

Options assessments for the future of Ysgol Felinwnda

	Do nothing	Federalisation with Ysgol Bontnewydd	Close Ysgol Felinwnda and offer a place to learners in a nearby alternative school
Numbers of learners	There are only 8 learners at Ysgol Felinwnda. 53 surplus places (87%) The school's projections continue to appear fragile in terms of numbers.	There are only 8 learners at Ysgol Felinwnda. 53 surplus places (87%) The school's projections continue to appear fragile in terms of numbers.	Offer more experiences for pupils to socialise and work together on a daily basis with peers. Plenty of space for Ysgol Felinwnda's current learners in the nearby alternative schools.
Class size	Ysgol Felinwnda class sizes remain small - 2 classes of 3 and 5 (January 2023). Age range of 3 years in the 2 classes. No nursery, reception, or year 6 children.	Ysgol Felinwnda class sizes remain small - 2 classes of 3 and 5 (January 2023). Age range of 3 years in the 2 classes. No nursery, reception, or year 6 children.	Learners are taught in more suitable class sizes. Learners are taught with more children of the same age group.
Financial resources	Ysgol Felinwnda remains financially unsustainable and receives a minimum staffing allocation (£54,924 in 2022-23) from the Authority to ensure appropriate staffing levels. 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.	Ysgol Felinwnda remains financially unsustainable and receives a minimum staffing allocation (£54,924 in 2022-23) from the Authority to ensure appropriate staffing levels. 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.	It may lead to an increase in transport costs for the Authority. Removing one school from the staffing safety net. There will be a range reduction in the cost of the learner for all pupils in the County.
Geographical factors	No change	No change	It will be necessary to offer transport to the alternative school/schools in accordance with the County School 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 minimum staffing allowance 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 minimum staffing allowance allocated to them will enable them to employ only a headteacher and an assistant.	The alternative schools will be able to employ a suitable headteacher and teachers to teach the learners. One of the nearby alternative schools has a headteacher who spends 100% of his time managing the school. Implementation of the proposal would lead to staff redundancies at Ysgol Felinwnda.
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.	36 learners from Ysgol Felinwnda's catchment area already attend the 2 nearest alternative schools.
The Welsh Language	No change	No change - the 2 schools are Welsh medium schools	No change - the nearby alternative schools are Welsh-medium
Conclusion	<p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> there will be no need to organise additional transport for any learner <p>Disadvantages</p> <p>This proposal will not respond to the challenges facing the school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> low numbers significant surplus places 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</p> <p>This proposal will not respond to the challenges facing the school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> low numbers significant surplus places 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"> enough space at nearby alternative schools for Ysgol Felinwnda learners more opportunities to take part in activities with a number of other learners learners are taught in classes of a more suitable size learners being taught in classes with more children of the same age cost per head is less <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 learners at a cost to the Authority