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Formal Consultation Document

Proposal for a new joint faith based school
for North Denbighshire

Young Persons' Version

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Denbighshire County Council and the people who run St Brigid's and Blessed Edward Jones have been thinking about changing faith education for a few years now. We would like to make sure that the quality of education is as good as it can be for years to come.

You may remember the meetings earlier this year at your school when your parents had the chance to say what they thought. Also, people from the council came to talk to your school council.

The council has come up with a plan to change your school and wants to ask you about it.

SO WHAT'S THE PLAN?

We would like Blessed Edward Jones and St Brigid's to become one school. We think this is the best way to provide an excellent standard of education for many years to come. At first, and for around 5 to 6 years, the new school would be on the same sites as the two schools are now. So for quite a few years, not much would really change. If you go to school in Denbigh now, you would carry on going to school there. If you are in Rhyl now, you would stay there.

WHAT WILL CHANGE?

The new school would have a different name, you may have a different uniform and the two sites would have the same headteacher. The teachers and pupils at the two current schools would become part of the same school. This means that everyone could learn from one another and share all the good things about the two schools.

After a few years we would ask you whether you think we should build a new school. We are thinking about this already and, if it happens, the new school would probably be built in Bodelwyddan or Rhuddlan. It will only fit in around 600 - 750 pupils, so it won't be huge. It will be bigger than your school is now but not as big as some of the other secondary schools.

WHY ARE WE ASKING YOU ABOUT IT?

We aren't just asking you: we are asking your parents, teachers and the parents and teachers at other schools in the area and, in fact, lots of other people who are interested in our schools. The Welsh Government wants us to ask you about the plan we have. This gives you the chance to tell us what you think and gives us the chance to listen.

We will come to see your school council again, like we did before, as we value your opinion. We would also like you to answer the questions on the back page.

WHY DO WE THINK THINGS NEED TO CHANGE?

The two schools are already good, but they could be even better.

We have the chance to create a new school with much better classrooms, sports facilities and learning resources. We can provide up to date **ICT, Art and Design Technology** facilities. We think that a new school will be a much better place to learn.

We don't want to make big changes too quickly. That's why we are planning to bring the two schools together on the existing sites at first. This will give you and everyone else time to get to know one another and for the new school to take shape. Once that happens, we will ask you again to tell us whether you would like a new school building.

HOW LONG WILL THINGS TAKE?

Getting everyone's views

3 June - 22 July 2013

Telling everyone what we've decided to do

October 2013

The new school on the two sites in Denbigh and Rhyl

September 2014

Getting everyone's views on a new school building

Summer 2015

Constructing the new school

Summer 2017

Opening the new school building

September 2019

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

This is a summary of the full Formal Consultation Document. You can find the full version plus loads of facts and figures on our website:-

www.denbighshire.gov.uk/modernisingeducation

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

You've heard what we think - now we want to know what you think.
You can write down your answers to the questions on the back page, tear it off and post it to us at:-

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If you prefer to use email, send your answers to modernisingeducation@denbighshire.gov.uk

- Which school do you go to now?

- How do you feel about St Brigid's and Blessed Edward Jones becoming 1 school on 2 sites?

- How would you feel if they became 1 school on a new site with a new building?

- Is there anything else you would like to see happen instead of what we are planning?

If you want to let us know how you feel about the plan, you have to send your comments to us by **Monday 22 July 2013**. We won't be able to accept anything coming in after then.