

Appendix 2 - Comparison of the current situation with the situation if the proposal to close Ysgol Nebo and places offered to learners at Ysgol Llanllyfni were implemented

Factor	Current situation	Situation if the proposal were implemented
Class sizes	There are two classes at Ysgol Nebo (January 2026), with five learners (Reception to Year 3) and one Nursery learner in one class. There are six learners (Year 4 to Year 6) in the second class. According to projections, no increase in pupil numbers is anticipated. Class sizes at Ysgol Nebo are therefore likely to remain small. The age range within classes spans up to five years in one class and three years in the other.	Learners would be taught in classes of a more appropriate size. Learners at Ysgol Llanllyfni are taught in classes of a more appropriate size, with between 13 and 21 learners in each class (January 2026). There are three mixed-age classes at Ysgol Llanllyfni, together with a Nursery class.
Learner numbers	Learner numbers would remain low at Ysgol Nebo (January 2026 numbers: 11 learners from Reception to Year 6 and 1 Nursery learner). The number of surplus places would remain high (40 surplus places (78%) for Reception to Year 6; 46 surplus places (79%) for Nursery to Year 6). The school's projections suggest that learner numbers will remain low over the coming years.	Learners would be offered places at Ysgol Llanllyfni, which had 58 learners from Reception to Year 6 and 13 Nursery learners in January 2026. Learner numbers at the alternative school are more robust and sustainable. Implementing the proposal would reduce the overall number of surplus places across the Nebo and Llanllyfni catchment areas from approximately 55% to 32% (Reception to Year 6).
Leadership and staffing	Ysgol Nebo received a reduced budget allocation for 2025/26 as learner numbers in September 2024 were below 15 full-time learners. This will also apply for 2026/27, as learner numbers in September 2025 were also below 15 full-time learners. The allocation is intended to ensure the school can employ a headteacher and a teaching assistant. As a result of the school's staffing structure, the Headteacher is required to spend the majority of their time teaching. Pupil number projections suggest that this situation is likely to continue.	Ysgol Llanllyfni has a permanent headteacher, with a 50% teaching commitment and 2.5 non-contact days allocated for leadership and management responsibilities. The staffing structure at Ysgol Llanllyfni ensures that there is a teacher in every class and allows the Headteacher more non-contact time compared with Ysgol Nebo.
The Community	There is no community centre in the village of Nebo. Residents of Nebo and Nasareth use the school's community room for meetings, local clubs, Welsh language lessons, social events, voluntary activities, and a variety of other community activities. The school therefore serves as a community hub.	Nebo would lose its school and community hub, and therefore some negative impact on the community is anticipated. The Council would seek to mitigate this impact by encouraging links and collaboration between the Nebo community and Ysgol Llanllyfni. The Council's Post-use Policy would be followed when considering the future of the school building, with due regard given to the current community activities that take place there.

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Financial Resources	According to the 2026-27 budget, Ysgol Nebo's budget is projected to be £183,793. The average cost per learner is projected to be £16,066, compared with a county average of £5,998, and the school will receive £64,046 through the minimum staffing protection policy.	According to the 2026-27 financial budget, the estimated cost per learner at Ysgol Llanllyfni will be £6,250. If the proposal were implemented, and if all learners from Ysgol Nebo transferred to Ysgol Llanllyfni, an annual saving of £142,000 is projected, less additional transport costs of up to £30,000, resulting in a net saving of approximately £112,000 per year. It is also projected that the cost per learner at Ysgol Llanllyfni would decrease to £6,121.
The Welsh language	Ysgol Nebo is a Welsh-medium primary school, Category 3. The school contributes to the educational, social, and community use of the Welsh language in Nebo and Nasareth.	Learners would continue to be educated in a Category 3 Welsh-medium primary school at Ysgol Llanllyfni. No negative impact on the language of education is anticipated, and learners are expected to have greater opportunities to use Welsh informally with a larger group of peers. At the same time, it is anticipated that the loss of the school's presence in Nebo could have a negative impact on the use of Welsh within the local community, particularly in terms of its use as a community language outside the educational context. As a result, mitigation measures would be considered, including promoting the use of Welsh through the involvement of the Nebo community in the community activities of the alternative school, as well as considering appropriate options for the future use of the school building, taking into account the community activities currently held there.
Geographical Factors	Current learners receive their education at Ysgol Nebo, within their local community.	Ysgol Llanllyfni is 1.6 miles from Ysgol Nebo, with an estimated journey time of approximately 5 minutes each way by car or bus. No learner is expected to travel an unreasonable distance. Transport would be provided in accordance with the County's School Transport Policy where eligible, and the current catchment area of Ysgol Nebo would become part of the catchment area of Ysgol Llanllyfni.