

EXECUTIVE BOARD

21ST DECEMBER 2020

MODERNISING EDUCATION PROGRAMME

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF SWISS VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM 4-11 TO 3-11

Recommendations/key decisions required:

It is recommended that the Executive Board approves:

1. The proposal as outlined below and in the attached consultation document;
2. Officers to initiate formal consultation on the proposal;
3. That a report is submitted to the Executive Board at the end of the consultation period.

Reasons:

To comply with statutory procedures and guidance in relation to school re-organisation.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee Consulted:

YES – 23/11/2020

The Education and Children Scrutiny Committee unanimously resolved:

1. that the proposal to change the age range of Swiss Valley Primary School from 4-11 to 3-11 from 1st September, 2021, as detailed in the report, be endorsed;
2. that it be recommended to the Executive Board that a formal consultation process be initiated.

Council Decision Required:

NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Background

Ysgol Swiss Valley has been undertaking a pilot scheme to become a 3-11 school since 2013 which was initiated as part of a Welsh Government scheme to give parents flexibility and choice regarding nursery provision. However, as the school is currently advertised officially as a 4-11 school, parents are unaware or confused in regard to what nursery provision the school offers.

The proposal aims to provide equal provision within the Llanelli area, aligning Ysgol Swiss Valley with neighbouring schools that are already 3-11 schools. The governing body and head teacher are positive with the outcome of the pilot scheme and now wish to proceed with officially making the school a 3-11 school through statutory process.

The Proposal

The proposal is to change the age range of Swiss Valley Primary School from 4-11 to 3-11 from 1st September, 2021.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Executive Board approves to proceed with the proposal as outlined above and a formal consultation be initiated.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES: Draft Consultation Document

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed:  Head of Access to Education

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	NONE	YES	YES	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Developments are consistent with the Authority's Corporate Strategy and the Modernising Education Strategic Outline Programme as well as the Children and Young People's Plan.

2. Legal

Appropriate consultation will need to be initiated in accordance with the relevant statutory procedures.

3. Finance

Revenue implications will be catered for within the Local Management of Schools Fair Funding Scheme.

4. ICT

None.

5. Risk Management Issues

The proposal may impact on the demand for school places at the school and surrounding catchment area schools. The situation will be monitored as part of the school admission process and ongoing data forecasting and analysis through the Authority's Modernising Education Programme.

6. Staffing Implications

Staffing implications will be addressed in accordance with the County Council's Policy and Procedures.

7. Physical Assets

None.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

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1. **Scrutiny Committee** – Consulted on 23/11/2020.
2. **Local Member(s)** - The local member is aware of the proposal and will be consulted during the formal consultation period.
3. **Community / Town Council** - Will be consulted during the formal consultation period.
4. **Relevant Partners** - Will be consulted during the formal consultation period.
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** - Will be consulted during the formal consultation period.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO
HOLDER AWARE/CONSULTED**

YES

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Title of Document	File Ref No./Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Stage 1 (Permission to Consult) – ECS Scrutiny Committee Report	Education & Children Scrutiny Committee on Monday, 23rd November, 2020, 10.00 am (gov.wales)
MEP Biennial Review	www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk Executive Board 20 th June 2016
21 st Century Schools Website	www.21stcenturyschools.org
School Organisation Code 2018	School Organisation Code 2018