Ysgol Bethania

Prospectus



Welcome to Ysgol Bethania

Ysgol Bethania is a new Additional Learning Needs (ALN) independent day school for children aged **5 to 11**, located in the historic village of **Oakenholt, Flint**. We provide a calm, nurturing and therapeutic environment for children with **Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs**, **Autism Spectrum Conditions**, **communication differences** and **learning difficulties**.

Our school is founded on the belief that every child deserves a safe, engaging and aspirational learning environment where they can thrive academically, socially and emotionally. We combine a **bespoke curriculum**, **therapeutic support**, and **high-quality teaching** to ensure each child can access meaningful learning and achieve their full potential.

Our Vision

To create a school community where children feel **safe**, **valued**, and **connected**, and where their individual strengths are recognised, nurtured and celebrated.
We aim to equip every child with the skills, confidence and independence they need to lead healthy, fulfilling and productive lives.

Our Core Values

At Ysgol Bethania, our community values guide everything we do:

- **Kind**
- **Safe**
- **Hard-working**
- **Respectful**

By following these values, our children show **GROWTH** in their learning, relationships and personal development.

Aims of Ysgol Bethania

Drawing on best practice and aligned with ESTYN expectations, we aim to:

1. Celebrate Achievement

- Maintain high expectations for all learners
- Use individual planning, target setting and continuous assessment
- Celebrate progress and personal development
- Monitor learning through personalised pathways

2. Develop Knowledge, Skills and Understanding

- Deliver a broad, balanced and bespoke curriculum
- Provide regular assessment, review and pupil voice opportunities
- Promote independence, decision-making and self-regulation

3. Respect Rights, Safety and Wellbeing

- Provide a safe, secure and healthy environment
- Follow safer recruitment and robust safeguarding procedures
- Uphold dignity, privacy and respect for all learners
- Use dynamic risk assessment to ensure safety

4. Ensure Equality and Access

- Provide personalised resources and communication aids
- Use in-class support tailored to each child
- Ensure all planning is individualised and regularly reviewed
- Promote inclusion, accessibility and equity of opportunity

About Our School

Ysgol Bethania supports children with a range of complex needs, including:

- Autism Spectrum Conditions
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs
- Learning Difficulties
- Communication and interaction differences
- Sensory processing needs

Many of our children may be receiving CAMHS support or awaiting multi-agency assessment. Some may have experienced disrupted education or extended periods out of school.

We provide:

- A **protective, nurturing framework**
- A **therapeutic and trauma-informed approach**
- A **highly structured, predictable environment**
- A **bespoke curriculum** aligned with the **Engagement** and **Formal** pathways
- A focus on **wellbeing**, **communication**, **life skills**, and **personal development**

Our aim is to ensure every child feels safe, understood and supported to re-engage with learning.

Curriculum

Our curriculum is:

- **Broad, balanced and bespoke**
- Designed around the **Curriculum for Wales** principles
- Adapted to meet individual needs and developmental stages
- Delivered through sensory, thematic and experiential learning
- Supported by visual communication systems
- Focused on engagement, enjoyment and meaningful progress

We ensure every child can access:

- Literacy and numeracy
- Personal and social development
- Life skills and independence
- Outdoor learning
- Creative arts
- Physical development
- Therapeutic interventions

Therapeutic Support

We embed therapeutic approaches throughout the school day. Depending on assessed need, children may access:

- Speech and Language Therapy
- Occupational Therapy approaches
- Art Therapy
- Music Therapy
- Lego Therapy
- Sensory and relaxation sessions
- Pastoral and emotional wellbeing support

Assessments may be carried out internally or with external professionals to ensure interventions are personalised and effective.

Communication Support

Ysgol Bethania is an inclusive communication-friendly school. We use:

- PCS symbols
- Visual timetables
- Social stories
- Structured routines
- Communication aids and assistive technology

If a child has English as an Additional Language, we provide tailored support and access to our EAL policy.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do.
We follow all statutory guidance and ensure:

- Robust safer recruitment
- Clear safeguarding procedures
- Regular staff training
- A culture of vigilance and care
- Strong multi-agency working

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead will be appointed prior to opening.

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential for progress and wellbeing.
We work closely with families to support:

- Good attendance
- Punctuality
- Reintegration after absence
- Individual attendance plans where needed

Parents should notify the school on the first day of absence.

Health, Safety and First Aid

We maintain a safe and healthy environment through:

- Comprehensive Health & Safety procedures
- Dynamic risk assessment
- A fully equipped First Aid room
- Staff trained in:
    - First Aid at Work
    - Paediatric First Aid
    - Mental Health First Aid

Admissions

Admissions are open to referrals from:

- Local Authorities
- Parents and carers (with LA agreement)

Typically following an **IDP** or **EHCP**.

The process includes:

1. Initial enquiry and information sharing
2. School visit
3. Tailored assessments
4. Placement decision
5. Post-admission review

We ensure every placement is appropriate, supportive and in the child's best interests

Catchment and Transport

We welcome children from across:

Flintshire & North Wales

- Mold – 20 mins
- Holywell – 20 mins
- Prestatyn – 30 mins
- Colwyn Bay – 45 mins
- Wrexham – 40 mins
- Chester – 20 mins

Wirral

- West Kirby – 35 mins

Merseyside

- Liverpool – 40 mins
- Birkenhead – 35 mins

Warrington

- Warrington – 45 mins

Denbighshire

- St Asaph – 35 mins
- Ruthin – 35–40 mins

School Uniform

To reduce barriers to learning, children wear **comfortable, casual clothing**.
This supports sensory needs, wellbeing and outdoor learning.

Policies Available on Website

- Child Protection & Safeguarding
- Behaviour
- Anti-Bullying
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- Teaching & Learning
- Complaints
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