



NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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

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Newport,
NP20 4UR

Notice is given in accordance with section 44 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 increase the capacity of Ysgol Bryn Derw, Newport, by 28 places with effect from April 2022.

Ysgol Bryn Derw is an English-medium community maintained special school maintained by Newport City Council for pupils aged between 3 years and 19 years who have a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and associated learning difficulties whose needs cannot successfully be met within either mainstream or Learning Resource Base (LRB) provision. The address of the school is Melfort Road, Newport, NP20 3FQ. Admission is based on an assessment of need as determined by the Chief Education Officer.

The school originally opened in September 2017 for 48 pupils and was expanded to accommodate 68 pupils from January 2020 following a refurbishment of the on-site Annexe building. As at April 2021, there were 71 pupils on roll at the school.

This proposal will see the creation of an additional 28 pupil places through the establishment of a dedicated Foundation Phase base at Blaen-Y-Pant Crescent, Malpas, Newport, NP20 5QB. As a result, the overall school capacity of Ysgol Bryn Derw will increase to 96 from 25th April 2022.

The Council provides free transport to eligible pupils where appropriate to individual needs. This provision will not be affected by this proposal.

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.

Objection Period

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of the proposal, that is to say by **11th November 2021** 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The Council will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, at the time of notification to stakeholders of the determination of the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:

Chief Education Officer
for Newport City Council, Civic Centre, Newport, NP20 4UR
Dated: **15th October 2021**