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Proposal for the discontinuation of Cilgerran Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled School and establishment of the same as a 3-11 Community School

Pembrokeshire County Council has a statutory duty to secure sufficient and suitable school places in its area and to determine whether it is making the best use of the resources and facilities to deliver the opportunities that children deserve. At its meeting on 8th May 2025, Pembrokeshire County Council considered a report of the School Modernisation Working Group which outlined the findings of a review of education provision in the Preseli area. In particular, the review considered the extent of surplus school places in the area, set against a significant decline in the pupil population.

The report outlined the current position in relation to Cilgerran VC school, and highlighted its status as a 'Rural' school, in the context of the 'Presumption against the closure of rural schools' within Welsh Government's School Organisation Code.

The decision of Council on 8 May 2025 was:

That the Director of Education be authorised to commence statutory consultation with the St David's Diocese on the proposal to discontinue Cilgerran Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled School, and to establish the same as a 3-11 Community School.

Following consultation with the St Davids Diocese on the above matter, Council received a report on 17 July 2025, which included the full response from the Diocese, which was considered.

The decision of Council was as follows:

That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Education to undertake general consultation to discontinue Cilgerran Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled School, and to establish the same as a 3-11 community school.

This document fulfils part of the County Council's responsibility under the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 to consult with appropriate stakeholders and to explain the Council's proposal to discontinue Cilgerran Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled School, (hereafter referred to as Cilgerran VC school) and to establish the same as a 3-11 community school. This document offers an opportunity for consultees to put forward any comments, observations or alternative

proposals they wish to be considered, as well as explaining why other options considered are not the preferred option.

Consultation on this proposal will comply with the requirements of the School Organisation Code. Consequently, the main purpose of this document is to provide information and to gather the views of identified stakeholders. For further information on the statutory process, see Section 7.

Please complete the survey by 30th January 2026, 5pm

Discontinuation of Cilgerran Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled School and establishment of the same as a 3-11 Community School



1) Please indicate which of the following reflects your views on the proposal

To discontinue Cilgerran VC school and establish the same as a 3-11 community school

	Please tick one
I do not feel strongly one way or the other	
I support the proposal	
I do not support the proposal	

2) Please provide any alternatives you have to the Council's proposal.

3) What effects do you feel the proposal(s) would have on

- opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language
- treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

Please consider if the proposal can be changed so as to have positive effects (or more positive effects), and to avoid or reduce negative effects, on:

- (i) people's opportunities to use Welsh?
- (ii) the need to treat the Welsh Language no less favourably than English?

If yes - How? If no - Why not?

4) Please provide any other comments on the proposal.

About you:

5). Please tell us about you *(please tick all that apply)*

Preschool parent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parent/Carer/Guardian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Governor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local resident	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please state below)	<input type="checkbox"/>

6). Which school or schools are you primarily interested in, in this consultation?

(Please tick all that apply)

Cilgerran VC school	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please state below)	<input type="checkbox"/>

7). Are you? (Please tick only one)

15 or under	<input type="checkbox"/>
16-24	<input type="checkbox"/>
25-34	<input type="checkbox"/>
35-44	<input type="checkbox"/>
45-54	<input type="checkbox"/>
55-64	<input type="checkbox"/>
65-74	<input type="checkbox"/>
75 +	<input type="checkbox"/>
I prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>

8). What gender do you identify as? (Please tick only one)

Male	<input type="checkbox"/>
Female	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-binary	<input type="checkbox"/>
I prefer to use another term	<input type="checkbox"/>
I prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>

9). How would you describe your ethnic group? (Please tick only one)

White	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roma	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed/Multiple ethnic group	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black/African/Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>
I prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

10). What is your religion or belief? (Please tick only one)

No religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christian (all denominations)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Buddhist	
Hindu	
Jewish	
Muslim	
Sikh	
I prefer not to say	
Other	

11). Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more? (Please tick only one)

Yes	
No	
I prefer not to say	

12). Do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day to day activities? (Please tick only one)

Yes, a lot	
Yes, a little	
Not at all	
I prefer not to say	

13). Do you look after or give any help or support to anyone because they have long-term physical or mental health conditions or illnesses, or problems related to old age? (Please tick only one)

Yes	
No	
I prefer not to say	

14). Can you understand, speak, read or write Welsh? (Please tick all that apply)

Understand spoken Welsh	
Speak Welsh	
Read Welsh	
Write Welsh	
None of the above	
I prefer not to say	

15). What is your main language? (Please tick only one)

Welsh	
English	
I prefer not to say	
Other	

Please tick the box if you wish to be informed of the publication of the Consultation Report.

You are asked to provide email and postal address details ONLY if you wish to receive a copy of the Consultation Report. Other information you are asked to provide is for the purposes of Equalities Monitoring and will be used for statistical purposes only.

Print Name..... Email

Address.....

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We will make any comments that you make publicly available as part of the Consultation Report, unless you ask us not to.

Please tick this box if you do not wish for your comments to be made publicly available.

All information will be handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

Please return to PCC through one of the contact options below no later than 5pm on Friday 30 January 2026.

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Thank you for your time