



Proposal to re-organise Catholic Education in Flintshire(All through school)

Flintshire CC cabinet meet and agreed to proceed with a second public 28-day consultation stage(commencing 16th June until 29th July) on the above proposal submitted jointly by the Diocese of Wrexham and the Flintshire Education group.

It proposes the closure of three primary schools St Athony's(Saltney),St Davids(Mold) and our school St Mary's(Flint) along with St Richard Gwyn High School .These schools would in turn be replaced with a new All Through school(ages 3 to 18) at a cost of 55 million on a site adjacent to SRG with a scheduled completion date of 2030.

We have truly reached a fundamental crossroads in Catholic Education and are faced with a momentous and radical proposal affecting the future of all our local Catholic schools and our children.

At St Mary's we have under our Head(Paul Phillips) increased pupil numbers by 20% during the past four years clearly highlighting the excellent standing of St Mary's as the "school of choice" for local Parents/Carers. As Governors we recognise and would seek to protect the unique nature of primary vs secondary education and will make known our collective views to the consultation group.

We are all stakeholders in reaching a final decision, and it is not a fait accompli so I would urge all our parishioners please DO NOT IGNORE the opportunity to voice your opinions, questions views(for and against) along with alternative options during this consultation stage. Take time to fully read the consultation document that provides the background and reasoning to this proposal and formally respond-PLEASE MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT. PS Links are provided below

Best regards
Philip Leddy
Chair of Governors
St Mary's

The Council proposes to:

- Close St Anthony's Catholic VA Primary School in Saltney, which will cease to operate by 31 August 2027.
- Amalgamate St David's Catholic VA Primary School in Mold, St Mary's Catholic VA Primary School in Flint and St Richard Gwyn Catholic VA High School in Flint.
- Amalgamation would see:
 - the individual schools close by 31 August 2027
 - a new amalgamated English medium 3-18 Catholic Voluntary Aided school, with a new name and school number, open 01 September 2027
 - the new school operating over the three current sites until such time a new school building is constructed (anticipated 01 September 2030)

More information

The consultation period will open on **Tuesday 16 June 2026** and close at **11.59pm on Wednesday 29 July 2026**.

A copy of the Consultation document can be found here.

Consultation Document

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Modernisation-Related/Catholic-Education-Proposal.aspx>

There are also Children & Young People and Easy Read documents available.

Children & Young People document

Easy Read document

You can respond to this consultation by completing the online questionnaire which is available here: Online Questionnaire -

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/catholiceducationconsultation1/>

If you require a hard copy of the document please contact the team on the details below. Alternatively, you can also respond in writing using the contact details below.

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