



Consultation Document
Proposal to Increase the Pupil Capacity at
Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd

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1: Introduction – Explanation of the Consultation Proposal

This consultation is an opportunity for the local and wider community to learn about the proposals to permanently increase the pupil capacity at Ysgol Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd.

The School Governing Body of Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd wishes to seek the views of interested parties regarding the proposal to increase capacity from 105 to 126 full time pupils at Ysgol Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd from the 31st August 2022. This increase would mean that each year group admission number would increase from 15 pupils to 18.

This consultation document sets out the information which consultees will need to consider to take part fully in the consultation process. This process follows regulatory guidance as set out in the School Organisation Code 2018.

To request a hard copy of the consultation document please email ysgollanfairconsultation@denbighshire.gov.uk.

The consultation period commences on **Friday 10th September 2021** and ends on **Friday 22nd October 2021**.

1.1 The consultation

This consultation proposal has been produced containing information set out in the Welsh Government Guidance and sets out the information people will need to participate in the consultation process.

The Governing body wish to seek the views of all those with a likely interest in any change to Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd. It is important that all views can be taken into account before a decision is made.

The first step in the process was for Governing Body to hold a consultation with the Diocese of St Asaph in respect of the proposal. This had to be carried out before the consultation document was published. It allowed the Diocese of St Asaph the opportunity to reflect on the proposals and to consider whether it wished to support the proposal. This pre-consultation began on 2nd August 2021 and ended on 30th August 2021; after which the Diocese confirmed it was fully supportive for the Governing Body to carry out a full consultation in respect of the proposal to increase the capacity at Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd.

A supplementary version of this formal consultation proposal has been produced for and made available to children and young people who are likely to be affected by the current proposal. The supplementary version has been written specifically to enable children and young people to understand better and engage with the formal consultation.

We are therefore consulting with the community, potential users and other relevant stakeholders. We will hold meetings for pupils and staff at Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn

Clwyd during the consultation period due to these stakeholders being most likely to be directly affected by the proposal.

We will also hold information sessions for parents and any other interested parties during the consultation period. These will be 10 minute sessions which will be arranged by appointment only. These sessions will be held face to face or virtually in accordance with the current COVID Government guidelines. Please email ysgolllanfairconsultation@denbighshire.gov.uk to request an information session slot and for further information.

Letters of response should be sent to Ysgol Llanfair Consultation, Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd, Ruthin, Denbighshire, LL15 2SD or by email ysgolllanfairconsultation@denbighshire.gov.uk no later than **Friday 22nd October 2021**.

It is anticipated that the Governing Body of Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd will consider a report on the outcome of this formal consultation at a meeting to be held on **Tuesday 16th November 2021**, when a decision will be made about whether or not to publish a statutory notice.

Due to the volume of responses that are received when consulting on options we will not be able to acknowledge written responses nor enter into correspondence with interested parties either during or after the consultation period.

Your comments however will be considered and responded to via the publication of a post consultation report.

Please note that all responses to this consultation will be made available to the Governing Body of Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd to view to inform the decision making process.

Event	Dates
Consultation - during this time you can make your views known by <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information session• Meetings with Pupils and Staff of Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd• Writing to or emailing the Governing Body• Completing the response form	10th September – 22nd October 2021
Findings of the consultation will go to the Governing Body of Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd. The Governing body will make the decision as to whether it wishes to move to the next stage of consultation.	16th November 2021
If agreed by the governing body, a statutory notice will be published. These are public notices that will be published on the schools and Denbighshire County council's website, in addition the notice will be displayed at the entrance of the	22nd November 2021

school. You will be able to make your views known at this stage by writing or emailing the Governing Body. Information on how this can be done will also be provided on the public notice.	
Final decision made on the proposal by the Local Authority	12th - 17th January 2022
Proposal to be implemented by	September 2022

Please note that the timetable is subject to change, any subsequent changes will be publicised.

The Governing Body will be able to inform you if this happens and let you know the new dates we are working towards.

1.2 List of Consultees

This consultation document has been sent to a wide range of people, including:

- a. Pupils, parents, teachers and ancillary staff of Ysgol Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd
- b. Chair of Governors and School Councils of the following schools:
 - i. Ysgol Pentrecelyn;
 - ii. Ysgol Carreg Emlyn
 - iii. Ysgol Llanbedr
 - iv. Ysgol Dyffryn Ial;
- c. Church in Wales Diocese of St Asaph and Roman Catholic Diocese of Wrexham;
- d. Headteachers and Chairs of Governors of all Denbighshire Schools;
- e. Independent nursery providers in the Ruthin area;
- f. All Denbighshire County Councillors;
- g. Members of Sennedd and Members of Parliament representing areas affected by the proposal;
- h. Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd Community Council;
- i. Llanelidan Community Council;
- j. Efenectyd Community Council;
- k. Ruthin Town Council;
- l. The Welsh Government;
- m. Estyn;
- n. Relevant teaching and staff trades unions.
- o. Gwasanaeth Effeithiolrwydd Ysgolion (GwE)
- p. Denbighshire Children and Young People's Partnership and Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships
- q. The Welsh Language Commissioner
- r. North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner
- s. Flintshire County Council
- t. Wrexham County Borough Council.

1.3 Development of Schools Organisation Proposals

Development of school organisation proposals should have regard to overarching national policies and principles, including:

- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- A Living Language: A Language for Living - Welsh Language Strategy 2012-2017;
- Welsh Medium Education Strategy;
- One Wales: One Planet, a new sustainable development scheme for Wales May 2009 or any successor strategy;
- Child Poverty Strategy for Wales (issued February 2011 information document number 95/2011), or any successor strategy;
- Faith in Education.

Additionally, the development of school organisation proposals should have regard to local plans, including;

- Local plans for economic or housing development;
- Welsh in education strategic plans;
- Children and young people's plans;
- 21st Century schools guidance.

Regard should also be given to Welsh Government guidance on related matters to school organisation such as:

- Learner travel operational guidance (April 2009);
- Measuring the capacity of schools in Wales.

Factors that should be taken into account by relevant bodies when preparing publishing, approving or determining school organisation proposals are as follows:

- Quality and standards in education - outcomes, provision and leadership and management;
- Need for places and the impact on accessibility of schools
- Resourcing of education and other financial implications.

Other general factors such as the impact of the proposal on children from economically deprived backgrounds, and any equality issues (including those identified through equality impact assessments).

2: Your Views Matter - How can you find out more and give your views?

There are several ways in which you can communicate your views with us. Attached to this document there is a response pro forma. This can be completed and returned to us at the address as indicated no later than **Friday 22nd October 2021**.

You may submit comments to us via email. The email address for this correspondence is:

ysgollanfairconsultation@denbighshire.gov.uk no later than **Friday 22nd October 2021**.

A downloadable response pro-forma is available at:
<https://www.ysgolllanfairdc.cymru/consultation.htm>

We will also hold information sessions for parents and any other interested parties during the consultation period. These will be 10 minute sessions which will be arranged by appointment only. These sessions will be held face to face or virtually in accordance with the current COVID Government guidelines. At these sessions you will be able to talk to representatives of the Governing Body, the Diocese of St Asaph and Denbighshire County Council who will be available to answer your questions.

Letters of response should be sent to Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd Consultation, Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd, Ruthin, Denbighshire, LL15 2SD no later than **Friday 22nd October 2021**.

Due to the volume of responses that are received when consulting on options we will not be able to acknowledge written responses nor enter into correspondence with interested parties either during or after the consultation period.

Your comments however will be considered and responded to via the publication of a post consultation report.

It should be noted that any comments will not be treated as objections at this stage.

3: The Proposal – Why are we proposing the changes?

The proposal is to permanently increase the Pupil capacity at Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd from 105 to 126 as of the 31st August 2022.

The school has seen a growing demand for places and as a result we are experiencing increased over subscription and appeals.

Mid-year transfers				
Year	School	Transfers in	Transfers out (DCC Schools only)	Refusals
2019 - 20	Ysgol Llanfair	2	0	1
2020 - 21	Ysgol Llanfair	12	3	4

The demand for nursery places at the school for the 2021-2022 school year can be seen in the table below.

Nursery Admissions 2021					
School	Admission Number	Total Applications	No. Nursery Allocated September 2021	1st Preference Refusals	Nearest Suitable School Refusals
Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd	15	24	15	9	4

Since the opening of the new school in February 2020 we have been experiencing a particular sustained growth in demand in the Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd/ Pwllglas area and Denbighshire County Council as the admissions authority has been forced to refuse pupils for whom Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd is their nearest suitable school.

Although maintaining the status quo would not negatively impact upon the quality of teaching and learning at Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd, a lack of action to address a recognised increase in demand for places and evidenced parental preference, may increase the risk that the quality and standard of education within the wider area could be adversely impacted. Resources would not be applied and used efficiently within teaching and learning.

Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd already has capacity within the new building to accommodate an increase in pupil numbers. This was factored into the design of the new build at the business case stage of the project, which acknowledged the likely impact on pupil projections following planning approval of 63 dwellings within the village.

Placed in the context of challenges facing educational provision and sustainability of high quality educational provision, the Governing Body are bringing forward this proposal to increase the capacity at Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd as of the 31st August 2022.

3.1 Proposed Year Group Sizes

It is proposed that the school would operate with an admission number of 18 per year group.

Option 1 Entry 2022		
Year Group	Age	Number of Pupils
Nursery	3-4	18*
Reception	4-5	18
1	5-6	18
2	6-7	18
3	7-8	18
4	8-9	18
5	9-10	18
6	10-11	18

* Nursery numbers will be split into morning and afternoon sessions (9 pupils per session).

3.2 Class Structure

To accommodate the new pupil numbers the class structure would be as follows:

Class	Age Range	Number of Pupils	Class Size
Nursery/ Reception	3-4	Nursery - 9 (per session) Reception - 18	27
Year 1/2	4-6	Year 1 – 18 Year 2 –12	30
Year 2/3	5-7	Year 2 – 6 Year 3 – 18	24
Year 4/5	8-10	Year 4 – 18 Year 5 – 6	24
Year 5/6	9-11	Year 5 – 12 Year 6 – 18	30

4: Options and summary information

Denbighshire County Council as the admissions authority continues to monitor the demand for school places through its parental preference survey as well as closely analysing admissions application requests. In addition, the Local Authority are committed via the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (**WESP**) to continue to ensure it provides Welsh medium places for all those who want them.

Where funding allows, the Local Authority will seek to increase available school places, so as to meet local demand, improve the distribution of school places and provide more choice for parents. This includes works undertaken by Denbighshire County Council as part of the Ruthin Review and the Band A of the 21st Century Schools Programme.

4.1 Supply and demand for school places

The table below shows the number of pupils on roll at each potentially impacted school for the previous 5 years.

School	NOR* 2017	NOR* 2018	NOR* 2019	NOR* 2020	NOR* 2021
Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd	94	93	90	99	100
Ysgol Pentrecelyn;	43	43	35	30	27
Ysgol Carreg Emlyn	75	75	73	67	69
Ysgol Llanbedr	45	46	49	55	64
Ysgol Dyffryn Ial	48	49	50	49	49

*NOR = Number of pupils on roll. Figures from PLASC data provided by Denbighshire Admissions.

Pupil Projections

School	NOR* 2022	NOR* 2023	NOR* 2024	NOR* 2025	NOR* 2026
Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd	101	101	99	99	98
Ysgol Pentrecelyn;	29	26	26	24	25
Ysgol Carreg Emlyn	64	59	53	51	49
Ysgol Llanbedr	61	53	55	50	50
Ysgol Dyffryn Ial	50	50	45	44	42

Pupil projections are calculated based on a 3 year average of the actual number of nursery, reception and year 1 pupils for the given year. This average is used to estimate the nursery pupils for the following year and the remaining pupil data rolled forwards. As such pupil projections do not account for external influences on pupil numbers such as new developments or increasing birth rates. Therefore, these pupil projections do not consider any increase in pupil numbers as a result of the Cae Mair Development in addition to the refusals which the Local Authority has had to issue due to the increase in demand.

4.2 Consideration of site options

Do nothing – Maintain the status quo - Although maintaining the status quo would not negatively impact upon the quality of teaching and learning at Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd, a lack of action to address a recognised increase in demand for places and evidenced parental preference, increases the risk that the quality and standard of education within the wider area could be adversely impacted. Resources would not be applied and used efficiently within teaching and learning.

Do maximum – Extend – This option would involve building an extension to accommodate increasing pupil numbers. Although this option would address the need for additional pupil places at Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd any extension would require significant capital investment and would also likely increase the school size to such an extent that we would be left with a significant surplus pupil places.

Preferred option – Increase school capacity - The School already has capacity within the new building to accommodate an increase in capacity to 126 FT pupils. During the design stage and pre-planning consultation for the new school building considerable feedback focussed on ensuring that any new building could be flexible to accommodate. The design taken forward will enable additional pupils to be accommodated in the building by different utilisation of the space within the school without the requirement for further capital investment.

5: Adequacy of school accommodation and impact of the proposal of the quality of accommodation

Denbighshire County Council's Education buildings condition overall is improving as a number of schools have received significant investment to improve the facilities as part of the 21st Century Schools Programme. This includes investment in the new school for Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd, which opened in February 2020. The school now has a wide range of new facilities which are fit for purpose and suitable to deliver a 21st century curriculum.

The table below provides information on the building conditions for Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd.

School	Category	Type of School	Age Range	Capacity	Condition Grade
Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd	Dual Stream	VC	3-11	105	A

The condition grade of other school sites, which the proposal may potentially impact are shown in the table below.

School	Category	Type of School	Age Range	Capacity	Condition Grade
Ysgol Pentrecelyn, Pentrecelyn	Welsh Medium	Community	3-11	56	C
Ysgol Carreg Emlyn, Clocaenog	Welsh Medium	Community	3-11	101	A
Ysgol Llanbedr, Llanbedr	English Medium	VC	3-11	77	C
Ysgol Dyffryn Ial, Llandegla	Predominantly English Medium but with significant use of Welsh	VC	3-11	60	A

Welsh Government Key to Condition Grade of Education Premises	
Grade A	Good. Performing as intended and operating efficiently.
Grade B	Satisfactory. Performing as intended but exhibiting minor deterioration.
Grade C	Poor. Exhibiting major defects and/ or not operating as intended.
Grade D	Bad. Life expired and/or serious risk of imminent failure.

Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd has adequate space and resources to accommodate the increase in pupils to 126. Therefore, the proposal will not impact on the quality of the accommodation.

In addition the proposal will not have an impact on the other potentially impacted sites or investment in those sites in the future.

6: Impact of proposal on surrounding schools

There remains an increasing demand for bilingual church school provision and since opening the new school site the school has seen an increase in pupils with numbers of pupils on roll continuing to increase. The governing body do not envisage the proposal having a negative impact on surrounding schools as the increase in capacity has been based on need as a result of the developments within close

proximity to the school site in addition to the growing demand on 1st preference allocations for the school.

7: How would nursery provision be affected?

Nursery provision would be increased in line with the new published admissions numbers for Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd. This would enable more children to be accommodated within Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd and surrounding areas, where demand for places has increased.

	Nursery Places Available Currently	Nursery Places Available after additional proposal
Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd	15	18
Ysgol Pentrecelyn	8	8
Ysgol Carreg Emlyn	14	14
Ysgol Llanbedr	11	11
Ysgol Dyffryn Ial	8	8

This Proposal would provide an increase of 3 Nursery places each year. To accommodate the additional numbers across the whole school, the nursery would be split into morning and afternoon sessions. To provide parents with a wraparound care the Cylch Merthin have agreed to operate morning and afternoon sessions to accommodate the 2 nursery classes.

8: Quality and standards

The Governing Body works closely with the Local Authority to ensure that standards at Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd are high, that teaching is good and that leadership and governance is strong. In conjunction with the local authority, the governing body works closely with two organisations in order to monitor the performance of schools and to support school improvement.

8.1 Estyn

Estyn is the office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and training in Wales. It is a crown body, established under the Education Act 1992. Estyn is independent of the National Assembly for Wales but receives its funding from the Welsh Government under Section 104 of the Government of Wales Act 1998. Estyn inspects quality and standards in education and training providers in Wales.

When proposing changes of this type to schools, the proposer should refer to the most recent Estyn report and other evidence derived from performance monitoring and any other information available on a school's effectiveness.

The proposer must also demonstrate the likely impact of the proposals on the quality of:

- standards and progress overall, of specific groups and in skills;

- wellbeing and attitudes to learning;
- teaching and learning experiences (quality of teaching, the breadth, balance and appropriateness of the curriculum, and the provision of skills);
- care support and guidance (tracking, monitoring and the provision of learning support, personal development and safeguarding); and
- leadership and management (quality and effectiveness of leaders and managers, self-evaluation processes and improvement planning, professional learning, and use of resources)

If the inspection was undertaken before 2017 it would be the impact on the quality of:

- Outcome, standards and wellbeing
- Provision, learning experiences, teaching, care support and guidance, learning environment.
- Leadership and Management (leadership, improving quality, partnership working and resource management)

Schools are inspected as part of a national programme of school inspection. The purpose of an inspection is to identify good features and shortcomings in schools in order that they may improve the quality of education offered and raise standards achieved by their pupils. Estyn Inspection Reports provide grades against key questions and provide schools with recommendations for improvement.

Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd's last Estyn Inspection was in December 2015. For a copy of the full inspection report please visit <https://www.estyn.gov.wales/provider/6633045>.

The inspection judgement for the key questions from the Estyn inspection are shown in the table below.

Key Question	Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd Inspection Judgement
1. How good are the outcomes?	Good
2. How good is provision?	Good
3. How good are leadership and management?	Good
The school's current performance	Good
The school's prospects for improvement	Good

Key:

Excellent - Many strengths, including significant examples of sector leading practice

Good - Many strengths and no important areas requiring significant improvement

Adequate - Strengths outweigh areas for improvement

Unsatisfactory - Important areas for improvement outweigh strength

Links to the ESTYN reports for the schools, which the proposal may potentially impact are shown in the table below.

School	Link to ESTYN Report
Ysgol Pentrecelyn	https://www.estyn.gov.wales/provider/6632168
Ysgol Carreg Emlyn	https://www.estyn.gov.wales/provider/6632268
Ysgol Llanbedr	https://www.estyn.gov.wales/provider/6633044
Ysgol Dyffryn Ial	https://www.estyn.gov.wales/provider/6633061

8.2 Welsh Government

In 2014 the Welsh Government introduced a new categorisation system that considered each schools standards, alongside the school's capacity to improve so as to understand the level of support that organisations such as GWE need to provide to each school in order that they achieve their targets.-

Category	What the category means
Green	A highly effective school which is well run, has a strong leadership and is clear about its priorities for improvement.
Yellow	An effective school which is already doing well and knows the areas it needs to improve.
Amber	A school in need of improvement which needs help to identify the steps to improve or to make change happen more quickly.
Red	A school in need of greatest improvement and will receive immediate, intense support

The categorisation outcomes of each school are usually published annually in January. However the last publish categorisation data is from January 2020. This reporting requirement has been relaxed by the Welsh Government due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

National School Categorisation 2020	
School	Support Category
Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd	Yellow/ Melyn
Ysgol Pentrecelyn	Amber/Oren
Ysgol Carreg Emlyn	Amber/Oren
Ysgol Llanbedr	Yellow/ Melyn
Ysgol Dyffryn Ial	Green/Gwrydd

For further information about the categorisation scheme please visit the Welsh Governments guide to the National Schools Categorisation System:
<https://gov.wales/school-categorisation-system>

8.3 Evaluation of the impact of the proposal on the quality and standard of education

It is the view of the Governing Body that if the proposal is implemented it would maintain the current standard and quality of education for Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd. The review has set out to address challenges within the area that have the potential to impact upon the sustainability of high quality provision in the future. This proposal seeks to maintain these standards with a view to strengthening and improving educational provision in the following areas:

- Outcomes (standards and wellbeing)
- Provision (learning experiences, teaching, care, support and guidance, and learning environment)
- Leadership and Management (Leadership, improving quality, partnership working and resource management)

Furthermore, as the proposed number of additional pupils in each year group would be relatively small it is not anticipated that this would impact on the school's ability to deliver the full curriculum. In fact, the proposed change in class structure to include mixed year groups may support the delivery of the new Curriculum for Wales which focusses on progression steps and the continuum of learning i.e. the importance of individual learner progress rather than measuring progress based on age.

Equally, as the proposal is unlikely to impact significantly upon pupil numbers at any of the potentially affected schools in the area, then it is not envisaged that there would be any negative impact on the quality or standards of education delivered or their ability to deliver the full curriculum.

9: How would Special Educational Needs (SEN) and English as an Additional Language (EAL) be affected?

There will be no change to either EAL or SEN provision. There is no resourced provision at the school and therefore identified pupils will be supported through Denbighshire's Education and Children's Service in respect of Individual Education Plans, statements of Special Education Needs and support for language acquisition as appropriate.

10: Potential advantages of implementing the proposal

Should the proposal be implemented, it is expected that the following benefits would be realised:-

- There would be an increase in capacity of places for bilingual Church provision and the local demand for school places would be better met.
- Increase in 1st preference allocations for the local authority.

- Decrease in nearest suitable school refusals.
- Decrease in transport responsibility for the Authority as fewer pupils refused 1st preference nearest school application.

11: Potential disadvantages of implementing the proposal

Where school organisation proposals are brought forward there will inevitably be some disadvantages. The disadvantages of the proposal are as follows;

- The proposal would result in the need for the Local authority to provide additional revenue budget to Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd to assist with additional teaching support required. However, this would potentially be mitigated by the current placing of children in schools which were not 1st preference, therefore re-distribution of appropriate budget from various locations.
- The proposal may draw additional pupils that would not have selected Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd previously, therefore this may impact on numbers on roll at other school sites.
- Potential disadvantage from a teaching / learning perspective due to split in Foundation Phase / KS2.

12: Risks associated with proposal

The risks to the school, Governing Body and its stakeholders are minimal. Risks are mitigated as follows:

- Budget increase – Funding already being used, but spread across other schools.
- Drawing pupils from other schools – due to the rise in demand for Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd due to increase in pupil numbers in the local area, neighbouring schools are unlikely to suffer any downward trend in admissions. PLASC data and pupil projections also demonstrate this.

In view of the above advantages, risks and disadvantages, the Governing Body believes that the longer term benefits of the proposal, to increase the places in an area of growing demand, outweigh any disadvantages.

13: Admissions arrangements

The admission number would increase from 15 to 18 as of September 2022. Admission arrangements will remain in line with the Local Authorities admissions procedures, therefore there will be no significant changes.

Denbighshire County Council's Admission Policy can be found here:
<https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/documents/education/schools-information-guide-202122.pdf>

14: Finance: Costs and funding

The 2021-22 revenue delegated budget for Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd is £502,543 and the school's unit cost per full time equivalent pupil is £4,741.

The financial implications of the proposed increase in capacity have been calculated for the financial year 2023/24 after the proposal is expected to be implemented. At that time, the projected numbers registered at the school would be 106 full time pupils and 18 part time pupils. The ESTIMATED revenue delegated budget for that year, based on the School Budget Formula for Primary schools delegated budgets would be £519,430. This is a projected increase of £17,654 from their current indicative budget for 2023/24.

The increased revenue budget required for additional pupils will form part of the adjustment to the primary pot under the heading 'demography'.

This increase would be funded gradually each year from additional budget allocated into the authority's overall school delegated budget resulting from additional pressures arising from population increases.

The projected unit cost for the school's budget for year 2023/24, based on the current School Budget Formula for Primary schools delegated budgets and funding value levels is projected at £4,517. This is likely to be slightly higher than Denbighshire's average cost per pupil based on current forecasts but comparable with schools of a similar pupil capacity.

If the proposal is not implemented the school could be facing a deficit budget long term. It is envisaged that there would be an improvement in the financial position long term if the proposal is to be taken forward.

There may be a possible reduction in transport costs as more people are able to secure a place at their nearest first preference school. This would be a saving for the local authority rather than for the school.

15: How the proposal will affect staff

The impact on staff will be kept to a minimum. There should be no direct impact on teaching, class support and ancillary staff as a result of this proposal, as the admission number will only be increasing by 3 per year group.

The increase in numbers may take time to grow through the school and this will provide the school adequate time to revise how they deliver their class structure and then potentially recruit, therefore having a positive impact on the number of posts available.

16: Transport arrangements

Transport arrangements are organised by the Local Authority. The Local Authority is required to follow the legal framework related to travel and transport provisions for learners as set out in the Learner Travel Measure 2014 by Welsh Government.

Local Authorities must, as per the Learner Travel Measure:

- Assess the travel needs of learners in their authority area
- Provide free home to school transport for learners of compulsory age attending primary school who live **2 miles** or further from their nearest suitable school
- Provide free home to school transport for learners of compulsory school age attending secondary school who live **3 miles** or further from their nearest suitable school
- Assess and meet the needs of 'looked after' children in their authority area
- Promote access to Welsh Medium Education
- Promote sustainable modes of travel

Any Transport arrangements would be carried out in line with Denbighshire County Councils School Transport Protocol.

<https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/documents/education/grants-and-funding/school-transport-protocol.pdf>

More children will be allocated a school place closer to their home which will have a positive effect on Transport.

In addition, as part of the development of the new school build Denbighshire County Council provided a pedestrian link to the new Cae Mair development to allow a safe walking route to the school site from the new development via Bron y Clwyd to alleviate having to use the A525 Wrexham Road and the pinch point at the Bron y Clwyd Junction.

17: Impact of the proposal on the Welsh Language

As set out in the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code, it is a requirement

to publish a Community, Equality and Welsh language impact assessment. The full assessment can be found in appendix 1 on the consultation page [here](#).

The main positives emerging from the impact assessment is an increase in bilingual places for pupils which will support the increase in the use of Welsh language within the community. Providing an increase in capacity represents an opportunity to strengthen Welsh education in the area and as a result strengthen the Welsh language.

Overall the proposal would not have a negative impact on the Welsh language and the increase of bilingual provision places at the school could have a positive impact on the use of Welsh within the community which would support key targets within the current Denbighshire WESP.

18: Impact of the proposal on the Church in Wales provision

There are 44 primary schools within Denbighshire. Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd Church in Wales Primary School is one of the 9 Church in Wales primary schools and is a bilingual church school, the only one in Denbighshire. This proposal would increase the school's capacity from 105 places to 126 places resulting in an additional 21 Church in Wales school places. Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd Church in Wales Primary School would maintain its religious ethos whilst catering for a larger number of pupils.

19: Equality

As set out in the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code, it is a requirement to publish a Community, Equality and Welsh language impact assessment. The full assessment can be found in appendix 1.

Overall the impact from the equality impact assessment is positive. There are a number of impact considerations which the proposal has no impact on due to the nature of the proposal.

The main positives from the assessment are the increases in the number of places available in a bilingual church school to meet demand and encourage access, reduction in 1st preference refusals, decrease in nearest suitable school refusals and decrease in sibling refusals.

20: Sustainability

This proposal will improve sustainability of education provision in this area.

If the school is to remain with a capacity of 105 full time pupils then the capacity would not meet the demand for places within the area resulting in an increase in the number of refusals and appeals. In addition, as pupils will not be attending their

nearest suitable school additional school transport will need to be provided resulting in increased costs for the local authority.

21: Impact on community

As set out in the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code, it is a requirement to publish a Community, Equality and Welsh language impact assessment. The full assessment can be found in appendix 1.

Overall, the proposal will have a neutral impact on pupils, parents/carers and their families. The increase proposed has considered impact on the local community, along with the demand for places.

As the proposal is not closing a school provision or significantly changing the current provision there should be no major impact on community activities.

Throughout the consultation period if there are any justified impacts noted the impact assessment will be reviewed and measures will be considered so that any impact is minimised.

22: Next steps - How to make your views known

There are several ways in which you can share your views with us. Attached to this consultation proposal is a consultation response form. This can be completed and returned to us at the addresses below.

You may submit comments to us via email. The email address for this correspondence is:

ysgolllanfairconsultation@denbighshire.gov.uk

A downloadable consultation response form is available at:

<https://www.ysgolllanfairdc.cymru/consultation.htm>

Letters of response should be sent to Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd Consultation, Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd, Ruthin, Denbighshire, LL15 2SD.

All responses must be received no later than Friday 22nd October 2021.

We will also hold information sessions for parents and any other interested parties during the consultation period. These will be 10 minute sessions which will be arranged by appointment only. These sessions will be held face to face or virtually in accordance with the current COVID Government guidelines. At these sessions you will be able to talk to representatives of the Governing Body, the Diocese of St Asaph and Denbighshire County Council who will be available to answer your questions. **Comments will not be counted as objections at this stage.**

23: Key dates

Date	Activity
10th September 2021	Publish consultation
6th October 2021	Staff Meeting
6th October 2021	School Council Meeting
13th October 2021	Information Sessions
22nd October 2021	Consultation Ends
16th November 2021	Governing Body Meeting – Post consultation report presented
22nd November 2021	Publish Statutory Notices
19th December 2021	End of Statutory Notice period
12th-17 January 2022	Final Decision Head of Education (DCC)/ Cabinet

Please note that the timetable is subject to change, any subsequent changes will be publicised.

24: What happens next?

24.1 Consultation Report

Within 13 weeks of the end of the period allowed for responses (and in any event prior to publication of the proposals), the Governing Body will publish a consultation report which will:

- Summarise each of the issues raised by consultees;
- Respond by means of clarification, amendment to the proposal or rejection of the concerns, with supporting reasons.
- Set out Estyn’s view of the overall merits of the proposal as set out in their consultation response.

The consultation report may also make recommendations – for example, if the Governing Body should proceed i.e. to publish the proposals as consulted on with any appropriate amendments, to abandon the proposals and retain the status quo or to review the proposals and make significant changes and re consult.

The Governing Body will ensure that any views expressed by children and young people affected by the proposals are highlighted in the consultation report and that it is made accessible to them.

The consultation report will be published electronically, on the schools and Denbighshire County council’s website, in addition the notice will be displayed at the entrance of the school. Hard copies will be made available on request.

24.2 The Statutory Process

The consultation process is subject to the requirements of the School Organisation Code, document number 011/2018.

Following the end of this consultation, **Friday 22nd October 2021**, the Governing Body will publish a report on the consultation which will be available on the School's website.

The report will be presented to the Governing body on **23rd November 2021**.

If the recommendation is accepted by the Governing Body then a statutory notice will be issued and a 28 day objection period will begin. A report will be published on the views expressed during the objection period, and will be available on the School's website.

25: Consultation period

This consultation period will run from **10th September 2021** to **22nd October 2021**.

Responses received during this period WILL NOT be counted as objections. Further responses will need to be submitted during the 'Statutory Notice' published timescale (subject to the publication of Statutory Notices) if consultees would like to submit an objection to the proposals.

26: Publication of statutory notices

This is subject to the approval of a Post Consultation Report due to be presented to Governing Body on **23rd November 2021**.

27: Determination of proposals

Should the Governing Body proceed with the publication of the statutory notice the results of the statutory notice will be presented to the local authority during the early months of 2022. The local authority will then assess the consultation process and determine whether to implement the proposal.

28: Decision notification

Subject to any proposal being progressed, as above in 27, a decision notification will be made available to all consultees. This notification will also be published on the on the schools and Denbighshire County council's website, in addition the notice will be displayed at the entrance of the school as soon as possible following the decision.

29: Formal Consultation response form

The Governing Body of Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd has proposed to increase the capacity of Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd from 105 full time pupils to 126 full time pupils as of 31st of August 2022.

We would like to hear your views regarding the proposal. You can let your views be known in the following ways;

- If you are accessing this document online then please click [here](#) to complete the online survey;
- If you have received a hard copy of the consultation proposal please return your response form to Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd Consultation, Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd, Ruthin, Denbighshire, LL15 2SD no later than **Friday 22nd October 2021**.
- Visit our website at : <https://www.ysgollanfairdc.cymru/consultation.htm> and follow the survey link;
- Alternatively you can scan the attached form and email it to us at ysgollanfairconsultation@denbighshire.gov.uk
- Please let us have your responses by **Friday 22nd October 2021**.

1. Are you in favour of the proposal?

(Please tick one box)

Yes	
No	

2. Please provide comments regarding the proposal and any suggestions on alternative proposals which should be considered in the box below:

Your Comments:-

3. Your Details

Name:	
Address	
Email:	
Telephone:	

Please tick box if you wish to be notified of the publication of the consultation report

Please Note: This sheet is for consultation purposes only. All comments will be considered within the consultation process, however, individual responses will not be provided.