

Proposal to reorganise Ysgol Chwilog – Consultation with Children and Young People 2022

At a Gwynedd Council Cabinet meeting on **19 July 2022**, the Cabinet approved the intention to undertake a statutory consultation process on the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Chwilog to 95, which is an increase of over 25% of the current capacity, in accordance with the requirements of section 48 of the Standards and Organisation of Schools (Wales) Act 2013.

The statutory consultation was held between **19 October and 30 November 2022**, based on the intention to implement the proposal on 1 September 2023.

Suitable documents were prepared for primary age children and it was arranged that the Head of the school would facilitate a session with the representation of the School's pupils to receive their response to the proposal. In addition to the Headteacher, an Education Modernisation Officer was also present to observe the session.

It was explained that the change meant:

- Create a Unit for more space for Ysgol Chwilog as the school's numbers are increasing

The session took about half an hour to complete. It included explaining the intention, going through a presentation and completing a questionnaire at the end of the session.

10 children had participated during the consultation session.

See below details of the consultation session with pupils:

Thursday 10 November 2022	1.30pm Ysgol Chwilog
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Below are the responses received from the pupils

NOTE - The comments of the children have been quoted directly from their responses.

How do you feel about this?			
<u>School</u>	<u>Happy</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Not Happy</u>
Ysgol Chwilog	10	0	0
Total	10	0	0

Question 1 - How do you feel about this?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like the school • School is the best place • Ok I will let you grow the school • We agree to make the hall bigger and to have a class in the field. • I think having another classroom for the school is a good idea because there are lots of children in the school.

Question 2 - What would you like to see happen as part of this proposal?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better hallway • Bigger cloakroom • Slide • To have a bigger place to eat, a swimming pool and to have more play time equipment. • I would like to have more things on the yard or field. Also, I would like to have more space in the eating hall. • Ok • I would like to have more equipment to play with at Chwilog play time such as swings and a fence around the swings incase the little children get hurt. • For us to make a bigger hall and have a green house for the vegetables. • We would like to have a bigger eating hall for all the children and a bigger staff room for Mr Jones and all the teachers. • I would like a bigger hall. And a soft floor under the school's playground.

Question 3 - What worries you about this?

- Nothing
- Nothing
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- There is nothin that worries us.
- There is nothing I am worried about.
- No

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

- The headteacher
- The teather and the headteacher
- The children and the teachers
- Children not to get hurt, children to be happy, children to learn.
- That the children have enough space and freedom to learn and listen.
- For children to be happy
- To have space for everyone in the school.
- To have space for all the children in the school.
- Children have enough space to walk in the corridor.

Conclusion

What became clear from the consultation session was that the pupils of Ysgol Chwilog were very happy with the proposal and it was clear that this was something good for Ysgol Chwilog. All pupils were happy to give their comments verbally and discussed the change confidently.

Key points from the consultation:

Ysgol Chwilog
All in favor of increasing capacity.
Some were concerned that the hall and the corridor would be small for all the school's pupils.
It is clear that the Headteacher, teachers and the other pupils mean a lot to each other which gives a sense of kindness in the school. Every single pupil showed pride in being members of the school.