

Wrexham County Borough Council  
**Post Consultation Objection Report-Dee Valley  
Federation of Schools**  
**Proposal to discontinue Froncysyllte Community Primary  
School**

Woodlands Road,  
Llangollen,  
LL20 7SU



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# **Statutory Notice**

## **Proposal to discontinue Froncysyllte Community Primary School**

**Woodlands Road, Llangollen, LL20 7SU**

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

#### **School Organisation Code (2018)**

Notice is given in accordance with section 43 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code 2018 that the local authority of Wrexham County Borough Council, having consulted such persons as required, proposes to:

Discontinue Froncysyllte Community Primary School ('Froncysyllte CP') from 31 August 2026, or sooner should pupil numbers fall to zero.

Location: Woodlands Road, Llangollen, LL20 7SU

Froncysyllte CP is an English medium, mixed sex, mainstream primary school for pupils aged 3-11. The school has a Published Admission Number of 12 pupils. The school is maintained by Wrexham County Borough Council ('the Council').

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 view of Estyn is available on the Council's website:

[Consultation on the Dee Valley Federation of Schools | Wrexham County Borough Council](#)

### **Admissions**

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026, pupils currently attending Froncysyllte CP will be able to express a preference for an alternative school. The Council will comply with any such expressed preference subject to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, Section 86(3). In future, any new pupils living in the Froncysyllte area will be able to apply for a place in accordance with the Council's School Admissions Policy.

### **Details of Nearest Alternative Schools**

The nearest alternative schools for pupils currently attending Froncysyllte CP within a 2-mile walking distance would be as follows:

School	School Type	Language Category
Garth CP	Community Primary	English-medium
Ysgol Acrefair	Community Primary	English-medium
Ysgol Min Y Ddol	Community Primary	Welsh-medium
Ysgol Cefn Mawr	Community Primary	English-medium
Pentre CIW VC Primary School	Voluntary Controlled	English-medium

## Details of Any Other Measures

It is anticipated that the number of pupils transferring to any of the nearest alternative schools would be small, and therefore the impact on these schools would not be significant and there are sufficient places in schools in the surrounding area. In view of this, no measures are proposed to be taken to increase the number of school places available due to the proposed discontinuation of Froncysyllte CP.

## Home to School Transport Arrangements

Transport for pupils shall be dealt with in accordance with the Council's School Transport Policy. Details of the Council's Admission Policy and School Transport Policy are available at [Wrexham County Borough Council](#)

## Implementation

The proposal will be implemented by Wrexham County Borough Council.

## Proposal to Discontinue Froncysyllte CP

Factors that have been considered by the Council in deciding to proceed with this proposal include:

- To ensure future sustainability of schools in the Dee Valley Federation.
- To enable pupils to attend alternative schools which would be better equipped to meet the new Curriculum for Wales.
- To enable pupils to attend alternative schools which would provide a wider range of educational and extra-curricular opportunities.
- To enable pupils to attend a school with a larger cohort, so that pupils can be taught in classes of a similar age group providing additional opportunities for peer support.
- To enable pupils to attend schools with better quality accommodation.
- To ensure efficiency of resource planning and management.
- To reduce the Council's overall surplus capacity in Wrexham's primary schools.
- To address the issue of low pupil numbers on roll and projected intake.
- To ensure that the Council complies with its duty to monitor the demand for school places and ensure viability of the school estate.
- To realise a financial saving accrued to the Dee Valley Federation budget.

## **Objection Period**

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of these proposals, by **10 March 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: [DeeValleyConsultation@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:DeeValleyConsultation@wrexham.gov.uk)

Wrexham County Borough Council will publish a summary of any such objections made within the objection period (and not withdrawn in writing), together with the Council's observations thereon, within the specified period outlined in the School Organisation Code 2018.

Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention

Dated: 6 February 2026

## **Publication of the Statutory Notice**

On 6 February 2026, Wrexham County Borough Council published the Statutory Notice in relation to the proposal to discontinue Froncysyllte community primary school following a statutory consultation which ran from 23 September 2025 to 7 November 2025.

The publication of the Statutory Notice saw the start of a 28-day formal Objection Period which came to an end on 10 March 2026.

The Statutory Notice has been published in accordance with Section 44 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 which requires the School Organisation Code 2018 to be issued to and give guidance to relevant bodies (Welsh Ministers, Local Authorities, Governing Bodies).

Copies of the Statutory Notice were sent out to all consultees via emailed hard copies and were also accessible via website link.

The Statutory Notice was also published on the Wrexham County Borough Council webpage.

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Below is the list of consultees who received a copy of the Statutory Notice, in accordance with the School Organisation Code 2018.

## List of Consultees

A range of individuals were asked for their views about the proposal including:

- Elected Members of Wrexham County Borough Council
- The Church in Wales and Catholic Dioceses
- Other Local Authorities: Flintshire County Council, Shropshire County Council, Denbighshire County Council, Powys County Council, Cheshire West and Chester Council
- The Governing Body at Dee Valley Federation
- All Wrexham School Governing Bodies, including Welsh medium schools, English medium schools, Faith schools and Special schools.
- All Wrexham Primary and Secondary Schools, including Welsh medium schools, English medium schools, Faith schools and Special schools.
- Parents/Carers (and prospective parents/carers) of Dee Valley Federation
- Staff members at Dee Valley Federation
- Llangollen Rural Community Council
- Chirk Town Community Council
- The Welsh in Education Forum, including Menter Iaith Fflint a Wrecsam, RhAG and Mudiad Meithrin
- Welsh Ministers and Senedd Members: Lesley Griffiths MS, Ken Skates MS, Llyr Gruffydd MS, Mark Isherwood MS, Carolyn Thomas MS, Sam Rowlands MS
- Local Members of Parliament: Andrew Ranger MP, Gill German MP, Becky Gittins MP, Steve Witherden MP
- Estyn
- Trade Unions representing teachers and staff at Dee Valley Federation
- Wrexham Council's School Transport Department
- The Police and Crime Commissioner
- Local Communities First Partnerships
- Local Independent Nursery Providers, Playgroups, Childminders and Flying Start Providers
- The Children and Young People's Partnership
- The Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership

The above list is not exhaustive, and the consultation was open to all who wished to take part.

## Objections

Between 6 February 2026 and 10 March 2026, one response was received in relation to the proposal:

*“I am very sad to hear about the statutory consultation to close Ysgol Froncysyllte. My family members all attended the school, and it has provided them with a fantastic academic and social education. I could not have chosen a better school for them, and I was proud that it was in our home village. I have supported the school over the years in various roles. Sadly, over the last few years there have been issues with parents withdrawing their children from the school, which has led to others doing the same. It is such a shame as the competition cannot necessarily offer better education, but that is their choice. The lack of rental and council housing has also meant families have moved away, taking their children with them. I appreciate that the numbers speak for themselves and that the school is not currently sustainable, but I wonder whether the school could be utilised for ALN or flexi schooling, taking advantage of the grounds and local woodlands. I am devastated for our village school and its long history”*

## Local Authority Response to the Objection

In response, the Local Authority acknowledges and fully understands the concern raised. The Local Authority recognises the significant contribution made by families, former pupils, governors, and the wider community. However, we must ensure that all schools in Wrexham are sustainable, viable, and able to deliver the full breadth of the Curriculum for Wales. Current and projected pupil numbers at Froncysyllte CP remain significantly below the level required to maintain educational and financial viability. As a result, the school faces ongoing challenges in providing appropriately sized peer groups, maintaining staffing structures, and sustaining a broad and enriching curriculum offer.

## Conclusion

The Local Authority has a statutory responsibility to ensure there are suitable and sufficient school places available, whilst providing efficient and effective education services for pupils. This includes addressing sufficiency issues where relevant, such as low demand for pupil places (current numbers on roll and projected intake). If the status-quo is maintained, it is likely that the Local Authority will be unable to address the issue of low pupil numbers at Froncysyllte CP and comply with its duty to monitor the demand for school places, ensuring viability of the school estate. The Local Authority remains of the view that the proposal to discontinue Froncysyllte CP should proceed to support the long-term sustainability of the school estate and ensure that public resources are used effectively for the benefit of all learners. We are committed to supporting pupils, families, and staff throughout this transition and will continue to work closely with the community to ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place.

## Executive Board Decision

Wrexham County Borough Council Executive Board will meet on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to discuss the Objection Report for the proposal to proceed in discontinuing Froncysyllte Community Primary School, Woodlands Road, Llangollen, LL20 7SU.

The Executive Board will be asked for approval to proceed with the proposal as published. This will be the final decision in relation to the proposal.

A final decision notice shall be published on the Wrexham website, and all consultees will be notified.