

## **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 Garnteg Primary School, Hillcrest, Garndiffaith, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 7SJ, so that the capacity of the school increases to 420 places.

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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

The current number of pupils at Garnteg Primary School is 251 (excluding nursery), the pupil capacity of the school is 248 and the proposed capacity once the proposal is implemented will be 420.

The admission number for Reception year and each year group up to and including Year 6 at Garnteg Primary School in the first school year in which the proposals have been implemented will be 60.

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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Torfaen County Borough council will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, within the period of 28 days after the end of the objection period.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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Garnteg Primary School. The proposal arises from the Authority's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme. This is a strategic plan to create a generation of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools across the Borough. Consultation meetings were held with staff, governors, parents/carers and other interested parties of the affected schools during July 2015.

This proposal along with a similar one to increase the capacity of Cwmffrwdroer 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 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Proposals as they affect Cwmffrwdroer Primary, Abersychan Brynteg Nursery and Victoria Primary Schools are subject to a separate statutory notice published at the same time i.e. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.torfaen.gov.uk)

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