

Consultation with stakeholders – Saltney:

St. David's High School and Saltney Ferry Primary School

Options for consultation:

1. To change the age range of St. David's High School from 11-18 to 11-16 from September 2016.

2. To amalgamate the Primary provision at Saltney Ferry Primary School with the Secondary provision at St. David's High School from September 2015, and to change the age-range of the High School to 2-16 from September.

Questions and Answers:

Q: Will there be any risks associated with the proposals?

A: *the proposals to amalgamate do not raise any inherent risks, but are intended to increase the resilience of the Primary School in terms of outcomes for children, and to increase the critical mass of numbers for the Secondary School. Both Schools have significant surplus places.*

Q. Are there any alternatives considered:

A: *The two options put forward for consultation cover the essential elements of increasing standards, reducing repairs and maintenance backlogs and to increase outcomes for children. The ending of the consortium arrangements for post – 16 provision means that leaving things as they are is not an option for the secondary School, and new ways of accessing high quality academic and vocational education post -16 is necessary. This is principally thorough the proposed new post- 16 facility at Connah's Quay.*

Q. Do the proposals affect the way in which Schools can provide the curriculum

A: *The proposals are intended to improve standards, and also to provide access to post-16 provision once the existing consortium arrangements come to and end in 2016. There would be no negative affect on the other key stages of provision.*

Q. Does amalgamation of two schools mean the closure of the provision.

A: *No. The amalgamation of Saltney Ferry Primary School and St. David's High School will not result in the closure of provision. It is intended that the two schools operate together in much the same way as they do at present,*

using the same buildings. The amalgamation will mean that a single governing body and Headteacher will have overall management responsibility for the newly formed 3-16 age range school.

Q. Will the admission arrangements change as a result of the proposals?

A. No. The arrangements for admission to the school will be according to the Flintshire admissions policy, as is the case now.

Q. What will be the affect on the staffing of the school?

A. The only significant change if amalgamation was to take place would be the appointment of a Headteacher to oversee the new school. Specialist management of the Primary and Secondary phases of education would be needed. In the early stages, it is not envisaged that there would be any other significant affect on the teaching or support staff as a result of the options put forward.

Q. Would there be any affect of the SEN provision in either school?

A. There will be no change to the existing provision for pupils with Additional needs as a direct result of the proposed options. However, change in provision might well occur as the result of a separate review of SEN provision.

Q. Are the proposals likely to affect provision in other neighbouring Local Authorities.

A: This is unlikely.

Both Wrexham County Borough Council and Cheshire West and Chester local authorities have been consulted on the proposed options.