

16 July 2026

Dear

**ATISN 27110**

Thank you for your request which I received on 19 June 2026.

### Information requested

You asked for:

each calendar year from 1 January 2023 to the date of your response:

1. The name of every independent school whose registration was closed during that period, and the date of closure.
2. The name of every independent school newly registered during that period, and the date of registration.
3. The name of every independent school recorded as "Proposed to Open" during that period.

For each school, please also provide:

Whether the school is registered as a wholly SEND school, and if so, the type of SEN provision.

The number of pupils on roll at point of closure or last recorded.

The gender of pupils admitted (boys only / girls only / mixed) as held on the register.

### Our response

The information you requested is as follows:

| 1. The name of every independent school whose registration was closed during that period, and the date of closure. |                 |                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |        |
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| Name of School                                                                                                     | Date of closure | School specially organised for additional learning provision? | Category of Need on closure if applicable                                                                                                                        | Number of pupils on roll | Gender |
| Bangor Independent School                                                                                          | 31/03/2023      | N                                                             | N/A                                                                                                                                                              | 100                      | Mixed  |
| Castle School                                                                                                      | 01/09/2024      | N                                                             | N/A                                                                                                                                                              | 105                      | Mixed  |
| Ashfield School                                                                                                    | 07/04/2025      | Y                                                             | autism spectrum condition (ASC)                                                                                                                                  | 0                        | Mixed  |
| Swansea Sixth Form College                                                                                         | 21/04/2025      | N                                                             | N/A                                                                                                                                                              | 0                        | Mixed  |
| Westward House School                                                                                              | 31/07/2025      | Y                                                             | dyslexia, dyspraxia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, as well as learning difficulties associated with autistic spectrum condition (ASC), and attention deficit disorder | 20                       | Mixed  |
| Oakleigh House School                                                                                              | 31/12/2025      | N                                                             | N/A                                                                                                                                                              | 175                      | Mixed  |
| St Clare's School                                                                                                  | 31/12/2025      | N                                                             | N/A                                                                                                                                                              | 235                      | Mixed  |
| St Gerard's School Trust                                                                                           | 03/07/2026      | N                                                             | N/A                                                                                                                                                              | 100                      | Mixed  |
| Ruthin School                                                                                                      | 03/07/2026      | N                                                             | N/A                                                                                                                                                              | 235                      | Mixed  |

**2. The name of every independent school newly registered during that period, and the date of registration.**

| Name of School                | Date of Registration | School specially organised for additional learning provision? | Category of Need on registration if applicable                                                                                                                                                             | Maximum permitted pupils on Roll | Gender |
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| Oaklea Grange School          | 10/01/2023           | Y                                                             | social emotional and mental health difficulties, trauma and attachment difficulties, behavioural difficulties, and Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC).                                                        | 8                                | Mixed  |
| Ashfield School               | 18/04/2023           | Y                                                             | behavioural, social, emotional and mental health difficulties.                                                                                                                                             | 10                               | Mixed  |
| Inspired Learners             | 03/08/2023           | Y                                                             | behavioural, social, and emotional difficulties and social, emotional mental health needs.                                                                                                                 | 10                               | Mixed  |
| Oakmont School                | 31/10/2023           | Y                                                             | challenges relating to social, emotional, and mental health difficulties.                                                                                                                                  | 16                               | Mixed  |
| Cardiff Muslim High School    | 09/02/2024           | N                                                             | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 80                               | Mixed  |
| Ysgol Tan Y Gaer              | 09/02/2024           | Y                                                             | social emotional and mental health difficulties                                                                                                                                                            | 20                               | Mixed  |
| Homely Learning               | 07/05/2024           | Y                                                             | mild or moderate learning needs including dyslexia and autism.                                                                                                                                             | 11                               | Mixed  |
| Ysgol Antur Cwm               | 19/06/2024           | Y                                                             | challenges relating to social, emotional, and mental health difficulties or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).                                                                               | 10                               | Mixed  |
| Ynys Hywel Learning Community | 02/10/2024           | Y                                                             | social, emotional and behavioural needs with a specific focus on care-experienced pupils with trauma.                                                                                                      | 5                                | Mixed  |
| Pathways Learning             | 02/10/2024           | Y                                                             | autistic spectrum conditions (ASC), with a specific focus on pupils with anxiety.                                                                                                                          | 20                               | Mixed  |
| Somersault School             | 01/10/2025           | Y                                                             | social, emotional and behavioural needs with a specific focus on care-experienced pupils with trauma. less complex autistic spectrum conditions (ASC) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). | 10                               | Mixed  |

**3. The name of every independent school recorded as "Proposed to Open" during that period.**

| Name of Provider              | Date of Application | Specially organised for additional learning provision? | Category of Need on application if applicable                                                                                                   | Proposed maximum number of pupils | Gender |
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| Cardiff Muslim High School    | 14/02/2023          | N                                                      | N/A                                                                                                                                             | 80                                | Mixed  |
| Inspired Learners             | 23/02/2023          | Y                                                      | behavioural, social, and emotional difficulties and social, emotional mental health needs.                                                      | 10                                | Mixed  |
| Oakmont School                | 13/04/2023          | Y                                                      | challenges relating to social, emotional, and mental health difficulties.                                                                       | 16                                | Mixed  |
| Ysgol Tan Y Gaer              | 06/10/2023          | Y                                                      | social emotional and mental health difficulties                                                                                                 | 20                                | Mixed  |
| Pathways Learning             | 06/11/2023          | Y                                                      | autistic spectrum conditions (ASC), with a specific focus on pupils with anxiety.                                                               | 20                                | Mixed  |
| Ysgol Antur Cwm               | 26/01/2024          | Y                                                      | challenges relating to social, emotional, and mental health difficulties or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).                    | 10                                | Mixed  |
| Ynys Hywel Learning Community | 02/05/2024          | Y                                                      | social, emotional and behavioural needs with a specific focus on care-experienced pupils with trauma.                                           | 5                                 | Mixed  |
| Somersault School             | 20/06/2025          | Y                                                      | social, emotional and behavioural needs with a specific focus on care-experienced pupils with trauma. less complex autistic spectrum conditions | 10                                | Mixed  |

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|  |  |  | (ASC) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). |  |  |
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**Applications in Progress - The following providers have not yet had independent school registration agreed. If successful it is anticipated, they will open in the new academic year**

| Name of Provider    | Expected date of opening | Specially organised for additional learning provision? | Category of Need on application if applicable | Proposed maximum number of pupils | Gender |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Ysgol Bethania      | autumn 2026              | Y                                                      | Various additional learning needs             | 24                                | Mixed  |
| Clare House         | Autumn 2026              | N                                                      | N/A                                           | 120                               | Mixed  |
| Mount School        | Autumn 2026              | Y                                                      | Various additional learning needs             | 26                                | Mixed  |
| STEP Learning Group | Autumn 2026              | Y                                                      | Various additional learning needs             | 15                                | Mixed  |

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Yours sincerely