

# Proposal to change the age range from 4-11 to 3-11 at Ysgol Cwrt Henri

## Objection Report



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# 1. Executive Summary

## **Background**

The proposal to change the age range of Ysgol Cwrt Henri from 4-11 to 3-11 was prepared in response to a decision to incorporate provision for part-time nursery education at the school. This would provide equity in provision across schools in the area.

This report has been produced based on responses received during the objection period.

## **The Consultation Process**

In line with Welsh Government guidelines, as set out in the School Organisation Code (2018), Carmarthenshire County Council undertook a statutory consultation on the proposal to change the age range of Ysgol Cwrt Henri from 4-11 to 3-11. The consultation period was held from the 4 September 2025 to the 16 October 2025.

The statutory consultation received a total of 31 responses. The overall balance of sentiment was weighted in favour of the proposal to extend the admission age at Ysgol Cwrt Henri.

Nevertheless, a few respondents expressed concern about the suitability of the school building for younger children and a younger starting age for formal education not being deemed appropriate for some children.

A summary of the responses received were published in a Consultation Report on Carmarthenshire County Council's website on 26 January 2026 and considered by Cabinet members. In line with the School Organisation Code (2018), all stakeholders were notified of the report's publication.

## **Publication of the Statutory Notice**

Following consideration of the Consultation Report on 26 January 2026, the Council's Cabinet approved the proposals and agreed to proceed with the publication of a Statutory Notice.

The Statutory Notice on the proposal was published on 10 February 2026 for a period of 28 days until 10 March 2026.

Only **1** observation was received in response to the Statutory Notice.

The table below notes the supportive comment received. It must be noted that this observation was received prior to the end of the objection period.

<b>Supportive Comments Received</b>	
Online survey	1
Email	0
Letter	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

### **The Objection Report**

The objection report summarises the submissions received in objection or support to the proposal and the Local Authority's responses to these submissions.

For completeness, these responses have also been included within this report and the themes for the objections or supportive comments received are as follows:

#### **Concerns**

No comments were received expressing concern about the proposal.

#### **Supportive Comments**

**Theme 1** – Earlier start to formal education

## 2. Summary of Supportive Comments Received and Local Authority Responses

The table below notes the themes of the supportive comments received and the Local Authority's responses to those themes:

<b>Supportive Comments Received</b>		
<b>Point Number</b>	<b>Point Raised</b>	<b>Number of responses raising this point</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Earlier start to formal education</b>	<b>1</b>
The respondent commented that the proposal would allow children from the area to commence in their local school from an earlier age.		
<p><b>Local Authority Response</b></p> <p>The Local Authority notes the supportive comment and agrees, whilst adding, that ensuring equity for all children is a key consideration in bringing forward these proposals. However, part-time provision from the age of 3 is not statutory and it is the parents' decision as to whether or not they deem it suitable for their child(ren) and whether or not they wish to apply for a part-time place at a school.</p>		

### **3. Alternative Options**

No alternative options were received for consideration during the objection period.

### **4. Conclusion**

The Local Authority recognises and appreciates the support received for this proposal throughout the process to date. The response received during the Statutory Notice period highlights that introducing part-time nursery provision at Ysgol Cwrt Henri is seen as hugely beneficial to the pupils, parents and the community.

Implementing the proposal to amend the school's age from 4-11 to 3-11 is considered the most suitable approach to ensure that the best interests of learners remain the priority and that the introduction of nursery provision is carefully planned and effectively implemented.

### **5. Recommendation**

Following consideration of the response received, it is recommended that permission is sought to implement the proposal to change the age range of Ysgol Cwrt Henri from 4-11 to 3-11 without amendment.

There are no related proposals that would prevent or undermine implementation

This recommendation reflects the identified benefits of the proposal, including enhanced parental choice, improved continuity of education, increased sustainability of the school, and positive impacts on equality of opportunity and Welsh Language development.

### **6. Next Steps**

The objection report will be presented to the Cabinet and then ultimately to the County Council, who will determine whether or not to implement the proposal to change the age range of Ysgol Cwrt Henri from 4-11 to 3-11 with effect from 1 September 2026.