu. Mynediad peryglus I'r ysgol. Gormod o draffig, ceir yn diffyg

	stopio l'r ddynes lollipop a unman diogel l ollwng y disgyblion.
<b>Yes</b>	I would like to express my support for the conclusion of the Cyffeillion Pen Barras 'case for change' report. This has been submitted as part of the review of education provision in the Ruthin area. The Council have previously assured the Welsh Government that all schools in Denbighshire would be fit for purpose by 2015 we hope that your review will conclude that a new facility on a new site will be delivered for Ysgol Pen Barras by 2015.
<b>Yes</b>	Rydw l'n teimlo fod cyflwr adeiladau Ysgol Pen Barras yn broblem fawr ac yn effeithio ar addysg fy mhlant yn dilyn y cyfarfod, ac ar ol dywed y bydd y broses yn cymryd hyd at 4 mlynedd, rydw l'n teimlo'n siomedig iawn y bydd plant yr ysgol yn gwynhebi addysg yn yr adeiladau hyn. NID wyf yn awyddus l blant Pen Barras a Stryd Y Rhos rhannu safle newydd- problemau rhannu neuadd a chae unwaith eto.
<b>Yes</b>	I do not feel Ruthin needs to English schools on separate sites in Ruthin. I feel the children at Pen Barras are being unfairly treated with the temporary classrooms, when their parents pay more council tax in this county or area. Why should Rhyl get more funding because it is economically deprived.
<b>Yes</b>	Mae gennym breder mawr an ansawdd adeiladau, diffyg cyfleusterau a phryder diogelwch safle Ysgol Pen Barras. Nid yw ein plant yn cael defnyddio'r cae chware pob dydd (yn enwedig yn ystod tymor yr haf) gyda phlant ai ben ei gilydd ar yr iard. Hefyf gan bod rhaid l Ben Barras a Stryd Y Rhos ranur neuadd mae'n effeithio a amserlen a gweithgareddau'r plant. Mae'r nifer fawr o gabanau ar gyfer plant BL3 i 6 yn fy mhryderu yn fawr. Hydesaf bydd Sir Ddinbych yn ymateb l'r materion yma wrth foderneiddio'r ddaspariaeth yn ardal Rhuthun.
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Y nein barn ni mae iechyd a diogelwch y plant yn Ysgol Pen Barras yn broblem ar hyn o bryd, a hynny yn yr ysgol ac wrth fynd yn ol ac ymlaen'r ysgol. Mae nifer o 'near misses' wedi bod a rhai plant wedi eu hanafu yn barod. Rhaid l unrhyw ysgol newydd sicrhau bod mynediad rhwydd l blant a rhieni o bob ardal o Rhuthun, gyda digon o lefydd parcio. Mae angen l'r ysgol ffurfio rhan o'r ffocws ar ddatblygiad yr iaith Gymraeg yn Rhuthun a'r ardal gyfagos ar gyfer plant a'u teuluoedd. Mae technoleg gwybodaeth yn mynd yn gynyddol bwysig a teimlwn fod y darpariaeth ar hyn o bryd yn gwbl annerbyniol. Rydm angen ysgol sy'n cynnwys yr adnoddau dysgu gorau, ac un sydd wedi chynllunio l sicrhau'r adnoddau gorau yn y tymor hir.</p> <p>Mae athrawon angen yr adnoddau angenrheidiol er mwyn cyflawni eu gwaith yn effeithiol, fydd wedyn yn sicrhau gwelliant mewn safonau. Hoffwn ysgol lle mae'r holl adnoddau o dan yr un to gan osgo'r angen l adael adeiladau'r ysgol/ neu groesi buarth. Hoffwn hefyd maes chwarae digon o faint lle mae'r plant yn gallu meithrin y talent amlwg sy'n bodoli'n barod. Mae'r cae chware presennol sydd yn cael ei rannu rhwng dwy ysgol yn gwbl warthus. Mae angen ysgol o faint yr adnoddau angenrheidiol er mwyn cyflawni eu gwaith yn effeithiol, fydd wedyn yn sicrhau gwelliant mewn safonau. Hoffwn ysgol lle mae'r holl adnoddau o dan yr un to gan osgo'r angen l adael adeiladau'r ysgol/ neu groesi buarth. Hoffwn hefyd maes chwarae digon o faint lle mae'r plant yn gallu meithrin y talent amlwg sy'n bodoli'n barod. Mae'r cae chware presennol sydd yn cael ei rannu rhwng dwy ysgol yn gwbl warthus. Mae angen ysgol o faint digonol sy'n caniatu l'r ysgol gyfan gwrdd ac l ganiatau gall rieni fynychu cyngherddau a digwyddiadau. Mae hyn yn allweddol wrth ddatblygu cymuned yr ysgol. Eto, mar rhannu un neuadd fach rhwn ddwy ysgol yn gywilyddus. Hoffwn adeilad sy'n groesawus l'n plant, l'n hathrawon ac ymwelwyr. Hoffwn adeilad sy'n ysbrydoli ein plant l gyrraedd eu llawn potensial ac sy'n amlygu eu gwerth fel pobl ifanc. Mae'r ysgol yn llwyddo er fod y cyfleusterau yn warthus- meddyliwch be fyddai'r ysgol medru cyflawni os darparir cyfleusterau addas.</p>

<b>Yes</b>	Mae safle Ysgol Pen Barras yn hollol anghywir I ysgol yn y roes modern yma. Mae'n anodd ei chywaedd os yn teithio iddi gyda char; reit ar ochr ffordd fawr gyda traffig sy'n gyson anwybyddw'r 30 M.Y.A; or safle lle mai dwy ysgol yn gorfod mannu adroddau prin (yn cynwys tir). Dwi'n aml yn ystyried hi'n wyrth bod y ddwy ysgol ar y safle yn ymdepi cystol!
<b>Yes</b>	Pen Barras is an exceptional school, the only issue is the site. It is very cramped and all junior lessons are taught in portacabins with no w/c facility so not ideal in terms of children having to walk across site to main buildings (safeguarding). Also dropping off and collection are difficult as no 'allocated' near school point for parking.
<b>Yes</b>	Gan eich bod yn gofyn yn Cwestiwn 3 I ni radio y ffactorau hynnu oedd yr iaith Gymraeg, a ni ddylech wedi holi a ffeindio allan faint o rieni sydd DDIM eisiau addysg Gymraeg I'w plant. Nid ydwyf yn hapus fy mod wedi gorfod graddio addysg Gymraeg yn yr holiadur yma yn yr run rhestr a safon yr adeiladau. Mae'n rhoi'r syniad I mi be mae Sir Ddinbych yn feddwl o addysg Gymraeg.
<b>Yes</b>	Ysgol Pen Barras is in a desperate need a better quality and bigger school buildings and facilities. At the moment Ysgol Pen Barras and Rhos Street school have to share the main school building and facilities within the school grounds. Ysgol Pen Barras has a high percentage of mobile classrooms compared to the capacity of the main building. The classes that are dependent are the nursery, year 3, year 4, year 5 and year 6 which some of the mobile class rooms do not have a toilet facility.
<b>Yes</b>	Quality of pre and after school care is key for many parents. The pastoral care and physical education provided by the school is also key to children's personal and physical development.
<b>Yes</b>	Mae angen mwy o gyflesterau ir holl blant sydd yn yr ysgol. Cae chwarae ddim iw rhanu hefo ysgol arall
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Rwy'n cyd-fynd yn llawr â'r argymhellion a amlinellir yn ymateb Cyfeillion Pen Barras a'r adroddiad Achos am Newid a gyflwynwyd i'r Cyngor yn ddiweddar mewn perthynas â'r adolygiad addysg yn ardal Rhuthun. Credaf fod safle cyfredol Ysgol Pen Barras yn gwbl anaddas. Mae'r adeiladau'n rhy hen i'w haddasu'n ddigonol, ac ni chredaf fod modd darparu addysg addas i'r 21ain ganrif mewn adeilad fel hyn. Yn ddelfrydol dylai bod ysgol i'r plant (a'r athrawon) lle gallant gymryd mantais o'r cyfnod sylfaen yn llawn, cael cyfleoedd addas i gymryd rhan mewn cerddoriaeth / perfformio (ystafelloedd cerdd / neuadd addas ble gall rhieni ddod i weld perfformiadau), campfa gydag ystafelloedd newid, ffreutur braf gyda digon o le i'r ysgol gyfan. Cyfleusterau ar gyfer coginio, garddio, technoleg gwybodaeth a'r cyfryngau.</p> <p>Digonedd o le y tu allan fel y gellir cael ymarfer corff beth bynnag fo'r tywydd. Lle addas hefyd ar gyfer y clwb brecwast a chlwb ar ôl ysgol, a chyfleusterau i gynnal gweithgareddau allgyrsiol ar ôl ysgol. Yn rhy aml ar hyn o bryd, caiff rhan elfennol o'r cwricwlwm, sef ymarfer corff, ei esgeuluso gan nad oes lle i'w gynnal mewn tywydd garw. Mae lle i gael awyr iach ac ymarfer corff yn hanfodol i ddatblygiad plant. Yn ychwanegol i hyn, mae angen safle sy'n diddymu'r risg iechyd a diogelwch presennol sy'n codi yn sgil y parcio o amgylch yr ysgol.</p> <p>Mae'n wyrth na fu damwain ddifrifol iawn ger tir yr ysgol - mae'n plant ni'n wynebu risgiau cwbl annerbyniol ond dyddiol Does gen i ddim gwrthwynebiad mewn egwyddor petai angen rhannu safle gydag ysgol cyfrwng Saesneg ar yr amod bod sicrwydd y byddai'r Gymraeg yn parhau i ffynnu.</p> <p>Golyga hyn yn ymarferol na fyddai felly'n addas iddynt gymysgu dros amseroedd egwyl ac amser cinio, achos yn sicr byddai'r Gymraeg yn gwanhau mewn amgylchiadau o'r fath. Hefyd, os byddai dwy ysgol yn rhannu safle, byddai angen sicrhau bod unrhyw gyfleusterau sy'n cael</p>



	eu rhannu yn caniatáu i'r ddwy ysgol gael yr un cyfleoedd teg ar gyfer ymarfer corff (y tu mewn a'r tu allan), perfformiadau a gwasanaeth, ac amser cinio. Nid yw hyn yn digwydd ar hyn o bryd, ac mae'r athrawon yn gorfod cyfaddawdu byth a hefyd ar feysydd allweddol o'r cwricwlwm.
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\*24 respondents in total

### 9. Ysgol Pentrecelyn

<b>Permission to publish response</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Yes</b>	Pentrecelyn is a welcoming and thriving school providing an excellent Welsh medium education. It produces happy, confident, caring individuals and these factors should be considered alongside financial ones.
<b>Yes</b>	Ysgol Pentrecelyn serves the surrounding area, a rural community with quality Welsh medium education in a comfortable, effective and practical environment. It is thriving, the school is near capacity and the next two years will see it reach capacity, and is evident by the well-attended 'Ti a Fi' group. We have excellent, dedicated teachers and staff ably managed by an innovative and enthusiastic headteacher. Children in rural areas belong in village schools and Ysgol Pentrecelyn provides the best education and environment for the children in this rural Welsh community.
<b>Yes</b>	<b>redaction</b> as I wanted them to learn through the medium of Welsh. Pentrecelyn school has a lovely friendly and family environment and my children are very happy there. I do not want my children in large classes as I feel they get a lot better education in smaller groups and if they are struggling they get the help they need straight away. It wouldn't be a shame if Pentrecelyn was to close or merge with another school as I don't feel the standard of teaching would be as good or up to standard it is now.  Pentrecelyn is situated in an ideal location for local villages and closing the school would mean too much travelling for the children. I would not like to share a head teacher with another school as this is <b>redaction</b> <b>redaction</b>
<b>Yes</b>	Journey times and distances need to be treated with caution as many children are transported to school by taxi due to unsafe walking routes. As a result, whilst the child may only be travelling 3 or 4 miles if it were a direct journey, because of pick ups/drop offs they can be on the taxi for 45 minutes.
<b>No</b>	<b>redaction</b> <b>redaction</b> <b>redaction</b> <b>redaction</b>
<b>Yes</b>	I chose to send my children to Ysgol Pentrecelyn for two main reasons, firstly as it is our local community school. I value the fact that we are

	<p>part of this community and that learning alongside their neighbours will instil a sense of responsibility in society in my children. The fact that all the classes are schooled together so closely and that the children share and support each other across the years is very beneficial in my view.</p> <p>Secondly for the schools category 1 Welsh status so that my children will be fully immersed and bilingual (I am an English speaker educated in Denbighshire but have lost my Welsh). By 2016 I will have 3 children in full time education and I will be very sad if they don't all get to attend Ysgol Pentrecelyn.</p>
<p><b>Yes</b></p>	<p>Question 6: We are in favour of our daughter receiving quality education in a local setting and not one where the prospect of spending excessive time travelling to and from school detracts from the opportunity to learn.</p> <p>Question 8: To be taught in the Welsh language is a right that the Welsh Assembly Government has taken great measures to ensure for our children. It is well known that a child learning two or more languages is more likely to succeed not just in academia but also in life. It is this that we are looking for, and hope to continue to receive, at Ysgol Pentrecelyn.</p> <p>In addition to this there is a family history where both mother and uncle (mother's brother) attended Ysgol Pentrecelyn and father also went to a similar village school in Rhewl. Village schools are part of our heritage and we are looking for this to continue for our daughter.</p> <p>Being taught in her own community means that the friends that she makes here will continue with her throughout life and that the community will thrive through the opportunity to keep our children local.</p> <p>Ysgol Pentrecelyn offers an excellent level of quality education and the inclusion of reception students with years 1 and 2 means that children with aptitude are identified and nurtured and not left to go "wanting" in their otherwise designated and isolated year groups.</p> <p>Ysgol Pentrecelyn is set on a quiet country road off the main road and has parking and dropping-off facilities which gives solace that the early morning and end of day routines are friendly and safe instead of being impersonal and hazardous.</p> <p>Finally the facilities provided at Ysgol Pentrecelyn encourage joyful learning for our daughter and not a tortuous and scary prospect that a five year old might feel if she were to be faced with the idea of having to travel miles to a new school in an area that was unfamiliar to her. Having a school garden, a playing field, separate dining facilities away from the classrooms, a school hall to occupy when bad weather prevails and a sizeable yard when the weather is fine is something that we fear will not be available to her if Ysgol Pentrecelyn was closed in favour of another of the county's existing or much-discussed new schools.</p> <p>It is with all of the above that we implore you to concede that Ysgol Pentrecelyn is worthy of retention in the County plan and to continue to support it in providing education for the primary school children of the present and the future for many years to come."</p>

	redaction
<b>Yes</b>	O fod yn tynnu cyllid allan o'r cyd destun am eiliad, paham fod llefydd gwag mewn ysgolion yn factor negyddol? A yw llefydd gweigion mewn ysbytai yn rhywbeth negyddol? Orid yw'r claf yn gallu manteisio ar fwy o amser a sylw gan y nyrs pan fo gwely neu ddwy yn wag ar y ward? Mae ratio athro/plenty yn factor bwysig aruthrol I mi.
<b>Yes</b>	I believe strongly in community. Rural schools contribute strongly to a sense of community and provide informal warm environment for education. Quality of education should be a primary concern to education authorities not expense. Our local village school is vital to our community.
<b>Yes</b>	I chose to send my children to Ysgol Pentrecelyn because it is a Welsh medium school, and also because my children are a fourth generation from my family to attend the school and I hope that many more generations can follow from this. I believe being a smaller village school, my children can get access to many more opportunities than they would in a larger school, and I also strongly feel they are much more confident getting the attention they need to help them with their education my children don't like school holidays because they want to be in school and as a parent what more could you ask for knowing they enjoy every aspect of their school life?
<b>Yes</b>	Bydd gen I 2 blentyn arall a fydd yn cychwyn yn yr ysgol o fewn y 3 blynedd nesaf. Mae cylch ti a fi yn cyfarfod yn yr ysgol bob bore mawrth gyde 11 plentyn fydd yn yr ysgol o fewn y 2 flynedd nesaf. Mae'r ysgol yn fau cyfarfod cymunedol ac yn demir gymdeithas leol gyfa yno I achlysuero tymhorol gydel y flwyddyn.
<b>Yes</b>	Tra medraf ddeall fod hybu dwyieithrwydd yn bwysig, ni ddylid gostwng safonau ieithyddol a di-raddio ysgol Cymraeg I sefylla ddwyieithog. Mae angen ysgol Cymraeg yng nghefn gwlad. Mae plant angen adnabod eu broydd genedigol a meithrin ymdeimlad o berthyn a magu gwreiddiau. Drwy hyn byddant yn datblygu yn unigolion syn deal, a gweld gwerth yn eu bro yn nes ymlaen yn eu bywydau, ac yn fwy parod I ymateb I sialensau a materion syn hanfodol I ffyniant a pharhad cefn gwlad. "Ble bynnag foy bydd ein braed, bydd Pentrecelyn y nein gwaed" cytgan can mileniwm a gyfansoddwyd yn yr ysgol.
<b>Yes</b>	We think as parents that the quality of education at Ysgol Pentrecelyn as class one Welsh speaking school is not replaceable, and with it only being 10 min from our home it is perfect for our daughter and our son who starts in 2014.
<b>Yes</b>	Fel rhiant I dri o blant mae gen I bryderon mawr ynglyn a'r adolygiad o ddarpariaeth addysg gynradd yn ardal Rhuthun. Mae'r boen meddwl i ni fel teulu orfod meddwl fod Cyngor Sir Ddinbych yn cysidro cau rhai o ysgolion cefn gwlad yn ardal hon. Mae'n bwysig iawn gen I bod fy mhlant yn mynychu ysgol naturiol cymraeg, ac bod eu haddysg gyradd trwy'r iath gymraeg. Nid hyn fyddai'r achos pe bai nhw'n mynychw ysgol ddwyieithog. Mae ysgol Pentrecelyn yn tyfu ar gyfradd llawer uwch nag unrhyw ysgol arall o'r 11 sy'n rhan o'r adolygiad a bydd yn cyrraedd ei huchafwm erbyn 2017 (os nad cyn hynny). Credaf y dylai ysgol sy'n tyfu ar gyfradd more uchel o hyn dderbyn sylw arbennig yn yr adolygiad.  Ysgolion bychan cefn gwlad yw calon y gymdeithas mewn llawer o ardaloedd erbyn hyn gan fod capeli, siopau pentref ac ati wedi cau ar hyd y blynyddoedd. Pe bai'r ysgolion y ncau, dyna ddiwedd ar y gymdeithas mewn llawer ardal.  Cynhelir cylch 'Ti a Fi' yn neuadd yr ysgol yn wythnosol a byddaf yn mynychu gyda fy mhlant ieuengaf bob wythnos. Mae hwn yn gyfle gwych

	I ddod I adnabod cymdogion a byddai'n golled fawr i nip e bai'r ysgol yn cau. Byddwn yn ddiolchgar iawn pe baech yn cysidro's holl ffactorau yn drylwyr iawn cyn gwneud unrhyw benderfyniad ynglyn a dyfodol Ysgol Pentrecelyn.
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\*14 respondents in total

## 10. Rhos Street School

<b>Permission to publish response</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Yes</b>	Teaching Welsh to those that do not want to learn it is a waste of time, teach French, Spanish or German or a more popular language than Welsh!! <u>Not hard to do!!</u> I and my husband and children have all been born and bred in Wales- we are Welsh. However we <u>choose</u> not to speak Welsh. To force English schools in Wales to become bilingual is total discrimination against peoples freedom of choice!!
<b>Yes</b>	That Welsh medium education/Welsh language provision be improved further in English medium schools i.e further towards bilingualism.
<b>Yes</b>	I would hope any changes to primary provision does not result in schools being merged as children of a young age could find difficult transitions overwhelming and class sizes too large and standards of education would begin to suffer.
<b>No</b>	redaction
<b>Yes</b>	Larger class sizes would be detrimental to a child's learning. A change in school is disruptive to a child's learning. Smaller schools allow a better sense of community and values.
<b>Yes</b>	I am concerned that a new school will be built for one group of children and there will be no money left to improve existing facilities which are in dire need of modernisation. Why does Pen Barras have such a high intake if the mobile classrooms are not suitable?
<b>Yes</b>	I can not understand why this day and age WHY Pen Barras and Rhos Street school are segregated what message does this send to our children that they are different and shouldn't play with each other I think it sends out "wrong" messages and is discriminating and truly wrong!
<b>No</b>	redaction
<b>Yes</b>	I think DCC should not pay for taxis for transporting children to school. People who live in rural areas should either transport children themselves or use buses. I think it is a waste of money to taxi children a few hundred yards from my house to Pen Barras.
<b>Yes</b>	To close any of the schools would be catastrophic to the community.
<b>Yes</b>	Rhos Street and Pen Barras have long outcrown their respective buildings and I hope you will provide a much needed solution, taking into account the very important and historic foundations of Rhos Street.
<b>No</b>	redaction
<b>Not Indicated</b>	Our children have been attending Rhos Street School for the last 11yrs. It is an excellent school with many opportunities offered to the

	children. The introduction of Welsh at the school will help the children a great deal in readiness for Brynhyfryd. There is talk that Pen Barras will get the new school if built. If this was the case then there should be an investment made to the others.
<b>Yes</b>	I think that transport issues do not come into this. I would like the best for my children. The most important thing is the best education for my children, they deserve the best and I don't see how transport comes into this. The children of Ruthin should be treated equally.
<b>Yes</b>	Extremely happy with Rhos Street School building, extremely well kept following your recent works. If a new school was to be built would there be any funding to update Rhos Street? Would need to be a fair split between new school and existing school premises. Extremely happy that school is situated within the town- it is part of the community children able to take advantage of the towns facilities, library etc without added travel costs.
<b>Yes</b>	<p>I have so far been very impressed with the education provided at Rhos Street School for my daughter, she's only young but has progressed very well and the condition of her classrooms seems very good. I am concerned though that she has to eat her sandwiches at her classroom desk as they share the canteen with Ysgol Pen Barras. She has also missed out on PE in the hall due to Pen Barras getting priority over the hall for various things even when it's Rhos Streets time for using it. It is clearly not working two schools sharing the site. I am also concerned to think that my children going to an English first language school would be disadvantaged for doing so.</p> <p>I am Welsh and proud to be so, although my grandfathers were first language Welsh they did not pass the language on to my parents and therefore me. I studied Welsh second language and passed A Level but I do think it important for my children to study the core subjects through English and learn Welsh as a second language. If a determining factor of the consultation is on having Welsh first language provision then where does that leave my children? Are they to be considered less of a priority? Perhaps there should be more focus on bilingualism?</p>
<b>Not Indicated</b>	I don't even want to think about taking my children out of Rhos Street School as they are very happy there. Mr Bryn Jones has achieved so much in the time he has been at Rhos Street. His drive and enthusiasm to make Rhos Street the best it possible can be bringing the best out of the pupils is very encouraging as a parent. It has always been said that if a new school was to be built it would be automatically allocated to Pen Barras. This would be fine as long as the buildings left to Rhos Street would be brought up to the very same standard as the new school and not leave us looking like the poor relations!
<b>Yes</b>	Rhos Street School has good facilities and excellent academic standards. The shared site with Pen Barras is not ideal, but Rhos Street makes full use of the town centre facilities e.g. library, churches, businesses, and therefore needs to stay in the town centre to be part of this community. Should a new school be built for Pen Barras, for fairness, significant investment should also be made in Rhos Street buildings to bring it up to the same standard as a new 21 <sup>st</sup> century school.
<b>Not Indicated</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rhos Street School is fit for purpose. It has been redecorated, redesigned in areas such as breakfast club and reception. School is safe, well-kept and well-resourced environment. The classrooms are in good condition but having classrooms upstairs is not ideal.</li> <li>2. The Llanrhydd street site is equally fit for purpose. It has been remodelled and the school went through hardship to get such a fine resource, however a split site is highly inconvenient.</li> </ol>

	<p>3. Sharing a site with Pen Barras is highly problematic. The sharing of a hall, canteen, computer site and field, the congestion of parents, traffic and students all serve for a need for detailed procedures to be in place. This does need to be addressed.</p> <p>4. One focus of the consultation is having Welsh first language provision. I am hoping that this will not be a disadvantage towards Rhos Street, as the school has made long term efforts to promote bilingualism and Welsh as a second language.</p> <p>5. Standards at the school are extremely high and shows rising trends over the last four years. It has been place among the top 25% schools nationally in 2012 according to performance in most indicators.</p> <p>6. Concerned that there has been a developing culture that a new site will be claimed automatically by Pen Barras. However, Rhos Street is central to the town and students may miss out on activities if the school was relocated.</p> <p>7. If there is a new school build and Pen Barras was relocated, then the condition of the vacated areas of Pen Barra, do not reflect the condition of the main building of Rhos Street. This site would require extensive remodelling to match the standard of Rhos Street and also significant investment to bring it up to 21<sup>st</sup> Century standard and to match that of a new build.</p>
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*\*19 respondents in total*

### 11. Ysgol Rhewl

<b>Permission to publish response</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<p><b>redaction</b></p> <p>Although I have listed quality of education as the factor which most influences my choice of school I would like to say that a child's happiness and how much they enjoy school is a much better bench mark when looking at choice of school and this should be considered.</p>
<b>Yes</b>	<p>My children are very settled and happy in our village school which we chose to be part of the village community. If the school is closed this will have a huge detrimental effect on village life. Why close a successful village school with healthy numbers? The school provides an excellent education in a small school. What happens in a big 'super school'? More children in a class could affect the quality of teaching?</p>
<b>Yes</b>	<p>I feel all the town schools are full to capacity and children should be taught in local village school. I am not prepared for my child to go in a taxi to school.</p>
<b>Yes</b>	<p>I chose a smaller village school for my children and moved to the village specifically for this. I believe well-being is much better catered for in smaller schools and teachers really get to know the children as they often teach them for longer periods of time and know how to engage and motivate them well.</p>
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Rhewl is an amazing school with fantastic staff. <b>redaction</b></p> <p><b>redaction</b> This resulted in a very unhappy child who was not learning! I could not believe the change in him when he moved to Rhewl he became a confident and happy little boy again and his learning has improved dramatically. <b>redaction</b></p> <p><b>redaction</b>. Rhewl is the only school in the area that can provide the help and support my son needs.</p>
<b>Yes</b>	<p>Rhewl school has small classroom numbers which is ideal for my children as they are very shy. Children are <u>very</u> happy at the school and settled. Has afterschool club which enables us to work full time.</p>

<b>No</b>	redaction [Redacted content]
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*\*7 respondents in total*