

Appendix 2 - Sustainable Communities for Learning Rolling Programme, Community Focused Schools and ALN projects

Year 1-3 (2024/2025/2026)

Projects in years 1-3 are expected to reach full business case within the first 3 years

School	Anticipated Cost	Rationale / Current Status
Currently Delivering		
Glyncoed Primary School & Welsh Medium Childcare Facility - New Build	£13.5m	Full Business Case Approved Ebbw Fawr Primary Redevelopment February 2021 Contractor appointed Scheduled for completion May 2024 Jointly funded by Sustainable Communities for Learning programme & WG Childcare Grant
Rhos y Fedwen Primary School Remodelling and small extension with 3G pitch	£1m	Full Business Case Approved Ebbw Fawr Primary Redevelopment February 2021 Scheduled for completion June 2024
Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Helyg Remodelling and development of a Resource Base	£1m	Business Case approved November 2020 Project completed Autumn period 2022 Ministerial opening June 2023
Welsh Medium Chartist Way New build	£13.5m	100% WM Grant Full business case approved October 2018, delays in appointing a contractor as a result of the pandemic and market forces Contractor appointed July 2023, Drilling and Grouting works have commenced on site Scheduled completion date May 2025
Projects moved over from Band B to the rolling programme		
School	Anticipated Cost	Rationale / Current Status
Ebbw Fawr 3-16 Learning Community – Secondary Phase Extension	£5m	As a result of issues raised by the school in January 2022 a capacity review was undertaken. The accommodation audit based on the capacity and admission number the school were adhering highlighted that the internal footprint of the school could no longer accommodate the numbers of pupils it was built for. Projections based on the actual footprint of the school showed that the school have been experiencing sufficiency issues since January 2022. This is in part related to the development of an ALN provision at the school in 2021 Full business case to be submitted to WG April 2024 Contractor appointment Summer 2024
Tredegar comprehensive School Extension	TBD	A project brief is being developed with the school in relation to an extension to the building (Subject to planning approval), this is being planned in line with anticipated sufficiency issues for September 2026 Business Case to be submitted to WG May 2024
Pen y Cwm Special School/ Ebbw Fawr Primary	£15m	Working with the school to develop offices into classrooms, to re-open the Bistro area and develop an outdoor classroom to facilitate learning and to develop 3 additional a sensory areas. In terms of longer term, planning currently looking at an options appraisal and a forecast demand analysis going forward to formulate a business case to Welsh Government Outline Business Case to Welsh Government - Summer 2024

Year 4-6 (2027/2028/2029)

Projects in years 4-6 are being developed and going through statutory consultation

School	Anticipated Cost	Rationale / Current Status
Welsh Medium Primary Development	TBD	Commitment given in Blaenau Gwent's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan to undertake a feasibility study once the Seedling provision in Chartist Way Tredegar is opened for 3-4 years to determine if a further provision is required Potential for 100% WM funding if another Welsh Medium Capital round is opened by Welsh Government Welsh Government will be monitoring surplus place figures, depending on the capital funding available their focus could become - transferring schools from English medium to Welsh medium or having a dual stream school
Cwm Primary School Refurbishment	TBD	Rolled over from Band B Low Condition and Suitability
Faith Based – Potential 1 school to replace 3 schools	TBD	Formal consultation required 85% funding intervention rate, 15% Initial discussion with Diocese Diocese could contribute towards the 15%
WM Secondary Planning		Due to the development of a Seedling school in Torfaen, Ysgol Gymraeg Gwynllyw will no longer be able to accommodate Blaenau Gwent Learners from September 2028, currently discussing on a Regional basis with Merthyr, Powys Monmouthshire etc to determine a regional solution Welsh Government will be monitoring surplus place figures, depending on the capital funding available their focus could become - transferring schools from English medium to Welsh medium or having dual stream schools
Brynmawr Foundation School		Currently the lowest condition and suitability Secondary school. School not suitable for Secondary School remodelling, phased or full replacement needed Site access issues has been the immediate priority, further discussions to resume with the school and Technical colleagues in the Spring term

Year 7-9 (2029/2030/2031)

Projects in years 7-9 are pipeline projects

School	Anticipated Cost	Rationale / Current Status
Replacement Primary School	TBD	To be determined subject to school condition and suitability assessments, likely to be in Tredegar area
Brynmawr Foundation School	TBD	Depending on the outcome in years 4-6 may need to feature in years 7-9 also
WM Secondary Planning		Depending on the outcome in years 4-6 may need to feature in years 7-9 also