

Torfaen County Borough Council, Civic Centre, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6YB

Notice is given in accordance with section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Torfaen County Borough Council, having consulted such persons as required, propose to alter Cwmffrwdoer Primary School, Waunddu, Pontnewynydd, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6QZ, so that the capacity of the school is increased to 315 places and the age range extended from 4 to 11 to 3 to 11 to accommodate a nursery.

The school is currently maintained by Torfaen County Borough Council.

Torfaen County Borough Council undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the proposer's responses and the views of Estyn is available on: <http://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/EducationLearning/21st-Century-Learning/Latest-News.aspx>

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 1st September 2017.

The current number of pupils at Cwmffrwdoer Primary School is 202, the pupil capacity of the school is 210 and the proposed capacity once the proposal is implemented will be 315.

The admission number for Reception year and each year group up to and including Year 6 at Cwmffrwdoer Primary School in the first school year in which the proposal has been implemented will be 45. There will also be 26 (full time equivalent) nursery places.

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by Wednesday 30th March 2016 any person may object to the proposals.

Objections should be sent to Alison Ward, Chief Executive Officer, Torfaen County Borough Council, Civic Centre, Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 6YB. Email: primaryreview@torfaen.gov.uk

Torfaen County Borough council will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, within the period of 28 days after the end of the objection period.

Signed: Alison Ward, Chief Executive Officer

For the Torfaen County Borough Council)

Date: Wednesday 2nd March 2016

Explanatory Note

(This explanatory note does not form part of Notice but is offered by way of explanation)

This statutory notice is the outcome of discussions to increase the capacity of Cwmffrwdroer Primary School and also increase the age range from 4 to 11 to 3 to 11 in order to accommodate a nursery provision. The proposals arise from the Authority's 21st Century Schools Programme. This is a strategic plan to create a generation of 21st Century Schools across the Borough. Consultation meetings were held with staff, governors, parents/carers and other interested parties of the affected schools during June 2015.

This proposal along with a similar one to increase the capacity of Garnteg Primary School are also aligned with others in the North of the Borough to discontinue Abersychan Brynteg Nursery and Victoria Primary Schools which were subject to a period of consultation that concluded on 4th January 2016.

Proposals as they affect Garnteg Primary School, Abersychan Brynteg Nursery School and Victoria Primary School are subject to separate statutory notices, all of which were published at the same time i.e. 2nd March 2016.

Home to School Transport will continue to be provided in accordance with current policy and prescribed mileage criteria (1 ½ miles from the school before September 2015 and 2 miles after). Where there are no safe walking routes and the home address is under the prescribed mileage, transport will be provided as is the case now.

A Welsh version of this notice can be obtained by telephoning 01495 766910 or by visiting the Council's website: www.torfaen.gov.uk

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