

A guide for Pupils: Derwen Foundation Consultation

What is this about?

The adults who run Ysgol Derwen are thinking about a change.

They are asking whether Ysgol Derwen should change from a **foundation school** to a **community school**. These are two different ways a school can be organised.

No decision has been made yet. The school wants to hear what people think before a decision is made.

What would stay the same?

If the change happens:

- Ysgol Derwen would stay in the same place.
- Children would keep learning at the school.
- The school would still have nursery and primary classes.
- The school would still teach the same curriculum.
- The school would still be an English-medium school.
- The proposal is not expected to change staff contracts or pensions.

What would change?

Flintshire County Council would have more responsibility for the school.

The Council would:

- decide how children are offered places at the school;
- employ the school staff; and
- help look after the school building.

The school would still have a governing body. Governors help make plans for the school and check that it is doing a good job. Some of their responsibilities would change.

Why is the change being considered?

The school's governors think the change will:

- give the school more support from Flintshire County Council;
- make some jobs, such as paperwork, easier to manage;
- help the school plan for repairs and improvements; and
- make the school similar to other local authority primary schools in Flintshire.

Could there be any disadvantages?

There could be fewer decisions that the school can make on its own. For example, the Council would make decisions about school places and would employ the staff.

The school would also need to work with the Council's services and rules.

Would the change cost money?

The school may need to update things like its website, signs and letters. The school logo is not expected to change. Parents would not have to pay anything because of the proposal.

The school believes it could save time and money by getting help with buying things and organising school business.

What about lessons and learning?

The proposal is about how the school is run. It is not a plan to change what children learn or how lessons are taught.

The school wants to keep providing good teaching and support for every child.

What is the school doing to help people understand the change?

The school plans to explain the proposal clearly and give people chances to ask questions. It will listen to worries from families and staff.

What do you think?

You can talk about the proposal with a parent, carer or teacher. You could tell them:

- What do you like about the idea?
- Is there anything that worries you?
- What questions would you like to ask?
- What would help you feel happy and safe at school if the change happened?

You can share your views by completing the Feedback form by 11:59pm on December 3rd 2026:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EY86TmLfT0q6robhjIFAwPwlZeEQrR9GqIAsaxjQ_b9UMjJKRlozSUdaRlJLVDI1SjM2OVU4TlBLSi4u

Thank you for sharing what you think. Adults will read the responses before making a decision.