

# Children and Young People's Consultation Y Berwyn Catchment Area 2017

The Cabinet of Gwynedd Council at its meeting on 24 October 2017 resolved to undertake a statutory consultation process on the future of the Berwyn catchment area schools; in particular the schools of Beuno Sant, Bro Tegid and Y Berwyn.

A statutory consultation period was held in the Berwyn catchment area between 22 November 2017 and 10 January 2018, on the proposal to establish a 3-19 Learning Campus on the current site of Ysgol y Berwyn. This followed the Cabinet's decision in June 2017 to withdraw the proposal consulted on 13 March and 28 April 2015.

Documents were prepared for Key Stage 2 children in the Primary and members of the school Council at the Secondary, and a facilitator was arranged to attend each school to discuss the proposal with the children to ensure that they understood what was being proposed and to provide an opportunity for the Children to voice their opinion on the proposal.

It was explained that the change means that: -

- Ysgol Beuno Sant will close;
- Ysgol Bro Tegid will close;
- Ysgol y Berwyn will close;
- A Learning Campus will be established on the current Ysgol y Berwyn site for 3-19 year olds;
- The current Ysgol y Berwyn site will be adapted to create the new Learning Campus;
- Beuno Sant, Bro Tegid and Berwyn pupils will transfer to the new Learning Campus;
- The Campus will be managed by one Head and one Governing Body;
- OM Edwards, Bro Tryweryn and Ffridd y Llyn schools will remain open and benefit from the Learning Campus.
- A joint committee will be established between the rural schools and the Campus to ensure that the rural schools also benefit from the proposed investment in Bala.

Each session took about half an hour to complete. It included explaining the proposal and completing a questionnaire.

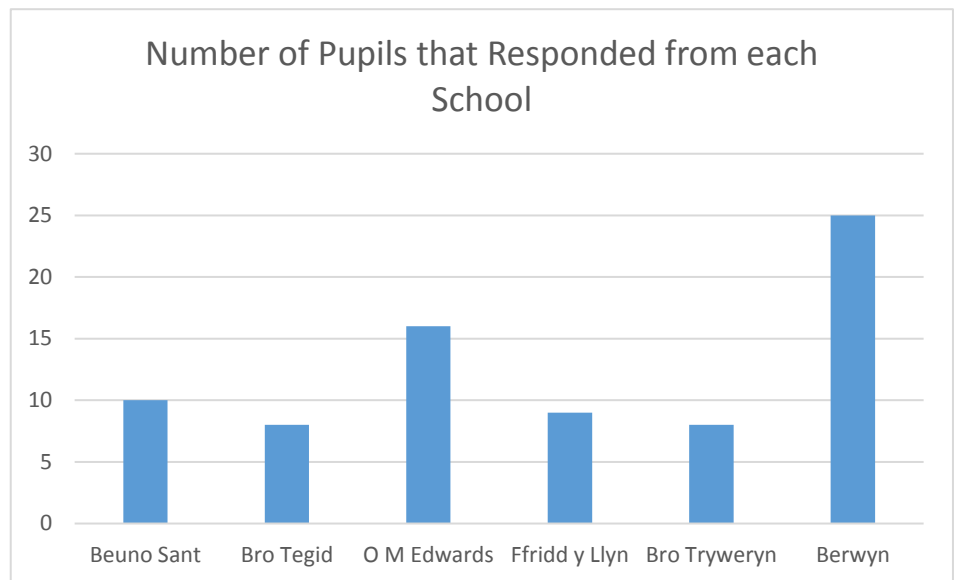
6 schools were involved in the consultation with 76 children and young people involved.

See below the timetable for the consultation sessions, the list of relevant schools and the number of respondents:-

<b>Wednesday</b> <b>20 December 2017</b>	<b>1.15pm</b> <b>Ysgol Ffridd y Llyn</b>	<b>2.15pm</b> <b>Ysgol Bro Tryweryn</b>		
<b>Thursday</b> <b>21 December 2017</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Ysgol Beuno Sant</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Ysgol y Berwyn</b>	<b>12.15pm</b> <b>Ysgol Bro Tegid</b>	<b>1.45 pm</b> <b>Ysgol OM Edwards</b>

### Schools:

1. Ysgol Bro Tryweryn - 8
2. Ysgol Ffridd y Llyn - 9
3. Ysgol OM Edwards - 16
4. Ysgol Bro Tegid - 8
5. Ysgol Beuno Sant - 10
6. Ysgol Uwchradd Y Berwyn - 25



**See the below responses received from the pupils below**

*NOTE - The Children and young people's comments have been translated to English after being directly quoted from their responses.*

<b>Question 1 - How do you feel about this?</b>			
<b>School</b>	<b>Happy</b>	<b>Unhappy</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>
Ysgol Beuno Sant	2	1	7
Ysgol Bro Tegid	1	1	6
Ysgol O M Edwards	8	0	8
Ysgol Ffridd y Llyn	6	0	3
Ysgol Bro Tryweryn	6	0	2
Ysgol Uwchradd y Berwyn	11	2	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38</b>

<b>Question 1 – How do you feel about this?</b>	
<b>Ysgol Beuno Sant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I think it's a good chance to learn a lot more things and meet other people.</li> <li>I do not want the school to stop because I've been in the school for most of my life.</li> <li>Maybe we will lose our friends. This will be difficult to lose the customs of our current school. We will miss Ysgol Beuno Sant.</li> </ul>
<b>Ysgol Bro Tegid</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I feel this is going to be great for both Bro Tegid and Beuno Sant to get together and make new friends.</li> <li>Because I do not want this School to close but we would like to see children mixing together. It's going to be odd seeing 3 year olds with 19-year-olds.</li> <li>Because I think that the School is going to be great for the town, but I feel that children may be missed out.</li> <li>In my opinion I feel uncertain because I don't want to close Ysgol Bro Tegid down as most of my family has come here and Ysgol Bro Tegid is a very happy place. On the other hand this event is going to create many opportunities for us as children.</li> <li>What will happen at lunchtimes and playtime?</li> <li>Because some things from the School are a good idea but on the other hand there are many things that should be changed such as 3-19 year olds to be on the same yard run near the road I don't think that should happen.</li> <li>In my opinion everything that takes place in the new School is a bit silly because, many children do not want our School to close (Bro Tegid).</li> <li>Because the children aren't going to play in a safe place there is traffic and there are so many children there's no space!</li> </ul>
<b>Ysgol O M Edwards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More children to Ysgol Beuno Sant</li> <li>I don't worry about a lot.</li> <li>I'm not very happy because the little children don't get to move up and will get bullied in this.</li> <li>I'm not happy that young children are going to go to the school for 16 years</li> <li>Maybe Primary school children harassing older children and want attention all the time.</li> <li>I do not like the idea of the primary and Secondary children mixing</li> </ul>
<b>Ysgol Ffridd y Llyn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I like the idea. I'm looking forward to this</li> <li>I'm happy with the plan that I'm getting better education. And better rooms</li> <li>No School closure</li> <li>I think it's a good idea as people get better experiences. Having the chance to use better resources.</li> <li>I'm happy about the changes because I'm eager to use them</li> </ul>
<b>Ysgol Bro Tryweryn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No</li> </ul>



<b>Question 2 – What worries you about this?</b>	
<b>Ysgol Beuno Sant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will everyone be nice? Could we get after school clubs? Get lost?</li> <li>• Maybe there will be a lot of people and will feel too full and put pressure on you.</li> <li>• I'm worried about being bullied at the New School. And it's too full of children.</li> <li>• Where are the teachers of Ysgol Bro Tegid and Ysgol Beuno Sant going</li> <li>• I'm worried about getting lost in the School as it's a large school.</li> <li>• Bullying. More people in the School.</li> <li>• I'm worried about bullying. I'm worried that i'll get lost. I'm worried that i'll be alone and nobody will want to be my friend.</li> <li>• I'm worried about kids bullying me I would get lost in the new School.</li> <li>• I am worried my friends won't remember me.</li> <li>• It will be even harder to reach the class because there will be too many children and too many classes.</li> </ul>
<b>Ysgol Bro Tegid</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There's nothing I'm worried about going to the new School. But what will happen at lunchtimes and playtime?</li> <li>• The older children throwing and hurting young children.</li> <li>• How will after School clubs work</li> <li>• The only thing I'm worried about is that children from 3 to 19 are together.</li> <li>• There will be no similar opportunities for everyone. Everyone will be on the same yard. Everyone will have lunch at the same time.</li> <li>• 3-19 year old children playing on the one yard, which is a small yard at the side of the road, that could be dangerous.</li> <li>• At the moment the children's playground does not look very safe because it is by the roadside and when children play it will be dangerous for the children.</li> <li>• So many children and maybe no space for them. That's why I'm worried.</li> </ul>
<b>Ysgol O M Edwards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not enough equipment</li> <li>• Children bullying others in the new School</li> <li>• Nothing for myself but maybe for the smaller children and they will not have the opportunity to make friends with each other.</li> <li>• Big children bully children. Not enough equipment</li> <li>• No-one is able to do the things they want.</li> <li>• All children will have a timetable when it's time to play.</li> <li>• The youngsters will get a yard and playing field.</li> <li>• Request permission before putting photos of me on the internet</li> <li>• I'm worried about the older children! Taking a photo and putting it on the internet or something similar to snapchat.</li> <li>• That a person will bully us or make us lose close friends.</li> <li>• That the big children will bully the younger children on the way to the School.</li> <li>• Secondary bullying the primary</li> <li>• These children will make fun of you</li> <li>• The younger children will have their own playing field.</li> <li>• There won't be bullying there. You will not make fun of people</li> <li>• The children will have a playground, (eg) yard and a playing field.</li> </ul>
<b>Ysgol Ffridd y Llyn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing. Make New Friends. I'm the only girl in Year 6</li> <li>• This does not worry me at all.</li> <li>• I do not want the big kids to be rude to the little children.</li> <li>• Children go out the same time at lunch time</li> <li>• If the older kids play ruf and if the younger kids get in their way. They may get hurt</li> <li>• No lot of space for people</li> <li>• Younger children may be treated very badly by the older children.</li> </ul>
<b>Ysgol Bro Tryweryn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing</li> <li>• Nothing</li> <li>• Nothing</li> <li>• Nothing worries me</li> </ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No</li><li>• Nothing</li><li>• When we to Ysgol y Berwyn there will be many people in the School and everyone will be shy.</li><li>• Not much, just the fact that not many small Schools are open any more</li></ul> |
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<b>Question 3 – What would you like to see happen as part of this change?</b>	
<b>Ysgol Beuno Sant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change in the environment. People trying new things - give yourself a challenge. No-one bullying other children.</li> <li>• That the teachers can be slow with us if we do not understand. Learn cooking lessons.</li> <li>• New teachers.</li> <li>• The 3-year-olds have a play time before the big children</li> <li>• I want to take science and art</li> <li>• Science labs, football fields, P.E.</li> <li>• Physical education</li> <li>• That we get to take P.E. Welsh and English lessons so that I can learn English.</li> <li>• More French and Spanish but less English.</li> <li>• Get more education. Get more friends.</li> </ul>
<b>Ysgol Bro Tegid</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I would like everyone to make friends and everyone to know more about everyone else.</li> <li>• I would like to see people mixing together and making friends with each other like entering High School.</li> <li>• Clubs such as football, hockey, rugby and trips.</li> <li>• More experiences and opportunities and seeing new things.</li> <li>• Understanding how they do the process. Being part of the change.</li> <li>• I would like the School to sort out the things as well as the things with class sizes. In my opinion I would like children to have more space in their classes.</li> <li>• That more Welsh is displayed in the School and more children socialise.</li> <li>• Park for the little children. More space for everyone. Activities for all classes. Everyone competes in hockey.</li> </ul>
<b>Ysgol O M Edwards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get more Technology equipment. Get more Science equipment.</li> <li>• Children make friends because there are more children</li> <li>• More sports opportunities.</li> <li>• get more technology equipment</li> <li>• I hope that we get a rugby field and kits and other things that can help us to learn</li> <li>• Everybody is happy about this.</li> <li>• Education for our age</li> <li>• That we get to participate in new activities.</li> <li>• That we learn whilst having fun</li> <li>• Learning doing fun things and getting more opportunities</li> <li>• More opportunities to use the field.</li> <li>• Different coloured school uniform.</li> <li>• I would like to see education being for the children so that they can enjoy</li> <li>• Do more Physical Education</li> <li>• Everyone is happy and happy about this.</li> </ul>
<b>Ysgol Ffridd y Llyn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remain friends with my friends.</li> <li>• That the older children work together, and see the big children play with the little ones.</li> <li>• More technology being used</li> <li>• Big children and toddlers come together on Friday such as playing a game or something else.</li> <li>• Two schools work together</li> <li>• New things</li> <li>• Rugby</li> <li>• More technology and more science resources</li> </ul>
<b>Ysgol Bro Tryweryn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Come together and making friends</li> <li>• See everyone being friends</li> <li>• That the small schools (Ffridd y Llyn, OM Edwards, Ysgol Bro Tryweryn) get things like computers and games from Schools that are closing</li> <li>• See everyone coming together, and friends.</li> <li>• Get together and make friends.</li> <li>• Schools get to know children from other Schools.</li> <li>• Everyone becomes one big community</li> </ul>

**Question 4 – What are the most important things for you at the school?**

<p><b>Ysgol Beuno Sant</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friends, GCSE, sports, nice food</li> <li>• Friends, get good grades in the School, have FUN! speak Welsh</li> <li>• Not bullying</li> <li>• Not bullying during playtime</li> <li>• The most important thing in the School is for me to learn things, and I like to learn Spanish, Science, art and language. I have to make sure that I go to the correct class and staying with my friends.</li> <li>• Friends. Learning. The school.</li> <li>• That I will make new friends.</li> <li>• That I make friends and that they are friends with me and know the way around.</li> <li>• Education and homework because we can learn more.</li> <li>• We are not bullied. Mufty day. Parties. Sports. Somewhere to sit down.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ysgol Bro Tegid</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nobody gets bullied and knowing that everyone is ok.</li> <li>• Everyone to be friends and nobody hurt. Hopefully the School is safe enough for children to go to school.</li> <li>• That children enjoy and learn</li> <li>• There is enough equipment to play with playtime. And that they have good education and new opportunities.</li> <li>• Learning on children getting the freedom to do things. Strengthen teams.</li> <li>• The most important things to me are that everyone does not have to share the toilets and that everyone doesn't have to play on the same yard.</li> <li>• That everyone is friends. That we are treated equally.</li> <li>• Help when needed, teachers have table sessions and everyone holds to each other.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ysgol O M Edwards</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be happy and make friends</li> <li>• Make new friends and education</li> <li>• Sports because that's what I want to do when I'm older.</li> <li>• Be happy. Have friends. Learn</li> <li>• Rugby, Friends, Maths, Language, P.E, Physics and learning about the body.</li> <li>• Friends, Respect, sports, enough of bullying. And enough of illness</li> <li>• Enough computers.</li> <li>• Enough but not too much homework</li> <li>• That we get new friends from other schools and new teachers and a good education.</li> <li>• That we get new friends and get a good education</li> <li>• Play rugby and football.</li> <li>• Rugby, football , sborts, friends, dodgeball</li> <li>• That the education is more fun</li> <li>• The most important things for me to have enough things for children to recive a good education</li> <li>• P.E. Netball</li> <li>• A lot of computers and things that are important. And plenty of playtime equipment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ysgol Ffridd y Llyn</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My friends, the teachers and maths and no fighting</li> <li>• Better rooms, better equipment and education</li> <li>• friends</li> <li>• friends and everyone in happy</li> <li>• friends, work, brother and sister</li> <li>• No children arguing</li> <li>• Friend</li> <li>• Friends</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ysgol Bro Tryweryn</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do work and have fun</li> <li>• Fun friends, and play sborts.</li> <li>• That everyone is happy with this change.</li> <li>• Have fun. Bring everyone together. Talk with friends and be kind to them. Play sports. Technology.</li> <li>• Friends</li> </ul>



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fun, sborts, friends</li><li>• That everyone gets involved in different activities</li><li>• Education. Fun. Sports. Friends</li></ul> |
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**Question 5 - What ideas do you have for the new Learning Campus?**

<b>Ysgol Beuno Sant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We would help friends in the campus. New friends. Change.</li><li>• Some years have a separate play time to others. Girls and boys playing football with each other</li><li>• New teachers and headteacher.</li><li>• I like to see cinema and lots of sports.</li><li>• Basketball court, principal office</li><li>• Netball</li><li>• Basketball and football.</li><li>• That we have more lessons at school</li></ul>
<b>Ysgol Bro Tegid</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Everyone mixes together and makes friends</li><li>• No one to bully the little kids or things will get worse and everyone will call our School names. Be careful. Good luck thanks</li><li>• I think the campus is a good thing for children to get together and teach to 3-19 year olds.</li><li>• That 3 year olds do not have lunch or play time with each other.</li><li>• Do more Technology because I don't think they know a lot of technology when others do not know much</li><li>• My ideas to the new learning campus are to not play on the same yard and do not have to share the toilets.</li><li>• Everyone gets correct level of work to achieve in the future</li><li>• Everyone get a waw wall every Friday</li></ul>
<b>Ysgol O M Edwards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tools for more education.</li><li>• Different timetable for each set.</li><li>• We can do new and fun activities.</li><li>• Girls and boys can play together</li><li>• New field to play rugby.</li><li>• More art lessons</li></ul>
<b>Ysgol Ffridd y Llyn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More art</li><li>• Cycling club</li></ul>
<b>Ysgol Bro Tryweryn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Friends, sports, happy teachers</li><li>• Play rugby. Happy and kind teachers. Be friends.</li><li>• Happy teacher. Kind Children and Sports.</li></ul>

## Ysgol Uwchradd y Berwyn

<p><b>Question 1 - Do you agree with what is being proposed?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A good idea to combine communities and get together - help develop friends. Make new friends.</li> <li>• Don't want little children at the School. Individuals not given attention</li> <li>• Young children can be hurt</li> <li>• Not so much attention to individuals</li> <li>• No idea. Because further comments are going to effects on "Gord's" attitude.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Question 3 - Is there anything that worries you about the proposal?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See the new School and see the new people</li> <li>• See the new School. New rooms</li> <li>• Get Welsh back to life</li> <li>• See the new people</li> <li>• Seeing young children developing their social skills and key skills.</li> <li>• New luxury building</li> <li>• A more modern School that appropriate for the 21<sup>st</sup> centuy! A more eco-friendly school.</li> <li>• I'm looking forward to being under the same roof and my 2 brothers and sisters. A larger school in Bala. More opportunities?</li> <li>• New friends</li> <li>• Seeing little children developing. New school and rooms.</li> <li>• Looking forward for little children to come.</li> <li>• The new building</li> <li>• Changing School clothes.</li> <li>• I'm looking forward to have a new School.</li> <li>• Seeing the School developing</li> <li>• many</li> <li>• Great sports gym</li> <li>• Have good chairs and new teachers</li> <li>• New resources</li> <li>• New canteen</li> <li>• Learning</li> <li>• Futeristicl look</li> <li>• More pupils</li> <li>• That the little children come here, that the new School is coming, New School in Bala, future.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Question 3 - Is there anything that worries you about the proposal?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noisy children to be honest</li> <li>• Not specifically about the proposal, but I have concerns about children disrespecting the new School. Teachers / staff losing their jobs.</li> <li>• Children disrespect the Lifelong School.</li> <li>• dust</li> <li>• Little children getting more attention - School gets too big.</li> <li>• The 3-year-olds in our School must have the best dinner ladies in the world have to feed 700 children of children no food for us</li> <li>• Better dinner ladies in the world get the sack.</li> <li>• The school will fill in quickly.</li> <li>• Little children fear big children</li> <li>• Hazardous builders and noise in lessons.</li> <li>• Builders and noise in lessons</li> <li>• Noise in lessons</li> <li>• Sound in lessons</li> <li>• Maby it will take to long. There will be people that are disrespectfull</li> <li>• Noise in lessons</li> <li>• School name and change of School clothing. Little children being hurt</li> </ul>
<p><b>Question 4 - Taking into account the things that matter to you in School - what kind of things</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children get socialise in Welsh</li> <li>• Children are socialise in Welsh</li> <li>• Children get socialise in Welsh</li> <li>• Children get a community in Welsh</li> <li>• Little Children and young people socialise in Welsh</li> </ul>

<p><b>do you like to see in the new Learning Campus?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile phones</li> <li>• Theater, new hall, latest technology, discipline lessons!!!</li> <li>• New hall, getting heating in the School, more modern, tennis field.</li> <li>• Lot</li> <li>• New gym</li> <li>• Somewhere to act / a new computer</li> <li>• I would like to see different subjects</li> <li>• Things to help people who want to develop their skills</li> <li>• More resources for everyone</li> <li>• Equipment</li> <li>• Biro's that work and coloring pencils.</li> <li>• More sports resources.</li> <li>• Lot</li> <li>• New sports equipment.</li> <li>• More that work</li> <li>• Football pitch/Rugby</li> <li>• New art equipment.</li> <li>• Seats, boards / desks, mobile phones for the School</li> </ul>
<p><b>Question 5 - The development of a Learning Campus is an innovative proposal for the Berwyn catchment area. What ideas do you have for the New Learning Campus?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get heating every room it's cold there</li> <li>• Warm heat in the classrooms</li> <li>• Get heating in every room, (some are very cold!)</li> <li>• Everyone gets a service together. Get heating that works in every room (Some are very cold).</li> <li>• Fair teachers - not much homework = Pressure</li> <li>• Discipline lessons, biomass heater, geothermal energy, iPad / tablet / laptop for everyone who is kept in the School, swimming pool / leisure center, cinema / theater.</li> <li>• New heaters, modern computers.</li> <li>• More sports opportunities.</li> <li>• In my opinion I have no idea from a personal aspect but this also does not show that the general key of the campus is disgraceful and also this can show no idea of the application.</li> <li>• More resources e.g. sports.</li> <li>• Lots</li> <li>• Not sure.</li> <li>• Let's us go on phones, PCs lessons</li> <li>• More resources.</li> <li>• Lot of new things</li> </ul>

What became clear from the consultation process was that children were willing to adapt to a new situation even though they were worried about bullying, losing friends and teachers, but feedback was generally positive in most schools.

Main points of the consultation:

Primary	Secondary
The children are eager to be with their friends and make new friends.	The importance of protecting the Welsh language.
Fear of losing friends.	Fears about the wide age range in school.
Eager to have every possible opportunity with the best tools / Resources possible.	Need better equipment and Resources.
Everybody is happy, but some are unsure of the situation that schools are closing.	Make sure the learning atmosphere is appropriate - e.g. The rooms are warm and no noise in the lessons
The need to make sure everyone is ok e.g. bullying does not happen (due to the age range).	Expand the opportunities available.
Fears that children between the ages of 3 and 19 are under one roof.	
What will happen at lunchtime and play time.	
Getting lost in a big school.	