

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

Notice is given in accordance with section 43 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 discontinue Abersychan Brynteg Nursery School, High Street, Abersychan, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 7DG.

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.

It is intended that pupils currently attending Abersychan Brynteg Nursery School (including those already admitted at the time of the proposed closure) will be accommodated predominantly at Garnteg Primary School, Hillcrest, Garndiffaith, Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 7SJ.

Currently there is a sufficient supply of places to meet demand and the proposal to establish a nursery unit at Cwmffrwdroer (26 FTE) will provide additional places and choice. The 21st Century Schools Programme includes the closure of Abersychan Brynteg Nursery School, which with the addition of a nursery unit at Cwmffrwdroer will rebalance the supply and demand situation for Early Years providers in both the private and public sector. The Council, having reviewed the timing of these proposals, is confident that there will be sufficient places to meet current and forecast demand.

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by 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

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 discontinue Abersychan Brynteg Nursery. The proposal arises 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 in December 2015.

This proposal along with a similar one to discontinue Victoria Primary School are also aligned with others in the North of the Borough to alter Cwmffrwdoer Primary and Garnteg Primary Schools by increasing their capacity and in the case of Cwmffrwdoer, to increase the age range from 4 to 11 to 3 to 11 to accommodate a nursery. Consultation in relation to these latter proposals was undertaken during June/July 2015.

Proposals as they affect Garnteg Primary School, Cwmffrwdoer Primary 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.

In terms of future admissions, the proposal would also see catchment areas amended with the current Abersychan Brynteg Nursery School (and Victoria Primary School) catchment area being re designated to Garnteg Primary School. The revised catchment areas would then apply for all new admissions to Garnteg Primary School from September 2017.

It should be noted that as is the case now, home to school transport is not provided for nursery aged children.

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