

BETWS PRIMARY SCHOOL

**CHANGE TO THE AGE RANGE OF BETWS
PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM 4-11 TO 3-11**

CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Supplementary Information

21 December 2015

Any risks associated with the proposals and any measures required to manage these.

| Risk | | Counter Measure |
|------|---|---|
| 1. | Failure to obtain statutory approval to implement the proposal. | - Follow guidelines as set out in the School Organisation Code 2013 |
| 2. | Integration of pupils into the new school. | - The Authority will work with the pupils to ensure smooth transition and integration into the new school |

The names, locations and categories of all existing schools likely to be affected by the proposals.

It is anticipated that the following schools would only be affected by this proposal:

Y Bedol
 Parcyrhun
 Tycroes
 Bro Banw
 Gymraeg Rhydaman
 Dyffryn Aman
 Maes Y Gwendraeth

Pupil Numbers

The tables below show the pupil numbers for Y Bedol, Parcyrhun, Tycroes, Bro Banw, Gymraeg Rhydaman, Dyffryn Aman and Maes Y Gwendraeth for January 2015 and the previous four years.

| Ysgol Y Bedol | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----------|-----------|
| | 2P | 2F | 3P | 3F | 4P | 4F | 5F | 6F | 7F | 8F | 9F | 10F | 11F | Total PUP | Total FTE |
| 2015 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 39 | 0 | 59 | 38 | 41 | 43 | 42 | 37 | 45 | 0 | 357 | 357 |
| 2014 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 61 | 0 | 36 | 42 | 42 | 43 | 38 | 46 | 41 | 0 | 362 | 362 |
| 2013 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 43 | 45 | 42 | 36 | 46 | 43 | 46 | 0 | 361 | 361 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 35 | 0 | 48 | 39 | 38 | 46 | 46 | 42 | 41 | 0 | 358 | 346.5 |
| 2011 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 42 | 37 | 46 | 37 | 49 | 42 | 42 | 0 | 356 | 348 |

**Ages at at 31/08/14*

Ysgol Parcyrhun

| | 2P | 2F | 3P | 3F | 4P | 4F | 5F | 6F | 7F | 8F | 9F | 10F | 11F | Total PUP | Total FTE |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----------|-----------|
| 2015 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 0 | 21 | 19 | 24 | 28 | 20 | 29 | 23 | 0 | 187 | 186 |
| 2014 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 19 | 22 | 25 | 20 | 30 | 24 | 17 | 0 | 167 | 167 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 20 | 23 | 19 | 29 | 24 | 17 | 30 | 0 | 175 | 175 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 26 | 19 | 29 | 25 | 22 | 29 | 29 | 0 | 193 | 192 |
| 2011 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 0 | 21 | 29 | 24 | 23 | 26 | 28 | 18 | 0 | 187 | 186 |

**Ages as at 31/08/14*

Ysgol Tycroes

| | 2P | 2F | 3P | 3F | 4P | 4F | 5F | 6F | 7F | 8F | 9F | 10F | 11F | Total PUP | Total FTE |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----------|-----------|
| 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 23 | 27 | 24 | 29 | 23 | 32 | 33 | 0 | 201 | 204 |
| 2014 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 23 | 20 | 25 | 22 | 31 | 32 | 24 | 0 | 185 | 184.5 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 19 | 21 | 19 | 29 | 29 | 22 | 29 | 0 | 179 | 179 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 19 | 16 | 27 | 27 | 22 | 29 | 25 | 0 | 176 | 179 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 15 | 21 | 25 | 21 | 27 | 24 | 22 | 0 | 169 | 169 |

**Ages as at 31/08/14*

Ysgol Bro Banw

| | 2P | 2F | 3P | 3F | 4P | 4F | 5F | 6F | 7F | 8F | 9F | 10F | 11F | Total PUP | Total FTE |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----------|-----------|
| 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 51 | 49 | 49 | 59 | 54 | 53 | 73 | 0 | 404 | 404 |
| 2014 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 48 | 47 | 57 | 53 | 52 | 69 | 54 | 0 | 391 | 391 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 30 | 51 | 53 | 46 | 64 | 54 | 45 | 0 | 350 | 350 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 37 | 50 | 47 | 59 | 50 | 43 | 50 | 0 | 344 | 344 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 36 | 43 | 58 | 53 | 46 | 52 | 54 | 0 | 351 | 351 |

**Ages as at 31/08/14*

Ysgol Gymraeg Rhydaman

| | 2P | 2F | 3P | 3F | 4P | 4F | 5F | 6F | 7F | 8F | 9F | 10F | 11F | Total PUP | Total FTE |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----------|-----------|
| 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 43 | 29 | 39 | 33 | 37 | 29 | 31 | 0 | 262 | 262 |
| 2014 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 24 | 37 | 31 | 38 | 30 | 31 | 29 | 0 | 236 | 236 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 35 | 31 | 37 | 30 | 33 | 30 | 29 | 0 | 229 | 229 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 29 | 35 | 31 | 33 | 30 | 25 | 29 | 0 | 226 | 226 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 35 | 30 | 33 | 29 | 25 | 29 | 24 | 0 | 220 | 220 |

**Ages as at 31/08/14*

Pupil Projections

| School | Actual NOR Jan 2015 | Projections – Number on Roll | | | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | Jan 2016 | Jan 2017 | Jan 2018 | Jan 2019 | Jan 2020 |
| Betws | 83 | 90 | 95 | 93 | 92 | 93 |
| Y Bedol | 357 | 353 | 357 | 355 | 352 | 352 |
| Parcyrhun | 186 | 186 | 181 | 184 | 178 | 177 |
| Tycroes | 204 | 197 | 192 | 195 | 193 | 196 |
| Bro Banw | 404 | 384 | 384 | 381 | 374 | 377 |
| Gymraeg Rhydaman | 262 | 266 | 271 | 268 | 268 | 263 |

Pupil Capacity

| School | Capacity Jan 15 MCSW |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Betws | 118 |
| Y Bedol | 396 |
| Parcyrhun | 221 |
| Tycroes | 206 |
| Bro Banw | 518 |
| Gymraeg Rhydaman | 232 |

Outcomes

There is a two year pattern of improvement at Outcome 5+ in the Foundation Phase, and the school has been above the family average for the past two years. In 2014 the Foundation Phase Indicator was more or less in line with the County Council and Wales, and every individual indicator was benchmarked above the median. Key Stage 2 results show good added value e.g. in 2014 every core subject outcome at Level 4+ was above FFT Type B targets. The Core Subject Indicator has been benchmarked above the median for the past two years and there is a pattern of improvement in all subject areas. Welsh has improved for three consecutive years, though it remains below the family average.

Leadership and Management

It is not anticipated that learner outcomes will be adversely affected during the change to the age range from 4-11 to 3-11. Indeed, we are wholly confident that learner outcomes will be enhanced as learners are integrated into an appropriate learning environment from an earlier age. All aspects of provision and outcomes will be monitored in line with the high expectations and processes of our regional school improvement service – ERW.

In addition, the County Council collects and collates learner outcomes on a regular and systematic basis to ensure the frequent monitoring and progression of standards across all core areas of learning. This will continue throughout the proposal of change to ensure that learner outcomes are continuously monitored and not affected as a result of the proposal. Central to this work will be the support and challenge work undertaken by ERW Challenge Advisers within the school. This activity will include a menu of scheduled visits focusing on analyses of pupil outcomes and the quality of teaching provision and learning. It is important to note that the findings of this work are always shared directly with the Governing Body. This ensures the highest levels of whole school accountability are firmly in place in support of learners' outcomes.

ERW Challenge Advisers place much emphasis on a school's ability to demonstrate high levels of 'valued added performance' based on an individual learner's benchmark starting point. This aspect will remain a key feature of the monitoring and review of the school's performance during this period.

Welsh Language

Currently, Betws Primary School is a Transitional school aiming to work towards becoming a Welsh Medium school. This will increase the provision of Welsh medium education in Carmarthenshire and will ensure that bilingualism is increased in the Betws area. It will ensure linguistic continuity from the nursery sector along the key stages to the secondary sector so that every pupil becomes fluent and confident in Welsh and English which supports the Council's vision and aims for Welsh medium education as set out in Carmarthenshire's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP (2014-2017)).

Who will be consulted

| | |
|---|---|
| Staff (Teaching and Ancillary) Ysgol Betws | Governors and Parents, Ysgol Betws |
| Carmarthenshire Children's Partnership Child Care/Early Years** Communities First Partnership | Community Councillors Ammanford Town Council |
| Local County Councillors | Welsh Language Commissioner |
| Assembly Member (AM) Regional Assembly Member | National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT) |
| National Union of Teachers (NUT) | Association Of Teachers & Lecturers (ATL) |
| Undeb Cenedlaethol Athrawon Cymru (UCAC) | The Professional Association of Teachers (PAT) |
| National Association Of Head Teachers (NAHT) | GMB Union |
| UNISON | *Neighbouring Primary and Secondary schools in Carmarthenshire |
| Transport and General Workers' Union (T&G) | LA Special Educational Needs Division |
| Director of Education – All Neighbouring Authorities | ERW – Education through Regional Working |

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| Local Service Board | Regional Transport Consortium |
| Local Police and Crime Commissioner | Welsh Ministers |
| Estyn | Diocesan Director of Education & RC |
| Flying Start | |

*Consultation document sent to Headteacher and Chair of Governors (Ysgol Y Bedol, Ysgol Parcyrhun, Tycoes, Ysgol Bro Banw, Ysgol Gymraeg Rhydaman, Secondary Schools Ysgol Dyffryn Aman, Ysgol Maes Y Gwendraeth)

** Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin and any private nursery provisions will be informed through the Child Care / Early Years provision section of the Education and Children's Services Department.

Further Questions

If you have any further questions in relation to the proposal please let us know by no later than **Friday, 29th January 2016**:

By letter:

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