

ID	Please provide any alternatives you have to the Council's proposal.	<p>What effects do you feel the proposal(s) would have on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language • treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. <p>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?</p>	Please provide any other comments on the proposal.
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2	To leave the school as it is heart of the community providing education for local children. The councils proposal will eventually lead to putting schools together. As a recently retired teacher the best way to improve standards is not to fill schools to the brim and hope for the best. Funding is the issue this is all about economics not education what the council feels it can spend and afford.	If this happens then it should be made secure that the school will stay not be joined with others under one head they will be come clones of each other rather than working for the good of the individual children and community of Cilgerran	
3	Leave Cilgerran school as is and merge the other two.	No relevance	This proposal is a direct attack against church schools and therefore religious discrimination and unacceptable.
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6	To keep the church school status	<p>I feel very strongly that 'I Do NOT' support your proposal.at 36 I have lived in Cilgerran all my life. I belive that keeping the Church school title would be so beneficial to the school. Both my children are in Cilgerran school, Its such a lovely close school where my children are thriving and Happy. Its such a privilege to have the headmistress full time, But not only that,our head teacher is a SENCO. So as a parent of a neuro divergent child, It has been so beneficial for my child and im sure i can speak on behalf of other parents this has had such a great impact and my child's education. Also i am 36 and have always lived in Cilgerran so the church has been a big part of my life. From Sunday school as a child, and watching my children's school plays . It was lovely to hear my son speaking about the "baban iesu" that is in the church the other day. Its lovely to hear the children talk about the church so often. So why change this? By taking the "Church" status off our lovely school, not only will the school and my children suffer. The church will too. Our school brings money to the</p>	Terrible idea
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7	Allow the school to remain a church school.	I do not feel that the status of the school would effect the language within the school	<p>A church school plays an important role not only in education, but also in shaping character, values, and community life. Ysgol Cilgerran provides moral and spiritual formation alongside academic learning. Students are taught values such as honesty, compassion, respect, forgiveness, and responsibility, which help guide their behavior both in and out of school. As a parent it is clear that ysgol Cilgerran teach our children about faith, purpose, and ethical decision-making in a structured way.</p> <p>Church schools help preserve faith, culture, and tradition. Through religious practices, celebrations, and teachings, students learn their spiritual heritage and develop a strong sense of identity and belonging.</p> <p>Ysgol Cilgerran is a well managed school that provides parents with the confidence that their children are cared for and taught at the highest level, loosing the Church school title will allow for changes outside of the schools control which u believe has the ability to have a detrimental effect on the school as a whole</p>
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9	Gadael y statws fel ag y mae.	Pam bo 28% o'r dalgych yn dewis ysgol Cilgerran yn hytrach na'r ysgol gymuedol agosaf? Ai oherwydd defnydd cryf o'r Gymraeg? Os hynny cam gwag byddai newid y gyfundrefn.	Pryderaf am effaith defnyddio 'base leaders' i wneud gwaith Pennaeth os fydd yna ffedereleiddio, a phellter yr ysgol Eglwysig agosaf os yw'r newid yn digwydd. Ffordd o dorri cyflogau ond cael yr un gwaith wedi ei gyflawni â phennaeth yw cyflogi base leaders mewn ffederasiynau.
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11	<p>I propose to maintain status quo and help us to retain our strong, collaborative connection with the church in Cilgerran and also the wider church community! The church and school in Cilgerran have a long standing, historic affiliation since 1845 and I do not believe that removing the church status is necessary! We have very supportive and helpful Church governors who are always in the school helping the children and teachers and delivering assemblies throughout the year! I feel this is a great benefit to the school and children. The reason behind the proposal to remove the status is to enable federation in future if required. I do not believe this needs to be done now! Cilgerran school is in a strong position with an excellent headteacher and a deputy who is currently being developed by the school and going through the NPQH training who is also dedicated to our school! Our pupil numbers are remaining strong and we are in a healthy financial position. I don't understand why this is being forced upon us now when there isn't an issue! I believe that if it did become an issue in the future to recruit a headteacher at our school then why can't this be revisited then! It feels like we are being forced to remove a historical connection dating back 180 years just in case!</p>	<p>I don't think the proposal will affect the children's opportunity to use Welsh as it will remain a Welsh language school. However, I do believe it will have a detrimental effect on the children in terms of faith values and the fact that the children have an opportunity to learn currently that the church is a safe space that they can visit at any time when they are in need! I feel as a church school they are more familiar and would be more confident in visiting a church anywhere in the world as a welcoming space due to the fact that they often visit the church for concerts, assemblies etc. This can surely only be a good thing and I feel that this will be lost if the church status is removed!</p>	<p>I feel that the 4 disadvantages listed of the proposal to remove the VC status far outweigh the 1 advantage which is to enable federation in future!</p> <p>In the consultation document it states that the proposer does not anticipate any other schools will be affected by this proposal. I don't believe this to be true. I agree that removal of the VC status will only affect Cilgerran school but there is a bigger picture here as specified in the document. This is being proposed so that federation can be possible in future, and if this happens then this will have an effect on other schools in the area and how their school is staffed and run.</p> <p>In the consultation document, in the Impact on accessibility of schools section, it states that it is not anticipated that this will change the fact that most children from the catchment area attend the school. I believe that this is not necessarily the case. If parents think that when we lose the church status and federation will then be possible, this may cause parents to think about moving their children to a non-federated school where there is still a full time head teacher dedicated to the success of their school, and not split between 2 or 3 schools! It may also encourage families to leave the community or discourage young families from moving into the community if they think they can move to another area with a school that is not federated.</p> <p>I also do not believe that it is best for any</p>
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13	Continue the status quo for cilgerran school	Do not take the church status from the school, it provides multilingual opportunities for our grandchildren	Do not change the status of Cilgerran school to give the authority the excuse to close it for other nebulous reasons
14	Remain the same		The loss of this link will be detrimental to the community
15	Leave the school as a church in wales school. To continue as it is.	The school currently operates in the Welsh language giving the children the best opportunity to develop bilingually. Changing the school and sharing resources could have an adverse affect on this offering less Welsh language resources and activities.	Changing the church status of this school would adversely affect the close links with the church and village community
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20			<p>Where as I'm not religious not do I agree with any of the religious elements of the schools curriculum- to federate the school would be detrimental to the children that currently attend and those in the future. Taking away opportunities that are not available to other schools currently in the area</p>
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24	<p>The alternative to the proposal is to quite simply keep the school as it is and do not remove their church status.</p>	<p>Children of this school have the opportunity to use Welsh and will continue to do so if the proposal is approved or not.</p>	<p>I am writing as a parent to formally object to the proposal to remove the school's church status.</p> <p>In rural Welsh villages, the link between school, church, and community is deeply significant. Church schools provide far more than religious education; they help children develop strong moral values, a sense of belonging, and community responsibility. Removing church status risks weakening this vital connection and undermining an important source of social and emotional support for our children.</p> <p>I am also deeply concerned about the longer-term educational implications of this proposal. Removing church status may increase the likelihood of future federation. While this may appear efficient, it often results in one headteacher overseeing multiple schools—sometimes up to seven—significantly reducing leadership presence, continuity, and stability. Headteachers are responsible for safeguarding, funding, behaviour, school culture, and leadership. These responsibilities are best fulfilled by a consistent, visible leader who knows the school and its pupils well.</p> <p>The potential impact on children with additional learning needs is particularly worrying. In federated models, it is unrealistic to expect one headteacher or SEN lead to have a meaningful, personal understanding of every child across multiple schools. As a parent of a</p>
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25	Leave it as it is currently.		Appears to be a complete waste of time and money for what will be little to no gain compared to whats already in place.
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31	<p>I feel that Cilgerran VCP school should retain its Church status in order to maintain the strong connection between the church and the school. The connection dates back to 1845 and once this is lost it will be lost forever! The children often visit the church and have learnt that it is a welcoming place for them and the rest of the community. I believe this would somewhat be lost, if the school lost its connection with the church which would be a great shame for the children, school and the church. If Federation is the only reason that this is being suggested as per the document, then an alternative would be to federate other schools in the cluster if this is required such as Ysgol Eglwysrwrw, Ysgol Llandudoch, Ysgol Clydau etc. Cilgerran is a very family orientated village and Ysgol Cilgerran's numbers are still strong with babies being born in the village and parents and babies attending the Cywion Cilgerran in the school every Friday which is a Parent and Baby group which has been going for the last year.</p>	<p>I don't think it would have any affect on people's opportunities to use Welsh.</p>	<p>I believe that if parents think that the school could be come federated in future, then this could affect whether parents decide to send their child to Ysgol Cilgerran, they could decide to send their child to a different non federated school. It could also discourage young families from moving to Cilgerran and cause some to move out of the village. I don't feel the only advantage of the proposal outweighs the listed disadvantages at all. I think the disadvantages will have more of a negative impact on the children. The only advantage is federation and cost saving but I don't believe this proposal has the best interests of the children's education at heart. Federation places more pressure on the school's leaders and also the teachers and I don't believe this can be better for the children's education.</p>
32	<p>Don't do it, the school is excellent as it is.</p>	<p>Cilgerran school is a strong community school with a strong link to the church and the use of the Welsh language.</p>	<p>I feel that removing the church status of Cilgerran school is wrong. This will have a huge impact on the teachers, children and families.</p>
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37	Keep as it is. Timeless amazing school thanks to its Christian based values	In these trying times. And the risk of further loss of actual wales under current leadership. We need to keep this this amazing little pocket of OUR culture alive!	
38	No comment		
39	Keep as it is!	Negative effects on children, families and staff.	Listen to the community!
40	Keep the school as it is!	It would have a negative effect and a huge impact on our children and our community.	Cilgerran VC school is a great school. My children attend, and they love school. The teachers are great, happy and friendly. Cilgerran has a fantastic community, everyone pulls together to get things done. If the school ever changed to a community school it would be a massive hit to Cilgerran!
41		No different.	Need to modernise, therefore proposal makes sense.
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43	Keep the school as a church school to keep the community links between school and church	Links will be lost with the church meaning less opportunity for Welsh to be used out in the community with the children	Church status has been on the school for many years and does not need to be changed. It provides good community links which support the school and church together, bringing community and church to the school but also bringing the children into the church which some families may not have the opportunity to do. Big changes cause a negative effect on staff and children alike therefore causing strain on a school that is already running effectively with good numbers and happy children

44		Encouraging use of Welsh language in real life experiences by taking part in services and attending church events. Children enjoy getting to know the church members and volunteers and build a good relationship with them which can be seen in the village as well as during school time.	My children thoroughly enjoy all services, etc provided by the church and talk about it all the time it would be a shame to lose this for the children. Having been to this school myself I believe that having the church link has had nothing but a positive effect and brought a positive link to the community of Cilgerran by bringing the church members closer to the pupils which is beneficial for both sides. The church can be seen from school grounds and always holds the children's interest and makes them want to learn about the church which is a positive for the school curriculum also and brings learning to life by being able to go to the local church.
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47	The only alternative is the status quo, thereby leaving the school vulnerable to future closure when pupil numbers decline. The school would be in a much less vulnerable situation as part of any future Federation with other Community schools.	None whatsoever - implementing the proposal would not change the language medium of the school.	A sensible move

48	<p>Keep the school as a VC, no need for change.</p>	<p>Church schools in Wales have historically played an important role in supporting the Welsh language, not only as a medium of instruction but also as a language of community life, values, worship, and cultural continuity. Removing the school's church status could weaken these established structures that actively promote the use of Welsh in daily practice, assemblies, pastoral care, and wider community engagement.</p> <p>The proposal may reduce meaningful opportunities for pupils, families, and the wider school community to use Welsh in a natural and values-based context. Faith-based elements often reinforce Welsh language use through traditions, events, and partnerships that are rooted in local Welsh-speaking communities. Removing the church status risks diluting this environment and could lead, over time, to Welsh becoming more limited to formal classroom use rather than being a living language used across school life.</p> <p>If the proposal leads to a reduction in Welsh-language provision,</p>	<p>I would like to add that I was educated in a church school myself, and I strongly believe that this experience provided me with the stability, structure, and clear values that are so important within an educational setting. The sense of consistency and community helped shape my learning, and responsibility from an early age.</p> <p>I believe it contributed positively to my ability to work hard, take responsibility, and build a successful future, including going on to own and run two businesses.</p> <p>In addition, church schools in Wales have traditionally supported and promoted the Welsh language as part of everyday school life, embedding it within culture, values, and community rather than limiting it to classroom use.</p> <p>For these reasons, I believe that removing the church status risks undermining both the stability and values that benefit pupils, as well as the foundations that support the Welsh language. I therefore feel strongly that the existing status should be retained in the best interests of the school, the community, and the Welsh language.</p>
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50		<p>Bydd llawer llai o gyfle i siarad y gymraeg yn Nghilgerran ac yn ardaloedd arall o'r gorllewin wledig. Fel person ifanc sydd wedi byw yma, dwi'n gweld yr effaith mae twristiaeth ac ati yn eu gael ar yr iaith ac ein diwylliant. Mae e'n broblem enfawr, a byddai gweithredu ar y cynllun hyn yn rywbeth hollol anghywir. Fel Cymry, ein rol ni yw i hybu ein iaith, dim o bosibl i gymryd hi i ffwrdd o bobl. MAE LLAI O BOBL YN SIARAD CYMRAEG YNG NGHILGERRAN NAG YN Y 20 MLYNEDD DIWETHAF. Mae'n un o'r trefi sy'n dioddef o'r pla yma o saeson. Hefyd, bydd y cynllun hon dim ond yn anwybyddu bod angen i ni 'drin y iaith gymraeg yn llai ffafriol na'r saesneg'. Os yw hyn yn mynd i ddigwydd, ni fydd y nifer o siaradwyr cymraeg yn yr ardaloedd yn cynyddu. Felly, ni fydd y cynllun yn hubu'r gymraeg.</p>	
51	Peidiwch a chau'r ysgolion gan ei fod yn elfen enfawr o'r gymunedau yn y pentrefi	Credaf bydde mwy o arian i'r ysgolion yn helpu yn benaf fel eu bod gallu gwared straen o fan 'na a ffocusu ar dysgu a pwyso'r Gymraeg	
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57	Keep the VC status	The school uses Welsh to teach the children. It's very important for our children to learn Welsh. I have learned a lot through my children speaking Welsh at home.	This is a fantastic school. My children are very happy there and enjoy going to school. The school is also a very strong part of the community.
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59	Keep things the same. If it's not broken...	I do not believe the proposed change would in any way improve things for the children.	The school and its supporters have created an ideal environment for the students to learn and grow in a community where students are encouraged and supported

60	That Cilgerran School stay as a Voluntary Controlled School or become a Voluntary Aided School	Cilgerran School is a fully Welsh school, encouraging the use of Welsh in the community, above teaching the pupils.	<p>I am pleased to strongly object to the change of status of Cilgerran School from a Voluntary Controlled School to a Community School. It is vital that the ethos of this school is maintained because of its integral part in the fabric of the community of Cilgerran, and of the particular ethos that it encourages. It is, in realty, already a community school, more so than the proposed changes.</p> <p>The land of the present school was provided by the Church. There has been an unbroken relationship between the School and the St Llawddog Church, up until the present time. The logs of school and church point to this. There is strong co-operation between school and community that contributes greatly to the wellbeing of the village.</p> <p>The school is a powerful enabler of the Welsh language that is helped by the composition of the Governing Body with its links to the community.</p> <p>The maintaining of the V/C status gives a broader educational experience in an age when education is being controlled, more and more, centrally and “locum in parentis,” is losing its meaning.</p> <p>I see no reason why Cilgerran School cannot retain its V/C status within the Federation. There have been cases of schools doing this. There could, given imagination, be accommodation for such a situation. If this is not possible, I would propose that Cilgerran School becomes a Voluntary Aided</p>
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61	Why change things that work		

62	To continue as a Church of Wales school to support the Christian faith among the children and community.	N/A	
63	I regret to say there is no alternative but to keep Cilgerran VC school status intact.	As a former pupil and current member of staff of Cilgerran VC school i feel strongly against any of the suggested changes ,in particular, the removal of the church status. The school has held this status in the community since 1845 and any changes to this could create an uncertain future. It would be quite concerning that potentially this change could lead to a reduction in staffing, redundancies and the quality of teaching standard. I would fear that this would lead to merely a cost cutting exercise. The idea of having one headteacher is worrying as this may add to the workload, create a drop in output and efficiency. Given that the school currently maintains strong values, is part of a wider community and supported by members of the church i strongly feel that we are at risk of losing our values and more. School numbers are substantial, budgets are met and good management is in place therefore i would strongly reject any suggestion of change. Both of my children have attended Cilgerran	

		school and thoroughly enjoyed their time there and and have grown up with fond memories of early school life.	
64	Keep school as it is. No need to interrupt or disturb schools if they are working fine as they are. Unsure what the point or advantages of this move is	It would not have an effect on Welsh language. Students would keep using Welsh language as they do now. Unsure how this question is relevant.	School is strong and has community support and people from area enjoy going in to the school. I've visited the school to talk about my Wales Touch Rugby experience and was welcomed by a lovely community of school. Church values are very important and I do not believe the status should be removed.
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68	Keep school as it currently stands, Cilgerran CiW VCP School.	Welsh language will still remain strong. However other issues may arise if the status were to be removed.	I strongly disagree with the proposal to remove the Church status from the school. It is the only church school in our local area and removing of the status would have an effect on the area. We have visited the school as their local fire service crew.
69	Keep the school as it is. Unsure why there is a need for change as there is only 1 advantage for the change and there are 4 against which clearly shows that the disadvantages outweigh the advantages.	Welsh language plays a vital role and ensures that pupils will continue to use their Welsh language skills in different situations, for example during services at the church.	The school has historical links with the church which is vital in my opinion. If this would discontinue, then there is a possible threat to this declining. School has healthy numbers of pupils and school staff work extremely hard to help those pupils in their school.

70	Keep the school as CiW VCP school. No need to change what is working well. Unsure what the advantages are for removing the church status?	Welsh language skills will continue to develop through learning about aspects of religion and through the close relationship with the church.	School and church are big community links. If that is removed it could damage community. Removing church status will almost look like it's not important and what kind of a message will this give to young pupils and people of the community?
71	Leave everything as it is	Can't see it'll make a difference	Cilgerran's links with the church is long established and is of benefit to the school, it's pupils and staff. The headperson needs to be present in the school everyday, especially in the challenging times we live in. As it is a well attended and run rural school, I feel that it should maintain its current status.

72	<p>As a long-standing member of my local chapel, I feel deeply concerned about the proposal to take away Cilgerran's VC status. My connection to faith-based education runs deep. I grew up attending Sunday School every week, and I still support chapel events and help with the Sunday School when I can. My grandfather was a preacher, and I often went with him to his services. Those experiences shaped my values, my understanding of community, and my appreciation for the role faith can play in a child's life. That same ethos is alive in Cilgerran VC School, and it's one of the reasons the school feels special.</p> <p>Even though I don't live locally and travel quite a distance to work at Cilgerran, I do it willingly and happily. I'm a supply teacher at the school, and it genuinely feels like a privilege to be part of such a warm, welcoming community. The support from staff, families, and even members of the church who join us on school trips is something you don't see everywhere. The children feel completely at ease with them, and the feeling is mutual. It's a lovely thing to witness.</p> <p>Keeping things as they are is incredibly important. Change on this scale unsettles both children and staff. The uncertainty alone is damaging. Pupils shouldn't have to worry about what's happening to their school, and staff shouldn't be left unsure about the future of their workplace. This is our job, our livelihood, and the environment we work in every day. Uncertainty makes it harder to do our best. And for what reason? Cilgerran's VC status is</p>	<p>Cilgerran VC School already has a strong Welsh-medium ethos and a close connection with its community. Changing the school's status risks disrupting that stability. When a school is placed under uncertainty, language provision is often one of the first areas to feel the impact. Staff and pupils need consistency to maintain strong Welsh-language use, and this proposal introduces the opposite. Federation, in particular, could weaken Welsh-language opportunities. The schools being discussed are all different sizes, with different language profiles and community needs. Cilgerran already treats Welsh and English equally and respectfully. The school's ethos, community links, and day-to-day practice support the Welsh language naturally. The most effective way to protect and promote the Welsh language in Cilgerran is to keep the school as it is—stable, rooted in its community, and able to focus on the needs of its pupils without unnecessary structural disruption.</p>	
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<p>part of its identity and part of the village's history. Generations of pupils, staff, and families have contributed to that story. Removing it feels unnecessary and dismissive of everything the school represents.</p> <p>The idea of federating with nearby Welsh-medium schools doesn't make sense. Realistically, it wouldn't just affect us, it would place pressure on the other five or six schools that would be drawn into the arrangement. Each of those schools has its own identity, its own community, and its own priorities. Stretching them thin for the sake of a federation that only looks workable on paper is unfair and unwise. There are only a handful of VC school left in Pembrokeshire. Do we really want to take Cilgerran off that already-short list? It's disheartening to see VC schools disappearing year after year, especially when so many families value the faith-based education and ethos they offer. For many children, that grounding in faith, values, and community is something they simply wouldn't experience elsewhere. Losing another VC school doesn't just affect Cilgerran – it contributes to the slow erosion of something that has supported generations of people.</p> <p>This leads me on to concerns about leadership. A school needs consistent leadership, someone who is available and is fully engaged with the day-to-day life of the children and staff. When the head is spread thin or shared across different schools, it creates instability. Children notice when leadership is stretched thin, and staff feel the pressure of having to fill the gaps. What makes this harder to</p>		
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	<p>understand is that Cilgerran VC School is financially stable. The current headteacher has managed the budget carefully and responsibly, and the school is in a strong position. Disrupting that stability makes no sense.</p> <p>There are also practical issues that cannot be ignored. The school sits on land provided by the St David's Diocesan Board of Finance. If the school loses its VC status, what happens to that land? Will it be sold? Will the council try to buy it? Why risk taking land away from the children and the school community? Outdoor space is vital for children's wellbeing, their mental health, and the overlook look and feel of the village. This proposal threatens far more than a title – it threatens the environment the children rely on every day.</p> <p>Cilgerran VC School is not just a school. It is a community, a history and place for children to feel safe and supported.</p>		
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75	Leave the school as it is now, with church status	No effect, what has this got to do with the Welsh language	Church status needs to remain. My children went to a church school, and the importance to keep it as such is immense. We do not wish to lose the church values, etc. The proposal mentions only one advantage of discontinuation as a church school, versus four disadvantages. The stated advantage is also, not advantageous except towards the council's education budget
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79	<p>fMaintain status quo.</p>	<p>The principle institutions in any village are it's school, church, shop and pub or social club. It's through these institutions the sense of community is manifest. It is where children experience the Welsh language and customs actually in use and lays the foundations for future citizenship. It's where they learn shared values. Being English and resident in the village only a few months I am not equipped to comment on how the proposal could be changed.</p>	<p>As a practicing Christian and a member of St Llawddog's church, I feel very strongly that Cilgerran school should remain as a VC school. It is through this connection the children are exposed to Christian values in action, especially important in the fractured world which surrounds them. A Church school has a special ethos providing a secure, safe environment for learning where everyone is valued and respected and staff demonstrate Christian principles in their dealings with everyone. The school has all to lose and nothing to gain by the removal of voluntary controlled status.</p> <p>Whilst not against the notion of federated schools at secondary level, I consider them to be detrimental at primary level for the following reasons:- One headteacher to service between two and six schools means that in the best case scenario each school would have a headteacher 50% of the time, or 2 and a half days a week. In worst case scenario each school would have a headteacher every 6th day. Time spent travelling from school to school would be wasted time for the headteacher and the calculation of a mileage allowance would be complicated.</p> <p>The teacher designated as being responsible in the absence of the headteacher could be called away from class at any time to deal with</p>
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			<p>ethos and relationship with the community of which it is a vital and influential part.</p> <p>Today's pupils are tomorrow's citizens so it is vital that we prepare them for that role. The values, attitudes and behaviours developed in Primary school will shape the community of the future. Therefore, if the Church has a living relationship with the school enshrined in it's constitution, Christian values will be guiding principles for future generations.</p> <p>The school looks to the Church for role models and has links with various organisations playing it's part to the full. For example, I was deeply moved and impressed by the pupils who stood in the pouring rain on Remembrance Sunday and sincerely declared their Pledge. They are citizens of the future and with the status quo maintained, the future holds hope and promise.</p>
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80	<p>I have no alternatives to the proposal as i feel strongly against removing the church status. The school has been a part of the church since 1845 ? Why change it ? Financial reasons? I can't think of 1 good reason to federate, it will have a huge negative impact on the local community and the surrounding area.</p>	<p>Being a local person who attended the school 50 years ago where my children also attended i think its vitally important that we keep our community / church alive, the welsh language is strong and removing the status will be devastating .Attending the church for services on a regular basis keeps the strong bond between school and church and community. I don't think that the proposal can be changed to have a positive effect as i think it will only bring stress , negativity and break down of the community.</p>	<p>why change the status? If all is well why change anything? Why federate with others ? I STRONGLY oppose the proposal and think it will have a negative effect on well being , the community .Children will lose out loosing a head and not having a hands on on site on a daily basis. What will happen with jobs ? The uncertainty and up heavel will have a negative effect on the school, church, community. Cutbacks will also have an effect on everyone , sharing all the additional services eg ALNCO etc children will lose out moral would slide to a low.</p>
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82	<p>I propose to maintain status quo to retain a healthy and caring Church of Wales School at Cilgerran. There are no alternatives.</p>	<p>At present the school has a strong Welsh ethos that supports the national target for a million Welsh speakers by 2050. If the VC status is removed there will be reduced day to day opportunities for children to speak, develop, practice and maintain their Welsh language skills in the wider community that will include the Church links – collective worship, church visits, stakeholder visits and engagements, services and performances that are taught through the medium of Welsh. As the consultation document emphasis a strong future to federate the school, I strongly believe that a reduced presence and strong vision of an exclusive permanent school headteacher will reduce and dilute the Welsh language immersion as a language of learning that should be naturally embedded with every individual pupil’s life skills.</p>	<p>Prior and during my headship at Cilgerran school the Church and School have held a unique and strong working relationship. We have held regular services and performances at the Church which has ensured that all stakeholders come together to celebrate and maintain our Christian values. Why change a school status that was established in 1845? The only advantage stated in the county’s consultation papers is federalising with 2 to 6 schools. I do not see this as an advantage. Every north Pembrokeshire school have stable headteachers who work very hard to maintain their status quo. At Cilgerran we have a wide community support network that has the Church and School as their central hub. We see our Church governors regularly as well as other Church members, who help the children greatly to understand their Christian values and Bible knowledge, e.g, assemblies, Christingles, discussions, Church visits and lessons. The Church has a strong influence on our values education provision. It also helps to teach and guide the school community to become moral and ethical citizens that will always help them in the wider world. I am constantly told that there will be a shortage of headteachers. However, my dedicated assistant head is completing the NPQH and could be a future headteacher candidate. She will be the 3rd headteacher that has been developed during my 12 years at Cilgerran School. The school has also maintained a good surplus that has</p>
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			enabled our pupils to have a wide range of cross curricular resources, support and activities. I don't foresee this being maintained with federalising with other schools.
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84	I have no alternatives to this proposal as i strongly disagree with it, why change something which has been apart of our community since1845 .	The welsh language is strong at the present moment federating the school will only lose a great community . Losing an acting head will only diminish the situation.	Being a resident of cilgerran for 50 years plus i strongly oppose the decision to take away the church status , it has been a huge part of the community and school, my children and grandchildren attended on a regular basis enjoying all connections with the church.Losing the connection would be detrimental in my opinion.
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87	I have no alternatives to this proposal as i dont agree with taking a head away from a school which has good numbers and is in a good place .	Taking a head out from the school on a daily basis can only mean 1 thing standards will drop having an	I attended cilgerran school and we always had an acting head removing this will be a negative thing for the school, village and the church. How can anybody think that this is a good idea

		effect on everything including the welsh language.	? The childrens wellbeing is key and this proposal happening will only add stress, confusion, what children need is stability.
88	No other alternative, keep school as it is.	They will potentially lose their ability to use Welsh language during assemblies and services that happen outside of the school, for example at the church. By staying as a church school it will ensure they keep using and connecting with the use of Welsh language outside of school location.	Unsure why this proposal has come to light. There should not be a want to remove a church status. Church values are vital in local communities, and ensures that children, their parents and the community are connected. Personal connections with your community is vital and I'm unsure why the council would want to remove them.

89	<p>I strongly disagree with the proposal.</p> <p>There are no benefits and no alternatives.</p>	<p>There are no benefits to the proposal regarding the opportunities given to our pupils.</p> <p>The proposal risks having a negative impact on opportunities for pupils to use the Welsh language. Ysgol GWR Cilgerran has already achieved the Silver Siarter Iaith award and is actively working towards the Gold and fully commits to the Senedd’s target of reaching a million Welsh speakers by 2050. This process has significantly strengthened the use of Welsh across the school and within the wider community. Maintaining the Church school status has played an important role in this progress. Welsh is naturally embedded in assemblies, celebrations, and productions held in the Church (e.g. annual Harvest assembly, Christmas concerts, Christingle service, annual Leaver’s Assemblies, Mother’s Day service, Easter services – all of which children take an active role) giving pupils a meaningful and authentic purpose for using the language. I strongly believe that removing the Church framework would significantly reduce these</p>	<p>The decision to discontinue the school as a faith school would not be in the interest of the school nor the wider community. Ysgol GWR Cilgerran is the only faith school left in our local community. Parents who specifically desire a faith-based school for their children (without having to send them to a private school) would lose that option in their immediate locality which is not fair. The VC status allows the school to be open to everyone while maintaining its special character. We are very proud of this feature. Removing the status achieves very little practical gain but causes significant cultural loss.</p> <p>A strong case against the proposal can be made by highlighting the risks that federation would bring to Ysgol Cilgerran’s stability and character. Even though we have been assured that federation is the main purpose for the consultation, the document doesn’t read so as it mentioned 26 times. Opening the door to federating with other schools would inevitably dilute the school’s unique identity and core values, which have been carefully nurtured and embedded over many years and is now a part of a Curriculum for Wales with Cynefin being a centre point. Federation would mean a heavier workload for staff, taking on additional responsibilities while receiving less direct support from a headteacher whose time and attention would be divided across multiple sites. This would significantly increase stress</p>
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		<p>opportunities, as there would no longer be a structured, faith-based context that encourages regular Welsh medium participation. Our Vicar and Bishop (along with other Church stakeholders) are both fluent, first language Welsh speaker and are excellent role models for our children which shows them that Welsh is a living language. It would be detrimental to lose this for our school.</p>	<p>also which would affect the wellbeing of staff, children and parents. The personal connection and tailored leadership that the school currently benefits from would be significantly reduced. There is also real concern about the financial implications: Ysgol Cilgerran has a well managed budget, and the prospect of this being pooled or redistributed among other schools raises the risk of losing the financial security that has been built through careful considerations for many years of the current headteacher's role. Together, these factors make the proposal deeply worrying for the future of the school.</p>
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90	To keep the school as it is.	<p>Opportunities would be lost if the Church link is lost. Children would not have many rich opportunities to take part in the real life events of the village and so would also miss out on future events potentially.</p> <p>They would also not have the same access to the role models provided by the Church who speak Welsh. These are vital for the children to learn that Welsh is alive in our community.</p> <p>They would lose an important part of our Welsh culture of attending Church. Not only would they lose out on learning stories from the Bible, but also the hymns and singing.</p>	<p>They Church has been of significance to the school for over 180 years in the village. What is the reason for this? Federation is obviously the only advantage that PCC can note. This has no benefit to Ysgol GWR Cilgerran or other schools in the locality. A school runs best with a full time headteacher who is on site 5 days a week. This is what children like, as their parents and staff at the school. Standards would slip if the head doesn't pay full attention to a school. This can be argued until the cows come home, but it is fact. Surely, what's best for the school and the wider community is to stay as it is.</p>
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91	<p>Cilgerran School is thriving as it is, with strong links to the church it benefits hugely from the wider community it sits in. I propose that it should remain as a church (VC) school.</p>	<p>Cilgerran School already operates as a mainstream Welsh language school with a first language Welsh speaking teachers. My children use it as their primary language at the school and even though we as parents can speak and understand the language I feel that the school as it is really strengthens their confidence and familiarity with the language. They will likely move into Preseli as a secondary school first choice. The church also provides further opportunity for the children to be exposed to Welsh language being used in the wider community, especially in the regular church celebration events.</p>	<p>The school has been linked to the church in Cilgerran for 180 years, and is built on church land, ties to the church reinforce the sense of belonging to a community in the children and their families. Whilst I understand that not everyone has strong religious beliefs I really feel passionate that the importance of the availability of this sanctuary especially in the world we live in today must be part of my childrens education. There is a strong sense of teaching good morals and responsibilities to be caring citizens in society as a result of this connection, something I would be very sad to see lost. The pupils are also exposed to other church initiatives such as fundraising for Christian Aid, again reinforcing children's sense of good morals. Also removing the VC status of the school puts the school grounds ownership at risk as it was built on church land.</p> <p>I really struggle to see any benefits from removing the VC status of the school. Many disadvantages have been highlighted to me;</p> <p>Taking away VC status would allow the school to be federated with up to 6 other local schools, meaning that teachers, ALNCO, resources, funds raised and governing bodies could be shared (stretched in my eyes) between multiple schools. I think this could have a negative influence on the school due to the following;</p>
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93	I don't feel like any of this is necessary. The school is excellent and my children have thrived during their time there. Why fix what isn't broken?	I don't feel like the proposal would have any positive effect on this. The school would not be as close knit as it currently is so time may not be focused on the Welsh language as much.	I strongly disagree with this proposal. I think it's outrageous. Cilgerran school as it is has had brilliant reports and is a great school, why potentially change that?
94	Comments redacted for the purposes of this document – respondent does not want their comments to be made publicly available		
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96	Keep our school as it is.	Less staff in the school meaning less chances for the pupils to speak Welsh to the teachers. More work pressure on teachers meaning they would have less time for activities such as reading stories or singing, activities which help the pupils learn Welsh.	I am a very concerned parent, you have mentioned many times that you plan to federate the schools, this is an awful idea! Cilgerran school is a wonderful Community school with a strong link to the church. As parents we have a right to choose a school that we feel is best for our children. I personally chose to send my children to Cilgerran school because it is a church school, this is something important to my family. I don't want my children to also be at a school that is federated with up to six other schools! This seems more about money than about the children's education!
97	There are no other alternatives. There should not be alternatives! Nothing needs to change, if it was to actually benefit my children who go to this school I may agree but it's all just cost cutting and saving! And not even saving for our local village it's saving the big council in Haverfordwest! Cilgerran is very often forgotten about when it comes to spending so to try and budget our school is an absolute travesty! Shame on you all for even proposing this absurd idea.	It's going to effect children not having a headteacher to greet them every morning at the gates plus the parents, who I approach often to ask about something, talk about my children's education, we do often speak about using the Welsh language my children have thrived learning the language and use it everywhere not just in school	Nobody in the village supports this. Why was it even proposed? By whom? Did anyone who lives in this village or surrounding areas propose this? Or is it all from people who live over 45minutes away! It's completely ludicrous! Why should my children's education decline all because of money! Costs! It's disgusting, I have a child who's autistic who's comfortable with her head teacher who's been there through her whole school life, who knows each other so well she can approach her and

			the head knows exactly how to support my child! Would anyone who has proposed this allow this to happen to their children school and education?? No!
98	You keep it addicted with the church of Wales. Christianity is a foundation of our culture in Wales and removing church status will allow for the eradication of Christianity in schools.		
99	Comments redacted for the purposes of this document – respondent does not want their comments to be made publicly available		
100	I feel strongly that Cilgerran VC School should remain as it is at present.	In my opinion, this new proposal would not be of benefit to the pupils or staff at Cilgerran School. If anything, I think it would have a negative impact on the pupils & staff .	Cilgerran School is a happy environment & the children seem to be thriving here at the moment. There is also a great partnership between the school & Cilgerran Church & I am keen to see this continue. I do not support the idea of appointing One Headteacher between several schools either.
101	To leave alone and find money elsewhere. Children's future is not where you save money. Children are who will be running this world. Hopefully not having to undo any bad decisions some are planning to make		
102	Comments redacted for the purposes of this document – respondent does not want their comments to be made publicly available		
103	Maintain the status quo.	The Welsh language is currently thriving at Cilgerran school. I do not see that federation would improve matters.	There is a well established community at Cilgerran VC school and good links with the community. The proposed changes could have deleterious effect. Pupil numbers are reasonable for sustaining a good quality curriculum.
104		It would reduce the use of the Welsh language as other schools may have less native speakers	

105	No comment		
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107		<p>The school has a very good relationship with the church and with that encourages and promotes the Welsh language, without their support and the support from having one sole headteacher I feel the language and continuity will be effected drastically. My children have learnt a lot from attending church and for the church to be taken away from the school will be very upsetting for all pupils at Ysgol Cilgerran.</p>	<p>This will have a big impact on the children, the school is part of the church which the children participate in the church community in and out of school. The values have a massive impact on the children and giving them belief in the church is also very beneficial for the children and knowing they have guidance and support from the church comforts parents, staff and children.</p>
108	Comments redacted for the purposes of this document – respondent does not want their comments to be made publicly available		
109	<p>There are no alternatives, this has to stay as a Church of Wales.</p>	<p>The removal of this will have a detrimental effect to both the church and the pupils. The school and the church rely on each other for all their support. The Welsh language is so very important and needs to carry on through the learning from the school and the church. It would be unfair and sad to take this away from the children and who knows what this would do to the Welsh learning and language which is so very important for all of us.</p>	<p>This proposal would take away so much from all the children and their teachers. The headteacher does so much for all our children, the community and the church, her relationship between both is so very important. She has worked so hard to keep the language going and to have the support from the church for the children’s best interests. It so important for us all to have that connection so the children have that guidance and belief from the church.</p>
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111	Keep the traditional Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher positions in situ and on-site	Leading and badly phrased question. Persons? Do you mean the children? Or 'persons' in general? A Welsh speaking Headteacher using Welsh in a Welsh medium school normalises the use of a language other than English. Make absolutely sure that a Headteacher for Cilgerran School (and all of the other school) is put in place whose ideology is one that does not discriminate against Welsh or English. Language acquisition is not the only route to culture. Do not do anything that creates a hierarchy of who is and who is not Welsh, based on level of language. The last census states most Welsh people who live in Wales do not speak Welsh. A larger proportion of Scottish and Irish people do not speak their native languages either; both are known to have strong cultures globally. Treat this cultural aspiration for Wales equally as favourably.	A good primary school and primary school education is the foundation of all that is needed for an holistic lived life; it is a special place whereby the Headteacher's domain is to be revered.
112		Yes maintaining the school as a church status and using the Welsh language as it always has been, especially in assembly	
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115	<p>As a Welsh-medium school with a strong link to St Llawddog, a bilingual Church in Wales church, the current arrangement works well and should be left as it is. The church connection supports the Welsh language, local identity, and community cohesion rather than detracting from them.</p> <p>I would also like to see more Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools, as they provide a balanced model that maintains community and cultural links while remaining inclusive and accessible to all.</p>	<p>(i) Evidence of Success: The current model at Cilgerran VC school is already working educationally. The children are leaving fluent. Therefore, the school's status does not need "fixing" regarding language standards.</p> <p>The Wrong Solution: Changing the school's legal status addresses administration, not the root cause of language decline (which is economic migration).</p> <p>Loss of Tradition: The link between the school and the church currently serves as a vital "shop window" for the Welsh language in the village. Severing this link could inadvertently reduce the public visibility of the language.</p> <p>(ii) Schools are actually quite good at teaching Welsh. The problem is maintenance.</p>	<p>If the goal is genuinely to assess opinions about the school's link to a church, you could frame the questions about ethnicity, gender, health and age much more directly. For example, rather than simply recording demographic data, would it be more meaningful to ask whether respondents feel their background influences their view on the school's relationship with the church? I am a Welsh learner and I attend Welsh functions, events and may be playing the ukulele in a group at the Eisteddfod! I have a blue badge because of my peripheral neuropathy. I used AI to fine tune my responses.</p>
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118		<p>The language should not be a priority question, the children's well being followed by their education is far more important.</p>	<p>We are not a church going family and are not religious. But I do believe in introducing religion to children to give them an opportunity to learn and choose for themselves. The church and the school are also more than just 'God themed', it</p>

			supports a strong community within Cilgerran and those who live here.
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121	Keep the school as it is.	The children learn through the medium of Welsh. It's a great community school. The head teacher and deputy head greet the children personally every morning. They know the kids and parents personally.	By removing the VC status it will have a huge impact on our school and our community.
122	No alternative	The Welsh language is fully supported at all levels at the school	The children have a great relationship with the church which provides them with stability, sense of community, values and morals. If we federate with other schools the money (fund raising pot) would have to be split between so many schools, therefore our school would not benefit or our community.
123	Comments redacted for the purposes of this document – respondent does not want their comments to be made publicly available		
124	It's an excellent school that is attached to the church. This supplies us with a strong structure for our children and community.	We are a local community that uses the Welsh language and this should be protected.	Again we are a Welsh community that looks after everyone within it, through the school and church. This must be protected.
125	To keep it the way it is now, its a lovely school with lovely values and it works, our children are getting the best education and support in this small, dedicated school.		

126		I do not believe this is relevant.	<p>The school is doing very well as it is, change is not necessary. It is a busy and what appears to be a full school, it doesn't need the help a 3-11 school system offers. I do not believe it should be stretched to be a community 3-11 school, resources would have to be shared with schools which are not doing so well which could potentially lower the standard at Cilgerran school.</p> <p>Cilgerran school is run by a good team of teachers who are always available for parents to reach out to when needed, including having the headmistress at the gate every morning, she is always welcoming and available to discuss matters almost immediately. This friendly and reliable service would not be available if we're having to share a head teacher with other schools. Cilgerran is a strong and growing community, the council need to not disrupt a successful school all because of the failings on their other schools.</p>
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128	Leave things alone No difference	No difference	Why on earth would anyone think sharing a head teacher between several schools would be an educational advance or in anyway improve the pupils experience.
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133	<p>Keep a strong connection with church and community. To put values and beliefs before money. Showing our young people that this is a priority.</p>	<p>The current opportunities for Welsh language is directly in support of Welsh governments notion and promise to keep the Welsh language alive for generations.</p>	<p>If the current proposal was to go ahead then this impacts the school's governance model and forces federation, this will cause:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> loss of the headteacher leadership instability interruption to safeguarding relationships reduced on-site leadership lack of continuity for children <p>Instead, the Council should protect the existing school structure and ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> local leadership remains safeguarding continuity is preserved pupils' emotional wellbeing is prioritised the school remains community-centred, not tied up in external upheaval <p>This supports children's stability and avoids an unnecessary federation process. I also want to raise the concern of the implication financially. The school building is owned my the church so who is going to pay for the premises if this goes ahead?</p> <p>Removing the church status triggers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> considerable financial liability for PCC loss of ownership protections long-term maintenance responsibilities potential destabilisation of local school governance
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			<p>Retaining church status avoids:</p> <p>additional cost to the taxpayer school federation pressures disruption to pupils' education loss of local leadership continuity</p> <p>This is a lower-risk, lower-disruption alternative that protects both community assets and children's welfare.</p>
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135	No alternatives needed. Cilgerran VC School is a Church school and this is how it should stay.	Language is not the issue at hand - the influence of the church is relevant to all pupils regardless of language or denomination.	I firmly believe that the basic teaching of the church gives a fundamental base to children's outlook on life regardless of whether they turn away from the church or their language(s).
136	Why alter something that works	I have 9 grandchildren who are fluent in Welsh and they use it when they need to	
137	Leave well alone	I have 9 Grandchildren who all speak fluent Welsh and use it when they want to	
138		I feel that the school should stay independent, it may end up closing if it loses its church in Wales status.	
139	Cadw'n ysgol eglwys	Llai o gynraeg yn cael ei ddefnyddio yn y gymdeithas	Byddain torri pertneriaeth cryf sydd rhwng yr eglwys a'r ysgol
140	Cadw'r ysgol yn rhedeg fel y mae nawr	Llai o gymraeg yn cael ei ddefnyddio yn y gymuned lleol	Cadw'n ysgol eglwys
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147	Establish a Voluntary Aided School.CILGERRAN	Cilgerran School already provides full opportunities to use the Welsh Language.	The Church plays an important part in the ethos of the school and influences the local community. The children are proud to have services in the church eg. Carol Services, Harvest Festivals, Leaving Services etc.
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156	Stay the way it is. Don't try and fix something that isn't broken		
157		There will be less opportunity for Welsh language and this is so important especially for primary school added children	They will lose their head teacher and the children won't know their head as much and the school won't be as personal
158	Keep the school as it is!!! The children's welfare is more important that saving money!		
159	No comment		
160	Why change what is an amazing school, the Head teacher in place is a part of the local community, liked and respected by the parents and children alike.	I think it would have a detrimental effect, not only on the education of the children, but also potentially on the wellbeing of the children.	From a personal view, when my daughter needed help with a very serious family issue, some time ago, the the current Head teacher was simply amazing. I strongly feel that had the situation been different, my daughter and

			family would have had even more of a stressful time. Thank you.
161		It will decrease the opportunities to use the Welsh language in schools which is important for primary school years.	
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164	None - the school should remain as it is. It is functioning effectively, so there is no reason to change something that is working.	Welsh is used in a purposeful way in Cilgerran VC School through church led experiences, such as assemblies, events and performances all encompassing the church. This helps the children to develop their Welsh and learn that Welsh is a living language to be used at all times and not just in school.	<p>I do not support the proposal to change Cilgerran VC School to a Community School. All three of my children thrived there, and the strong presence of the Headteacher—often at the school gate each morning—greatly contributed to its positive atmosphere.</p> <p>I am concerned that sharing a Headteacher would reduce the quality and consistency of leadership. When the Headteacher is absent, the teacher covering leadership duties would have to leave the classroom, disrupting learning and daily communication with staff and parents.</p> <p>The proposal itself states that the school has more strengths than weaknesses in its current form, and more disadvantages than advantages to changing its status, so I do not understand the need for the change.</p> <p>The proposal also claims that other schools would not be affected, but I believe they could be. If a future Headteacher vacancy led to</p>

			<p>federation, a shared Headteacher would not be present daily to oversee school operations.</p> <p>The school was originally built on church land, and I am concerned about what would happen to that land if the church status is removed.</p> <p>Cilgerran VC School's connection with the church strengthens Welsh language use and supports children in becoming moral, ethical citizens. The church also links the school to the wider community through events, services, and charity work.</p> <p>Changing the status would alter the school's constitution, create a new governing body, and risk changing the ethos and community relationships. I believe Cilgerran should remain a church school.</p>
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166	No comment		
167	Comments redacted for the purposes of this document – respondent does not want their comments to be made publicly available		
168	It serves our community	No There would be no learning opportunities	Its a disgrace to loose a communiial
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170			I believe this proposal would be bad for the school and community

171		<p>Presumably the proposal should have little impact on the teaching of Welsh. Welsh is developed purposefully at the school and helps to link the children to their community - the church being a valued part of that.</p> <p>The majority of these questions are highly irrelevant to this proposal</p>	
172	Comments redacted for the purposes of this document – respondent does not want their comments to be made publicly available		
173	For the school too stay as it is.	Yes, so the Welsh language is the same if more important than English.	
174	Keep the VC status of the school.	I think the current proposal would have a detrimental effect on the school, the local and wider community and the use of the Welsh language throughout.	<p>The school is currently very well supported by the community and church. We have a great head teacher who is very involved with all the children and all of the pupils. Removing the status will inevitably lead to federation the school with other local schools. This will have a negative affect on all pupils and their families. I don't feel that the support everyone currently receives from a dedicated head teacher and ALNCO can possibly be shared over two or more schools.</p> <p>The local authority should be able to provide a dedicated ALNCO and headteacher for each primary school and failure to do so is a detriment to each child attending primary school.</p>
175	Keep as existing.		
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178	Leave it as it is!		My daughter attended the school and I strongly believe that the church teachings helped mould her into the kind, loving and generous young lady she is now. The church is the back bone of that school and by removing it you will be destroying the heart of our village. Please please reconsider
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180	Keep Cilgerran VC school as a church school.	I believe the church offers the children an opportunity to use the welsh language in an environment that isn't school. The school encourages Welsh to be used consistently during assemblies and church assemblies. This would be another loss for the Welsh language.	The school has maintained a church status since 1845. Changing this would be detrimental to the school, church and wider community. The church is an integral part of how the school teaches. The community is close knit and does lots of fund raising for the school because of the church. This would not just affect the school, it would change the whole community.
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184	N/A	I feel it is very important to keep the Church connection, as additional Welsh will be encountered due to Church services etc.	I strongly feel that each school should have it's own Head Teacher. They are best suited to know what is best for both pupils and the school itself. They know and understand the local community and can devote their time exclusively to just the one school and not be too thinly spread across a number of schools/communities.

185	The school remains as it is	I don't know	<p>As a future parent, I am deeply concerned about the long-term implications of this change.</p> <p>1. Risk of Cost-Cutting and Federations: The only reason I can see this status change taking place is to pave the way for cost-cutting measures. By transitioning to a Community School, there is a heightened risk that Cilgerran School will be federated with other schools, potentially leading to shared staffing and reduced individual attention, which can only compromise the quality of education. The school has a brilliant reputation, why risk this?</p> <p>2. Impact on Long-Term Viability and Quality: As above, as the council becomes the sole governing body, there is a genuine concern that Cilgerran School could become more vulnerable to closure or further restructuring if pupil numbers decline. This would jeopardize not only the school's future but also the quality of education provided over time.</p> <p>3. Consideration for Future Parents: As a future parent, one of my top priorities is the quality and stability of the school. There is a real risk that if the quality of Cilgerran School diminishes, parents like myself, and others in the community, will likely seek alternative educational options. This could lead to a decline in pupil numbers and further impact the school's sustainability and reputation.</p>
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			<p>4. Alignment with the Well-being of Future Generations Act: The Well-being of Future Generations Act focuses on goals such as improving the educational outcomes for young people, ensuring a sustainable and healthy future, and fostering resilient communities. By maintaining Cilgerran School's current status, we are upholding these principles by ensuring that the school remains a stable, high-quality environment for our children, ultimately contributing to the well-being of future generations.</p> <p>In conclusion, I strongly urge the council to consider the long-term impact of this proposal and to prioritize the school's quality and stability. Maintaining the school's current status is crucial for the community and future generations.</p>
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191	Maintain the status quo	No impact	<p>I cannot see ANY long or short term benefits to the proposal! The school's religious status does not bring any disadvantages and does not demand pupils or their families to attend religious meetings (though they are invited to freely attend such events as part of the community). My own education and that of my daughter has benefited from the religious aspect of the school, building values and living tradition into our lives)</p> <p>Short term, the proposal will COST money in restructuring & rebranding etc plus any sums needed to buy the land from the church. Long term, I do not believe that Federating rural schools provides any future benefit either. Whilst it may look like a saving to have one Head for several schools, I believe that the additional pressures on that Head would impact their effectiveness in achieving the Well-being goals for Pembrokeshire/ Wales and the Quality and Standards in Education. It is difficult enough to recruit and retain teaching staff as it is. Individual teachers within a Federation would have less support from their Head, leading to a potential drop in standards and /or an even higher turnover. The high standards that Cilgerran VC School has attained are due to the hard work and TIME committed by the Head - this cannot be scaled up by one person! It has been well publicised in the press over recent years how stressful getting a school through an Estyn inspection can be on staff, but especially on</p>
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			<p>Headteachers - how much more of an impact would this have on the health and wellbeing of a Head that was responsible for 3 or more schools? Surely this would make it even harder to fill such a position.</p> <p>Cilgerran VC School is a Good school with a thriving pupil population, high standards of education and staff support. The Improvement Advisor highlighted how important and effective our current Head is in managing all aspects of the school. As a full time Head of a single school, Mrs Rogers knows each pupil by name, recognises their family members and understands their personal backgrounds. Vitally important informal relationships are built at the school gate - quick questions between parents and the Head teacher that can lead to all manner of positive outcomes. This kind of relationship would be hard to build in a situation where the Head was only physically present for 1-2 days a week and 1 minute 'chats' had to be booked in advance.</p> <p>School Organisational Code factors: 1.5 No capital costs are envisaged - how can this be given as a statement before any preliminary negotiations have started? At a bare minimum there surely would be legal costs to cover the transfer, even if there was no charge for the value of the land?</p> <p>"A change in status to Community school will require the ownership to be negotiated between the Council and the Diocese"</p> <p>Cilgerran VC School currently has a financial</p>
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			<p>surplus, despite lower funding per pupil than average (5.6.1 Pupil costs) - is that also true of schools that it may be federated with? How is it fair to take the hard-won savings and autonomy from a successful school and spread it between several others? Surely it would be better for all pupils & other local schools to learn from Cilgerran's successes and roll it out as a model for others to follow?</p> <p>The arguments for this Proposal are based on projected falling pupil numbers at Cilgerran VC School, but also as a wider pattern of falling numbers across N. Pembs. For Cilgerran numbers could go up due to proposed new housing but also if the Council's plans to close other local go ahead, Cilgerran would surely attract some of those pupils needing provision? I believe that local resilience and sustainability of both education and cultural community well-being would be better served by looking at the changing demographics of the area rather than cost cutting measures within Education. More people are moving to the area to retire or have second homes - not bringing any added children with them but pushing up price....</p>
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205	Just keep it as it is - a church based school!	This question is devisive and nonsense! Ysgol Cilgerran is a Welsh based welsh speaking school already - they already send English incomes to Preseli for special Welsh lessons - just like the other local schools. They are Welsh through and through - I witnessed singing carols from their hearts in Welsh in the church the little ones to the oldest	The Church of Wales owns the land - ask them politely if they want to sell it
206	Cadw pethe yr cid peth, does dim angen newid		
207	Put a stop to it!		The proposal in absolutely ridiculous and would not have a positive effect on the school and the children who attend. Having different teachers all the time, would affect the learning of the pupils. The whole community make a huge effort to raise funds for the school. This will stop if this goes ahead. I object to this proposal
208			I do not believe that federation will be beneficial to this school. There are strong community ties which are made stronger with the connection to the church. Being part of the church gives the children, parents and community members excellent opportunities.

209	Leave well alone! Why change something for the sake of it when it is completely unnecessary. Is there a hidden agenda? Try changing other schools to Church in Wales status.	Welsh is a living, thriving and growing language - largely due to children using it with ease and confidence in school then taking it out to their families + community. Both languages have a place in our community. It's a delight to see non British children speaking Welsh in school- and on the street. The school gives all children the confidence to use Welsh outside the school. The use of Welsh is growing due to these young people who will grow up speaking Welsh to their growing families. Welsh is used in the church/church services. The younger the child is when they learn a new language, the better and easier it is for them.	This proposal would have a detrimental effect on the school and the community. This village is quite unique in its community hub. Everyone feels a part of everything. Changing the school would change the ethos of this. And WHY change it? The school and church work well together the children are familiar with the church. I believe this is vital to their growing up. They know 'how to be' in a church when they have left home and feel that need. All faiths are welcome in Cilgerran church school.
210	Comments redacted for the purposes of this document – respondent does not want their comments to be made publicly available		
211	Retain current voluntary controlled status	I do not believe the proposal will improve Welsh language provision. The current system already supports the language effectively without needing the change.	I do not see a valid reason for this change. The school is working very well as it is and this proposal feels like unnecessary. We would all prefer the council focus on supporting the schools current structure rather than altering it's legal structure.
212	Maintain the status quo. Do not implement the proposal!	I am concerned that the disruption caused by this restructuring could negatively impact the focus on Welsh language teaching in the short term	I and many others value the distinct ethos and character of the school as it currently stands, I am concerned that changing to a community council ran school will erode the school. History + unique identity within the school
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217	<p>The school should remain a church in wales vc establishment with the status. This status is unique to Cilgerran and the Christian values are important to us as a family.</p>	<p>Yes, using the Welsh language through church led events within the school and community would be reduced. There have been a number of non Welsh speakers move to Cilgerran, their children are attending the school and have learnt the language so well, they speak better Welsh than me, a first language Welsh speaker. Their parents have also done the same. I fear the lack of church status will limit this support for the parents also.</p> <p>There should be no removal of the church status. The school has had it for almost 200 years - it would mean a complete change of the schools relationship with the children and families in the community, which will have a negative affect on local culture, values and community activities Welsh is the first language of many families in the area - to remove the church status, there would be less importance on the school to promote it,</p>	<p>It's a ridiculous idea to have one headteacher one ALNCO and share staff across 2/6 school within 20 mile radius. This could result in constant changes of teachers. My son who I believe is neurodivergent would struggle with the constant change. There is such a sense of community & family. We value the personable approach the staff/teachers provided for children. They are greeted morning and afternoon made to feel welcome and safe - they respect their school values and their teachers and staff, they see them as important members of their lives. Explaining potential changes to my son fills him with worry - he enjoys church led activities and has many happy memories of his childhood that has included his school teachers Mrs Rogers! and the church. To add: i believe my sons education would be negatively impacted if he has to share teachers from other school. 1 head covering so many establishments could cause safeguarding concerns - how can 1 head be expected to oversee so many pupils education, safeguarding and manage staffing. How is 1 ALNCO meant to support so many pupils? This is a complete waste of time - there is too much to lose when the only gain is a head post in future -no saving would be made - so why change something works - provides our children with stability sense of community values, morals and Welsh language. If the</p>

			church owns the land - will the school have to start paying rent - that will mean funding money to pay for that?
218	Our village school should remain in close partnership with Cilgerran church and remain a church in Wales school	The school teaches through the medium of first language Welsh and the church provides services in Welsh also.	
219	No need to change anything what we have already in place works for the children/parents and teachers		I don't think the proposal has anything to do with the use of the Welsh language. I believe that by taking the church status away the school would be without a head teacher that would be peminantly at the school. At the school we also do a lot of fundraising for the

			school, I believe if we venerate with other schools this fundraising pot would have to be split (that does not benefit our school or community)
220	The school is excellent as it is. We all know how to organise and help each other, as the teachers and helpers keep us in the loop with information.	Keep it as it is	
221	I have worked in Cilgerran School for many years. My three children attended this school and have grown up to be successful happy grounded adults. They have very fond memories of Cilgerran school and the connection the school has with the church. Working in Cilgerran school is my work's family, fantastic head and teachers, LSAs and supporting governors and beautiful children that attend, by maintaining the 'status quo' would ensure that our VC status remains. No alternatives.	<p>Making Cilgerran school a federation school will have a massive negative impact on the school, for the head, staff and most of all the children. Why should we hand over our school funds to benefit other schools that are not so successful. You can say goodbye to the Welsh language too if you change the school's status, which is so important to us. We have children from Ukraine that speak fluent Welsh, so we must be doing something right and you are taking this away from them, if you change the school status.</p> <p>Keep Cilgerran as a VC school so to keep the connection between the school and church which is so important in keeping the community together.</p>	If this means that Cilgerran school could be federated with between 2 and 6 'local' schools with one head teacher one ALNCO and all staff will be shared between up to 6 schools across 20 mile areas and the feeling of belonging for the children within different settings. As a result the lack of consistency will have a massive negative impact on the children and staff's wellbeing.
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224	<p>Why change? Everyone is happy with things as they are. Those that are trying to change our situation are not listening to students, staff, parents or friends of the school. This is a disgrace.</p>	<p>It would change the dynamics of the village - this school and church are community hubs - open to people of all religions. We all come together for all events. Please leave us alone - we are not broke! I cannot see a positive in this proposal whilst the council member has told us that it is not about federation how come they have mentioned it a lot of times in their report. We do not have a voice.</p>	<p>Pointless. Why? What gain? Changing the ethos of the school, church and our community. stop councillors coming in and changing something that affects others.</p>
225	<p>Keep the school as it is now. No need for change, parents, children & staff are all happy with it as it is now. No need for change.</p>	<p>Our village school is wonderful for being bilingual, but encouraging the Welsh language and heritage. Moving it to a wider aspect would take that village feel away. No need to change anything in Cilgerran. Fine as it is.</p>	
226	<p>Dwi ddim yn gweld bod diffyg pobl yn ymgeisio am fod yn Brifathrawon yn esgus digonol i amddifadu ysgol o bennaeth llawn amser. Ni ddylai'r uchod beri i Ysgol Cilgerran golli ei statws eglwysig en mwyn ffederioddio gydag ysgolion eraill.</p>	<p>Ni fydd y cynlluniau rhain wneud unrhyw newid i ddefnydd o'r iaith Gymraeg mewn ysgolion yr ardal, ffederneiddio neu beidio. Credaf bod y cwestiwn hwn yn dangos anwybodaeth ar non swyddogion y Sir am sefyllfa Gymraeg yn yr ardal. Eto beth sy gyda'r iaith Gymraeg a dysgu'r Gymraeg i wneud â'r newid hwn. Ble bynnag fydd yn addysg yn yr ardal hon fe fydd yn addysgu drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg un peth fel mae ar hyn o bryd. Hynny yw os nad</p>	<p>Fel Cristion mwyn ymwybodol iawn ynglyn a dysgu plant yn y ffordd o fyw. I ni'n clywed am fwy a mwy am blant yn gwnthfela yn erbyn athrawon ac yn methu cynnyd rheolau cyffredin mewn ysgol. Credaf bod y moesau Cristnogol yn ffordd dda i ddysgu plant i fyw gyda pharch a chariad tuag at eraill. Wrth dynnu Ysgol Cilgerran i ffwrdd o ofal yr Eglwys, yn gyfangwbl bydd yna un dylanwod yn cael ei golli sydd yn rhoi canllawiau cryf i blant am sut i ddatblygu i fod yn bobl llawn parch at enaill yn en cyndethas.</p>

		oes rhyw gynlluniau eraill gan y Sir yn ymwneud ag addysg Cymraeg	
227	Bydd yn drieni cau yr ysgol gan bydd y gymuned yn chwalu. Nawr mae'r plant yn cymryd diddordeb yn gweithgareddau pentre ac yn ymuno yn gwasanaethau'r eglwys!	Mae'n bwysig bod yr ysgol yn cael ethos Gymraeg ac yn rhoi cyfle i bob plentyn dysgu'r iaith yn enwedig yn gogledd y sir. Mae'n bwysig i gadw'r iaith yn fyw. Mae ysgolion gogledd y sir i gyd yn cael ei haddysg drwy'r Gymraeg os posibilrwydd bydd hyn yn newid?	Fel ysgol eglwys, ac rwyn yn gryf i gadw ysgol Cilgerran dan rheolaeth yr eglwys bydd y cyfle i'r plant dangos eu ffydd trwy ddod i'r eglwys i gwasanaethau teuluol. Gan fod ffeirad gyda ni nawr falle fe ddaw hyn yn bosib!!
228	Do not discontinue the church status of Cilgerran School	Cilgerran school currently have excellent opportunities to learn Welsh, federation of the school will affect their learning and could affect the use of using Welsh in school	You mention federation 26 times in the consultation, this means you only want to remove the church status for your own benefits! Federation of Cilgerran school will have a huge negative impact on the education of the students. Cilgerran is a wonderful school with a strong link to the church. Leave it alone and do not remove the status.

229	Do not make any changes. Keep the church status of Cilgerran School.	Sharing teachers will affect the teaching in the school and could mean less Welsh used in the classroom	Cilgerran School had an excellent head teacher and wonderful school staff, it will have a huge negative impact on everyone if the school was federated. The community of Cilgerran also supports the school and we may lose the village support if the church status is removed, why would anyone want to fundraise for multiple schools? Why would anyone think federation is a good idea?
230	Keep the church status at Cilgerran School	Less opportunity to use the Welsh language if the school is federated	The head teacher is always available at the school gate to support and discuss issues. Federation of school will hugely impact this and have a negative impact on their school. Federation of the schools will have a huge negative impact on the students and teachers, one ALNCO and one head teacher across multiple schools is wrong. This seems more like a money saving idea instead of having education in mind!
231	Do not discontinue Cilgerran VC! Keep the school as it is.	Cilgerran school have a great team of Welsh speakers who are fantastic with the children. Federation could change this. Keeping the school as it is will have a positive impact on the students, teachers and community.	My nieces attend Cilgerran VC and are thriving. Federation of schools is an awful decision. One head teacher across 2-6 schools will lose the support in the school, sharing staff will hugely affect the children's education. It is a huge concern that PCC even think any of this is a good idea.

232	An alternative would be to make Cilgerran VC school an example for other schools to follow and stop federating small schools. To accnolage the importance of the impact of having the same teachers for the majority of a childs school life.	Federating the school would dilute the resources and staffs time and passion to teach the children adequately. The school has a unique relationship with the church that benefits the children and furthers their education in spoken and written Welsh by engaging with their Welsh community. Being a church school binds and weaves the children's education with the community and enables them to use Welsh even if they don't speak welsh at home	
233	Leave things as they are	Without permanent, fixed staff that build strong relationships with pupils standards and dedication to speak/teach in Welsh could slip resulting in a decline and loss of Welsh being spoken and used in the community.	
234	Comments redacted for the purpose of this document – respondent does not want their comments to be made publicly available		
235	We are a strong community in Cilgerran. After 180 years of having a church status, why would want to remove it know? If the church status gets removed from Cilgerran school, as parents we will lose that relationship we have with out head teacher, who is at the school gate every morning and evening to welcome the children into school and as parents, we as parents have that faith to discuss any concerns we might have.	Using Welsh in a purposeful way in our church led experiences for example assembly, events and performances, which helps the children develop there Welsh. Without the church status, then the children are going to use less of the Welsh language, If we keep the church status then the children will learn that the	Cilgerran school will not be the same, if you removed the church status. We have trust and faith in the school as it stands now.

		Welsh is a living language and not something just used in school.	
236	There are no alternatives possible	My grandchildren attend Ysgol Cilgerran and have benefited immensely attending a Welsh speaking school, there Welsh is amazing and I know this is down to the school but also the church, from their support. Not having that connection would have a detrimental effect to carry on this important language.	The headteacher is a very important figure in both the school and church. She has worked so hard to keep a very good relationship with the church. I can't imagine how the school will recover if you take both the church and the headteacher away from Ysgol Cilgerran
237		I think it would decrease the support of the Welsh language	