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Dear Damian,

As you are aware, we have met with Ysgol Y Foel and suggested that they consider becoming a federation partner with us. Despite our best efforts, they have declined this offer.

Another opportunity that we have been equally investigating is the option of becoming a VC Church School, with a view to engaging in federation discussions with other church schools. We met with Rosalind Williams on 23rd October to discuss this, during which she seemed very willing to investigate this option. This option offers our school the ethos and support parents and teachers would like for the students. We have approached Rosalind to progress further discussions. We have also approached Ysgol Nannerch and they have confirmed and expressed that they would welcome working with us, in our journey to become a VC Church School with the view to federation in the future.

Ysgol Licswm is requesting that Cabinet provides us with time to investigate/proceed with this option. In addition we would like to know if the Cabinet has considerations, not yet published, for the next stage of the review for other schools which may include Ysgol Y Foel of which they are not yet aware.

We would further like to add that we believe Ysgol Licswm was placed in a review with schools with little in common other than loose geographical proximity and that these communities do not naturally mix. In fact the community of Licswm tends to align itself more with the villages on the Mold side of the valley. We feel that continuing to move forward with the amalgamation option should now be discarded. As you are aware, there has already been considerable discord between the communities regarding this option and we feel that forcing these two schools together would not end well and would not be good for education in either community.

Licswm community has numerous affordable housing close to the school which in turn has attracted and will continue to attract young families and subsequently children who attend the school. Licswm is currently a thriving community and these families are the life blood of our rural community.

Yours sincerely

Ann Rowlands
Chair of Governors, Ysgol Licswm