

Options assessments for the future of Ysgol Felinwnda

	Do nothing	Federalisation with Ysgol Bontnewydd	Close Ysgol Felinwnda and offer a place to learners at Ysgol Bontnewydd	Close Ysgol Felinwnda and offer a place to learners at Ysgol Llandwrog
The status of the school	No change - Community	No change - Community	No change - Community	Church School
Numbers of learners	<p>There are only 8 learners at Ysgol Felinwnda.</p> <p>61 vacancies (87%)</p> <p>The school's projections continue to appear fragile in terms of numbers.</p>	<p>There are only 8 learners at Ysgol Felinwnda.</p> <p>61 vacancies (87%)</p> <p>The school's projections continue to appear fragile in terms of numbers.</p>	<p>Numbers are healthy with 204 attending Ysgol Bontnewydd (January 2023)</p> <p>There is a place for the 3 learners at Ysgol Felinwnda who live in the catchment area.</p> <p>More opportunities to take part in activities with several other learners.</p>	<p>Numbers are low with 32 attending Ysgol Llandwrog (January 2023)</p> <p>There is a place for the 3 learners at Ysgol Felinwnda who live in the catchment area.</p>
Class sizes	<p>Ysgol Felinwnda class sizes remain small - 2 classes of 3 and 5 (January 2023).</p> <p>Age range of 3 years in the 2 classes. No nursery, reception, or year 6 children.</p>	<p>Ysgol Felinwnda class sizes remain small - 2 classes of 3 and 5 (January 2023).</p> <p>Age range of 3 years in the 2 classes. No nursery, reception, or year 6 children.</p>	<p>Learners are taught in classes of viable size.</p> <p>Learners are taught in classes of children of the same age.</p>	<p>2 classes with an age range of 4 years.</p>
Financial resources	Ysgol Felinwnda remains financially unsustainable and receives a guardianship	Ysgol Felinwnda remains financially unsustainable and receives a guardianship	It may lead to an increase in transport costs for the Authority.	It may lead to an increase in transport costs for the Authority.

	<p>allocation (£54,924 in 2022-23) from the authority to ensure appropriate staffing levels.</p> <p>The average cost per pupil remains high, at £14,643, which is over three times higher than the county average, and the highest in the county.</p>	<p>allocation (£54,924 in 2022-23) from the authority to ensure appropriate staffing levels.</p> <p>The average cost per pupil remains high, at £14,643, which is over three times higher than the county average, and the highest in the county.</p>	<p>Removing a school from the staffing safety net.</p> <p>The cost per learner will be closer to the county average.</p>	<p>Removing a school from the staffing safety net.</p> <p>The cost per learner will be less but still significantly higher than the county average as Ysgol Llandwrog receives its own care allocation.</p>
Geographical factors	No change	No change	Transport will need to be offered to the 3 learners at Ysgol Felinwnda who live in the catchment area and the rest of the children in the catchment area in accordance with the Department of Education's transport policy.	Transport will need to be offered to the 3 learners at Ysgol Felinwnda who live in the catchment area and the rest of the children in the catchment area in accordance with the Department of Education's transport policy.
Leadership and staffing	Ysgol Felinwnda is facing a challenge to set a balanced budget for 2023-24 as the school will receive an allocation based on the numbers of learners and that together with the amount of care allocated to them will enable them to employ only a headteacher and an assistant.	Ysgol Felinwnda is facing a challenge to set a balanced budget for 2023-24 as the school will receive an allocation based on the numbers of learners and that together with the amount of care allocated to them will enable them to employ only a headteacher and an assistant.	Staff will need to be made redundant.	Staff will need to be made redundant.

Community	A high percentage of Ysgol Felinwnda catchment area pupils already attend schools outside the catchment area.	A high percentage of Ysgol Felinwnda catchment area pupils already attend schools outside the catchment area.	31 learners from Ysgol Felinwnda catchment area already attend Ysgol Bontnewydd.	5 learners from Ysgol Felinwnda catchment area already attend Ysgol Llandwrog.
The Welsh language	No change	No change - the 2 schools are Welsh medium schools	No change - Ysgol Bontnewydd is a Welsh-medium school	No change – Ysgol Llandwrog is a Welsh-medium school
Conclusion	<p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there will be no need to organise additional transport for any learner <p>Disadvantages This proposal will not respond to the challenges facing the school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low numbers • significant vacancies • small classes with an age range of 3 years • the cost per head is 3 times more than the county average • most children in the catchment area choose to attend other schools 	<p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there will be no need to organise additional transport for any learner <p>Disadvantages This proposal will not respond to the challenges facing the school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low numbers • significant vacancies • small classes with an age range of 3 years • the cost per head is 3 times more than the county average • most children in the catchment area choose to attend other schools 	<p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sufficient space for receiving Ysgol Felinwnda learners • more opportunities to take part in activities with a number of other learners • learners are taught in classes of a viable size • learners are taught in classes of children of the same age • cost per head closer to the county average <p>Disadvantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • staff will need to be made redundant • it is likely that transport will need to be arranged for some of the learners at a cost to the Authority 	<p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sufficient space for receiving Ysgol Felinwnda learners • cost per head is less <p>Disadvantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers at the school are relatively low • classes with an age range of 4 years • staff will need to be made redundant • it is likely that transport will need to be arranged for some of the learners at a cost to the Authority