



NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

Statutory Notice – School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013

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Notice is given in accordance with section 41 and section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Newport City Council, having consulted such persons as required, proposes to:

- Establish a Welsh-medium seedling primary school on the vacant site of the former Caerleon Lodge Hill Infant School at Roman Way, Caerleon, Newport, NP18 3DY from September 2021;
- Relocate Pillgwenlly Primary School from its existing site at Capel Crescent, Newport, NP20 2FT to a new build on the Whiteheads development, and in doing so to increase the capacity of the school for mainstream pupils aged 4-11 from 546 to 630 and its Learning Resource Base (LRB) from 10 to 20 from January 2023, and to;
- Subsequently transfer the Welsh-medium seedling primary school to a permanent location on the site of the current Pillgwenlly Primary School at Capel Crescent, Newport, NP20 2FT from September 2023.

The Council undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the opinions raised by consultees, the views of Estyn and the proposer's response, is available on the Newport City Council website at www.newport.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation.

Pillgwenlly Primary School is a community school maintained by Newport City Council with 678 pupils on roll, including 10 pupils in the learning resource base and 110 part-time nursery pupils, as at January 2019. Under this proposal the school will be relocated to a new build on the Whiteheads development, and from January 2023 will have a published admission number of 90. Following the move, the capacity for mainstream statutory school age pupils will increase from 546 to 630. There will also be a 56-place nursery class able to accommodate a maximum of 112 children over either a morning or afternoon session. Pillgwenlly Primary School currently houses a 10 place Learning Resource Base (LRB) and as part of the proposals to relocate to the new building, the LRB provision will also increase to two 10-place classes (20 places in total).

The new Welsh-medium primary school will be a community maintained, mixed sex school for pupils aged between 3-11 years, and will open at the temporary location, under the seedling model set out below. When the school moves to the permanent location in September 2023, the school will have a published admission number of 60, and eventual capacity for 420 pupils of statutory school age (aged 4-11). In addition, there will be a nursery class with capacity for 48 part-time places, delivered over either a morning or afternoon session, and a 10-place Welsh-medium Learning Resource Base to support Foundation Phase and Key Stage Two pupils with Additional Learning Needs whose needs cannot be met solely within mainstream education.

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 1st September 2021 under a seedling school model as follows:

- Year 1 – On 1st September 2021 the school will be established on the vacant site of the former Caerleon Lodge Hill Infant School at Roman Way, Caerleon, Newport, NP18 3DY with a published admission number of 30 for the Reception year group and a published admission number of 48 part-time places (24 per session, morning or afternoon) for the Nursery year group.
- Year 2 – From 1st September 2022, the published admission number for a new Reception year group will be 30 places, and existing pupils will progress to year 1. The Nursery admission number will remain at 48 (part time, 24 per session).

- Year 3 – From 1st September 2023, the Welsh-medium primary school will move to its permanent site at Capel Crescent, Newport, NP20 2FT. The published admission number for the Reception year group will increase to, and subsequently remain at, 60 and the 10 place Learning Resource Base will be established. The Nursery admission number will remain at 48 (part time, 24 per session).

Both schools referred to under this proposal will be maintained by Newport City Council and therefore the Council will be the admission authority. It is not proposed that the admission arrangements will make any provision for selection by aptitude or ability. Parents of children who are admitted for nursery education will still need to apply for a place at the school if they want their child to transfer to a Reception class.

The Council has a Home to School Transport policy and provides free transport to eligible pupils of statutory school age. This provision will not be affected by this proposal. Further information in relation to this policy is available on the Council website.

Objection Period

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of the proposal, that is to say by 30th March 2020 any person may object in writing or by email to the proposal.

Objections by email should be sent to school.reorg@newport.gov.uk. Objections in writing should be sent to Newport City Council, for the attention of the Education Information and Development Officer, Room 425w, Civic Centre, Newport, NP20 4UR.

The Council will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, at the time of notification to stakeholders of the determination of the proposal.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

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for Newport City Council, Civic Centre, Newport, NP20 4UR
Dated: 2nd March 2020