



## **Statutory Notice to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) at Penygelli School with effect from September 2027**

### **School Standards and Organisations (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code (2018)**

#### **Wrexham County Borough Council**

Notice is given in accordance with section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code 2018 that Wrexham County Borough Council, having consulted such persons as required, propose to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) at Wrexham primary school 'Penygelli School, Heol Glyndwr, Coedpoeth, Wrexham, LL11 3HA ' from September 2027.

#### **School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013**

##### **Section 42 Proposals to alter mainstream schools**

(1) A local authority may make proposals:

(a) to make a regulated alteration to a community school;

(b) with the consent of the Welsh Ministers, to make an alteration described in paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 (opening or closing a school's sixth form) to a voluntary or foundation school;

(c) to make an alteration described in paragraph 10, 11, 12 or 13 of Schedule 2 (increasing and reducing capacity) to a voluntary or foundation school if that school does not have a religious character.

Wrexham County Borough Council undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the proposer's responses, and the views of Estyn's full response is available on the local authority's website at [Consultation on the proposal to reduce the published admission number at Penygelli School](#)

It is proposed to implement the proposal from September 2027.

The current number of full-time pupils at the school is 233. The current pupil capacity of the school is 315. The proposed capacity once the proposal is fully implemented in September 2027 will be 210.

By bringing this proposal forward, the Council intends to address the decreasing demand for school places at Penygelli School by reducing the Published Admission Number at the school from 45 to 30.

This means that the number of places available for children in Reception in September 2027, and all subsequent Reception admission rounds, will be 30. In addition, the number of nursery places will reduce from 45 part-time places to 30 part-time places.

In addition, from September 2027, for the purposes of in-year transfers the number of places available in each year group from Year 1 to Year 6 will be capped at the revised Admission Number of 30. Any year group that is above this number at the point of amendment will not have departing pupils replaced, allowing pupil numbers to reduce naturally and align with the revised capacity assessment and Admission Number over time.

Penygelli School will remain a community primary school. Wrexham County Borough Council will remain as the admission authority.

Transport for pupils shall be dealt with by reference to the Local Authority's School

Transport Policy. Details of the Local Authority's Admission Policy and School Transport Policy are available on [Wrexham County Borough Council](#)

## **Objection Period**

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by 2 June 2026 any person may object to the proposals. Objections should be sent to:

Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention  
Wrexham County Borough Council  
Crown Buildings  
31 Chester Street  
Wrexham  
LL13 8BG

Or by email to: [PenygelliConsultation@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:PenygelliConsultation@wrexham.gov.uk)

Signed: Karen Evans

Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention

Dated: 30 April 2026

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This is not part of the formal notice. It is intended to provide further information and background to the proposals.

Factors that have been considered by the Council in deciding to consult on this proposal include:

- The continued ability of the school to provide sufficient places for local children.
- The provision of the most appropriate learning environment for all pupils in support of continuing school improvement.
- Future resource planning and management.

The level of surplus places at Penygelli School is projected to continue. There is no data available to suggest that the number of pupils applying for a place at the school would exceed 30 in future years.

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The proposed changes would:

- Reduce the Council's overall surplus capacity in Wrexham's primary schools.
- Provide an appropriate solution to meet local demand for school places in the areas where the schools are located.
- Limit the impact on all schools, both locally and across the county.
- Support the sustainable growth of Welsh-medium education in line with the aspirations of the Council's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) and Cymraeg 2050.
- Improve standards of education and in the longer term be to the benefit of all pupils in the area.