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Dear Cabinet Members,

We write to you regarding the Flintshire School Area Review and in particular Ysgol Licswm which we believe will be discussed at Cabinet on 23rd January.

We strongly object to the proposal to amalgamate Brynford and Lixwm schools into a single area school sited at Brynford.

Our son currently goes to Ysgol Licswm as that is the school we have chosen for him. He did initially go to Brynford for early entitlement, when it became clear to us that he would not get the nurturing that he needed at that school. Upon moving him to Lixwm, we felt that the support of staff was much more to our liking and helped our son to develop immensely.

We understand that one of the primary concerns is the ability of Flintshire Council to set a balanced budget, yet we do understand that more funds have been allocated recently by the Welsh Assembly Government.

Ysgol Licswm, has not suddenly become an unaffordable school, we have taken advice from an Assembly Member and have been advised that the Flintshire budget would not be a valid reason to close the school. In fact, taking such an action would make this Labour controlled council look more like it was making ideological cuts in the manner of a Conservative government.

There are many good reasons to keep this school open which I am not going to repeat here, as I know that the school governing body (of which Mr M Cockburn is a parent governor) has sent a full response, however, I do wish to iterate that as parents, our son will not be stepping foot into a school sited at Brynford and all parents we have spoken to feel exactly the same.

Whilst we do not live in Licswm we feel very much part of the community and it would be extremely detrimental to the village forcing current residents to leave to find another school that they are happy with.

Regards,

Mark & Nia Cockburn