



**Statutory Notice to increase the pupil capacity at St Mary's Church in Wales (CIW) Voluntary Aided (VA) School, Brymbo from 154 to 210 with the potential to increase further to 315 if required as a result of future housing developments.**

**School Standards and Organisations (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code (2018)**

**Wrexham County Borough Council**

Notice is given in accordance with section 41 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code 2018 that Wrexham County Borough Council, having consulted such persons as required, propose to increase the pupil capacity at Wrexham primary school St Mary's Church in Wales Voluntary Aided School, Bryn Coch, Ael-Y-Bryn, Brymbo, Wrexham, LL11 5DA from 154 to 210 from September 2025. The increase in capacity is subject to obtaining planning permission on a new site at the former Brymbo Steelwork site, LL11 5FS. Without planning consent, the increase capacity will lapse.

Wrexham County Borough Council undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the proposer's responses, and the views of Estyn's full response is available on the local authority's website at [St Mary's CIW VA Brymbo Consultation | Wrexham County Borough Council](#)

It is proposed to implement the proposal from September 2025.

It is proposed that we carefully manage the growth of the school to ensure sustainability and to avoid additional surplus places within the higher year groups. In order for the school to manage the growth, it is proposed that the admission number is increased yearly from September 2025.

It is proposed to implement the proposal on a phased basis commencing September 2025 as follows:

**Phase 1** – On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 the school will increase its published admission number from 22 to 30 pupils for Nursery and from 22 to 30 pupils for Reception on entry each year. All current year groups will remain at 22.

**Phase 2** – On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 up to 30 pupils will be admitted to Nursery and up to 30 pupils admitted to Reception. The existing pupils in reception will progress to Year 1.

**Phase 3** – On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2027 up to 30 pupils will be admitted to Nursery and up to 30 pupils admitted to Reception and the existing pupils will progress to Years 1 and 2.

**Phase 4** – On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2028 up to 30 pupils will be admitted to Nursery and up to 30 pupils admitted to Reception and the existing pupils will progress to Years 1, 2 and 3.

**Phase 5** – On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2029 up to 30 pupils will be admitted to Nursery and up to 30 pupils admitted to Reception and the existing pupils will progress to Years 1, 2, 3 and 4.

**Phase 6** – On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2030 up to 30 pupils will be admitted to Nursery and up to 30 pupils admitted to Reception and the existing pupils will progress to Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**Phase 7** – On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2031 up to 30 pupils will be admitted to Nursery and up to 30 pupils admitted to Reception and the existing pupils will progress to Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The school's new pupil capacity will be 210 plus 30 part time nursery places.

The proposed, St Mary's Brymbo, will remain a St Mary's Church in Wales Voluntary Aided primary school. St Mary's Church in Wales Voluntary Aided primary school, Brymbo will be the admission authority.

Transport for pupils shall be dealt with by reference to the Local Authority's School

Transport Policy. Details of the Local Authority's Admission Policy and School Transport Policy are available on Wrexham County Borough Council's website at [Wrexham County Borough Council's website](#)

### **Objection Period**

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by 7 June 2024 any person may object to the proposals. Objections should be sent to:

Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention  
Wrexham County Borough Council  
Crown Buildings  
31 Chester Street  
Wrexham  
LL13 8BG

Or by email to: [St Marys Brymbo Consultation](#)

Signed 

Chief Officer Education & Early Intervention

Dated 29 April 2024

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

### **Proposal**

It is the view of the Council that the current school is unsuitable, both in terms of scope for extension and in terms of offering the facilities required to successfully deliver the modern curriculum. Due to a large proposed housing development in Brymbo, the current site is also deemed unsuitable to meet future predicted demand for school places. This proposal hopes to address the above by:

- Increasing the pupil capacity from 154 to 210 from September 2025, with the potential to increase further to 315 if required as a result of future housing developments. The new school would be designed in a way that will allow future expansion, at minimal disruption, if the need to increase numbers to 315 is realised.
- Building a new school on a new site within a mile to accommodate the increase in capacity and to provide a modern, practical learning environment.

### **Rationale for Change**

The present St Mary's Church in Wales Voluntary Aided School is a converted secondary school dating back to the 1940s. It is situated in the hilly, rural village of Brymbo on the outskirts of the City of Wrexham. The rationale for this project, as well as to increase capacity, is to create an improved, high quality learning environment on a larger site to help meet the predicted future demand for school places in the area once the proposed housing development has been completed.

The selection of the new school site allows the Council and the Diocese to design a school with flexibility of space usage in mind as well as build in future flexibility to enable spaces to be changed. It would also alleviate the need to use temporary accommodation as demand increases and avoids possible overcrowding at alternative sites.

The new building will be designed with input from the school and the Diocese to ensure that it remains in keeping with the school's ethos and supports the school's vision for the delivery of the modern curriculum.

If the status-quo was to be maintained, it is likely that the school would not be able to accommodate the future predicted demand for school places in the Brymbo area.