

Summary of pupil responses and appraisal of views expressed

1. Officers met with pupils from the following Welsh-medium primary and secondary schools:
 - Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Hamadryad
 - Ysgol Mynydd Bychan
 - Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Caerau
 - Ysgol Gymraeg Pwll Coch
 - Ysgol Gymraeg Treganna
 - Ysgol Glan Morfa
 - Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Edern
 - Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf
 - Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr
2. Full notes of the meetings can be seen at Appendix 4.

Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Hamadryad

3. The points raised by the pupils of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Hamadryad included the following:
 - *Catchments were good because you would know where you could go to school*
 - *It was fair for every school to have its own catchment*
 - *Children should be able to go to their local school*
 - *Children should be able to walk or bike to school. The majority of the pupils said they came to school by bike or walking and that they enjoyed this very much.*
 - *Not all the children lived in the school proposed school catchment for Hamadryad and they were worried that they would have to leave their school. They were reassured that this wouldn't happen and that no one would have to leave their school.*
 - *They were concerned for Ysgol Gymraeg Pwll Coch and Ysgol Mynydd Bychan as these schools had lost part of their catchments.*

Appraisal of views expressed

4. The Council welcomes the views of pupils from Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Hamadryad.
5. The Council is committed to providing local schools for local children where possible. In instances where children who live outside of the proposed catchment area for Ysgol Hamadryad were admitted to the school prior to the establishment of a catchment area, any younger siblings would be given priority for admission.

6. Concerns around the potential impact of changes to catchment areas were also raised by others during the consultation and are addressed in the Summary analysis of consultation responses (Appendix 6).

Ysgol Mynydd Bychan

7. The points raised by the pupils of Ysgol Mynydd Bychan included the following:
- *Few pupils from the bay area attend Ysgol Mynydd Bychan*
 - *The school had confirmed currently only 1 student in the school lives in that area*
 - *Ysgol Mynydd Bychan is small and oversubscribed so only people who live very close to the school can get a place at the school*
 - *Of the group of pupils attending, all lived close enough to school to walk most of the time.*
 - *Siblings being split up, unable to attend the same school.*
 - *Would pupils' travel be affected*
 - *Would some pupils have to attend a different high school?*
 - *Not changing the catchments quite so much*
 - *Move the new borders so existing pupils are still inside the catchment*
 - *Give protection/preference to younger siblings*

Appraisal of views expressed

8. The Council welcomes the views of pupils from Ysgol Mynydd Bychan.
9. Concerns about siblings being split up and the potential for some existing friends to attend different schools were also raised by others during the consultation and are addressed in the Summary analysis of consultation responses (Appendix 6).

Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Caerau

10. The points raised by the pupils of Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Caerau included the following:
- *Worried about their catchment shrinking*
 - *Would more children go to Ysgol Treganna?*
 - *Would there be enough children going to Ysgol Nant Caerau?*
 - *What would happen if Ysgol Nant Caerau grew bigger?*
 - *Do people have to go to their catchment school?*
 - *Could Ysgol Treganna be expanded instead?*
 - *Is having a catchment area necessary?*

Appraisal of views expressed

11. The Council welcomes the views of pupils from Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Caerau.

12. Concerns around the potential impact of changes on Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Caerau were also raised by others during the consultation and are addressed in the Summary analysis of consultation responses (Appendix 6).
13. There are no plans to expand Ysgol Gymraeg Treganna.
14. Admissions to school in Cardiff give priority to children resident within catchment. The establishment of a catchment area for Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Hamadryad and changes to other catchment areas would allow local families to better understand the school options available and would allow more pupils to access a school place local to their home.

Ysgol Gymraeg Pwll Coch

15. The points raised by the pupils of Ysgol Gymraeg Pwll Coch included the following:
 - Pupils talked about the two options but had no more questions when prompted.
 - The pupils were then asked which option they like better - Option A or Option B?
 - Three said Option A and two said Option B. Many weren't certain.

Appraisal of views expressed

16. The Council welcomes the view of pupils at Ysgol Gymraeg Pwll Coch.
17. Their support for Option A is noted.

Ysgol Gymraeg Treganna

18. The points raised by the pupils of Ysgol Gymraeg Treganna included the following:
 - *What about our younger brothers/sisters?*
 - *Why do you have to change Ysgol Treganna's catchment?*
 - *Things can stay as they are right now.*
 - *Will we have to go to a different high school?*
 - *It's not fair to children who are affected.*
 - *I think it's bad because you'll have brothers and sisters at different schools.*
 - *Will we have to move school?*
 - *Parents won't be able to take children to different schools – they'll have longer journeys*

- *I'm worried because my younger sibling might have to go to a different school.*
- *There is uncertainty for people who have moved to an area due to school catchments and now these are changing*
- *They felt that children with siblings at secondary school should be an extra preference criteria.*
- *Changes could make everyone unhappy, some schools have more and some have less.*

Appraisal of views expressed

19. The Council welcomes the views of pupils at Ysgol Gymraeg Treganna.
20. Concerns about siblings being split up, the potential for some existing friends to attend different schools and travel were also raised by others during the consultation and are addressed in the Summary analysis of consultation responses (Appendix 6).

Ysgol Glan Morfa

21. The points raised by the pupils of Ysgol Glan Morfa included the following:
 - *Travel to Ysgol Bro Edern (although most stated that they lived closer to Ysgol Bro Edern anyway)*
 - *Having older brothers or sisters already at Ysgol Glantaf – would they have to attend a different school from their siblings?*
 - *Cost of travel, given that Ysgol Glan Morfa pupils had been offered free transport to Ysgol Glantaf if they lived over 3 miles from the school.*
 - *Method of travel; walking, bus, bike, car*
 - *Parents travelling the opposite way to Ysgol Bro Edern for work, but towards Ysgol Glantaf.*
 - *Having younger siblings attend a different school.*

Appraisal of views expressed

22. The Council welcomes the view of pupils at Ysgol Glan Morfa.
23. Concerns about siblings being split up and travel were also raised by others during the consultation and are addressed in the Summary analysis of consultation responses (Appendix 6).

Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Edern

24. The points raised by the pupils of Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Edern included the following:
 - *Positive thing to be closer to your catchment high school.*
 - *This could mean more pupils would walk or bike to school instead of going by car*

- *Half the pupils lived within walking distance of Ysgol Bro Edern or walked or biked to school at least part of the week, depending on the weather.*
- *One pupil said he biked to school every day from Splott whatever the weather and that he enjoyed this as it made him fit.*
- *They had friends who had gone to Ysgol Glantaf from Ysgol Glan Morfa.*
- *They were concerned about younger brothers or sisters of those friends and whether they would be able to attend Ysgol Glantaf too, or have to attend a different high school from their siblings.*

Appraisal of views expressed

25. The Council welcomes the views of pupils at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Edern.
26. Concerns about siblings being split up were also raised by others during the consultation and are addressed in the Summary analysis of consultation responses (Appendix 6).

Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf

27. The points raised by the pupils of Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf included the following:
 - *Loss of friends. This would affect some children in Ysgol Treganna or Ysgol Pwll Coch who could end up going to different secondary schools under the changes.*
 - *Most children felt that the loss of friendship groups would be a negative thing. They felt that whilst they could still arrange to meet these friends, that in reality, secondary school life is too busy for this to actually happen. One stated that simply moving class in primary school was enough of a barrier for friendships to continue.*
 - *Comments were also made that this could be an opportunity to meet new friends at secondary school or to move away from pupils at primary school that you might not have liked.*
 - *They felt that this could be a particularly difficult for pupils who may struggle to make friends.*
 - *They strongly felt that alignment of catchment areas at primary and secondary level would be a good thing as this would ensure that friendship groups would be unaffected.*
 - *There was a suggestion that catchment areas of the secondary schools could overlap in the areas affected by the proposed changes so that pupils could attend either Ysgol Plasmawr or Ysgol Glantaf.*
 - *They also suggested that it would be easier if all the children from a primary school went directly up to the same secondary school. (Feeder rather than catchment system.)*
 - *They felt that it made sense for the Ysgol Glan Morfa catchment to go to into the Ysgol Bro Edern catchment due to the distance that these pupils would have to travel to their current catchment school. It would be almost impossible to walk and transport to school could harm the environment. There was largely a consensus that 3 miles or less was a reasonable*

distance to arrange one's own travel arrangements and that any greater than 3 miles should be supported by a free bus pass.

- *It was unanimously felt that younger siblings, at both primary and secondary level, should be given a choice of attending the same school as their older siblings if they wished.*
- *One pupil asked what the likelihood was of their points being listened to. The consultation process was explained to the pupils and the date of the Cabinet outcome was shared.*

Appraisal of views expressed

28. The Council welcomes the views of pupils at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf.
29. Concerns about siblings being split up and the potential for some existing friends to attend different schools were also raised by others during the consultation and are addressed in the Summary analysis of consultation responses (Appendix 6).

Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr

30. The points raised by the pupils of Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr included the following:
- *Siblings having to attend different high schools. Pupils thought it would be unfair if some pupils couldn't go to the same school as their older siblings. A number of the pupils present had younger siblings and felt it was important that they could be present to help their younger siblings, show them around the school etc.*
 - *Pupils being unable to attend the same school as particular friends. When questioned, most of the pupils said they had remained friends with friends from primary school. Although this was not as important as being able to attend the same school as siblings, being able to maintain friendships was still important to them. All the pupils said they had also made many new friends since starting at high school.*
 - *The distance from the bottom of the new Ysgol Hamadryad catchment (the Bay) from Ysgol Glantaf was questioned, but it was recognised that the secondary catchment had not changed.*
 - *The pupils were worried some pupils might have a longer journey to school – this was in reference to primary school pupils who lived in the current Ysgol Nant Caerau catchment who would now be in catchment for Ysgol Treganna.*
 - *Some pupils were concerned about those living on catchment boundaries and suggested that these children should get the option to go to the same high school and friends and siblings. Pupils were keen to emphasise the devastating effect that being forced to go to a separate high school could have.*

Appraisal of views expressed

31. The Council welcomes the view of pupils at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr.
32. Concerns about siblings being split up, the potential for some existing friends to attend different schools and travel were also raised by others during the consultation and are addressed in the Summary analysis of consultation responses (Appendix 6).