



Fw: Ysgol Mornant
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From: Carole Speakman <c.speakman423@btinternet.com>
To: damian.hughes@flintshire.gov.uk,
Date: 25/01/2016 12:24
Subject: re: Ysgol Mornant

Dear Damian,
I am emailing you to inform you that Ysgol Croes Atti's Governors met last week and discussed the idea of Federation with ourselves but

" the Governors decided unanimously that they wouldn't be in favour of forming a federation at this time.

Their reasoning was thus:

1. How would a federation benefit the pupils at Croes Atti?
2. Given Croes Atti's current level of involvement at Glannau Dyfrdwy, Garden City and Maes y Coed, would forming another challenging partnership be too much of a stretch on Croes Atti's resources?
3. Governors felt that the federation was geographically challenging for us here at Flint."

as quoted from an email received by me from the Head of Ysgol Croes Atti. I have spoken to David Hytch several times since regarding moving forward with Federation with Ysgol Meas Garmon, - regarding a solid plan. I will inform you asap with the details.

Yours Faithfully,

Carole Speakman

Chair of Governors,
Ysgol Mornant

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While we understand the rationale for FCC's policy of school review, and accept that the policy must apply to all schools that trigger a review, it is unfortunate, to say the least, that a Welsh medium school should find itself in this situation at a time when both Welsh Government, through its Welsh Education policy, and FCC, through its consequential Welsh Education Strategic Plan, are seeking to extend and develop Welsh medium education (cf. para. 13.4) – as evidenced by the recent opening of Ysgol Croes Atti @ Glannau Dyfrdwy.

As governors of Flintshire's only Welsh-medium High School, we are concerned at the likely impact of closure on the Welsh language, in what is, at 22.9%, the pre-eminent Welsh-speaking area in the county. As the consultation document recognises, the risk is that, if Ysgol Mornant is closed, parents will opt to send their children to the nearest school – which in almost all cases would be an English-medium school. This accords with recent research in the Shotton area, where a significant proportion (some 30%) of parents indicated that they would choose Welsh medium education for their child **provided it were available locally**. Clearly, and understandably, the primary concern for parents of nursery-age children is that their school should be as close as possible to their home. Given that only 6.25% of current pupils speak Welsh at home, the role of the school in maintaining and developing their linguistic capacity is clearly crucial.

While the viability or otherwise of a school is ultimately a matter for the community it serves, we should wish to do whatever we can to support Welsh-medium provision across the county, and would be willing to engage in further discussion with governors of Ysgol Mornant and LA officers to explore ways in which Welsh-medium provision could be sustained in the area, and what support we could offer to achieve this.

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Chair of Governors, Ysgol Maes Garmon