

Consultation to increase the number of pupils that can be admitted at Tredegar Park Primary School

25 September –
12 November 2023

Everyday Summary – Children &
Young People's Version

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What do some of the words in this document mean?

Consultation – This gives people the chance to ask questions and express their views on the plan that is being discussed.

Published Admission Number (PAN) – The number of pupils that can be admitted into each year group at a school.

Drop-in Session – A meeting to talk about a plan. You do not need an appointment and can come anytime during the session.

School Reorganisation Proposal – A plan we are thinking of putting into action to make big changes to a school.

Mixed Classes – A class where the pupils can be from different year groups.

Pupil Forecasts – These are the estimated pupil numbers for the future.

The John Frost School Cluster – The John Frost School is a secondary school located in the ‘Tredegar Park & Marshfield’ area of Newport. 7 primary schools make up the school cluster and most of the pupils will go on to attend The John Frost School as their secondary school. The schools are: *Clytha Primary School, Gaer Primary School, Glasllwch Primary School, Maesglas Primary School, Pillgwenlly Primary School, Tredegar Park Primary School and St Woolos Primary School.*

Introduction

Tredegar Park Primary School is a primary school in the Duffryn area of Newport which is part of The John Frost School cluster. The primary schools in The John Frost School cluster are almost full in all year groups and are completely full for the September 2023 Reception group. The demand for pupil places is already very high and this is expected to continue to grow as new houses are built in the area.

The proposal will allow the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Tredegar Park Primary School to increase from 60 to 75 per year group; increasing the school capacity from 420 to 525. The proposal would not affect the number that can attend the nursery.

Before this change can be made, the Local Authority must ask the school community – parents, pupils and other interested people, what they think of the idea. This is called a formal consultation.

This formal consultation period:

- **Begins on 25 September 2023**
- **Ends at midnight on 12 November 2023**

How do I get involved?

We want to know what you think of this proposal. You can submit any comments and/or questions using the online questionnaire available at www.newport.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation, or via the form included in this booklet.

Responses can be returned by email to: school.reorg@newport.gov.uk or the form can be returned to the Education Information and Development Officer, Room 425w, Newport City Council, Civic Centre, Newport. NP20 4UR.

There are also drop-in sessions that have been arranged where you and your families are welcome to attend to meet with and talk to council officers to find out more about the proposal:

Table 1: Drop-in Sessions		
Location	Date & Time	Session
Tredegar Park Primary School	Tuesday 3 rd October 2023 @ 08.45-09.45	Drop-in
Tredegar Park Primary School	Monday 9 th October 2023 @ 14.45-15.45	Drop-in

The closing date for the submission of responses to this consultation is midnight on **12 November 2023**.

The Consultation Process

As part of the 'School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013', before a proposal is published, first it must be subject to consultation. The consultation process is made up of a number of stages, as presented in the table below:

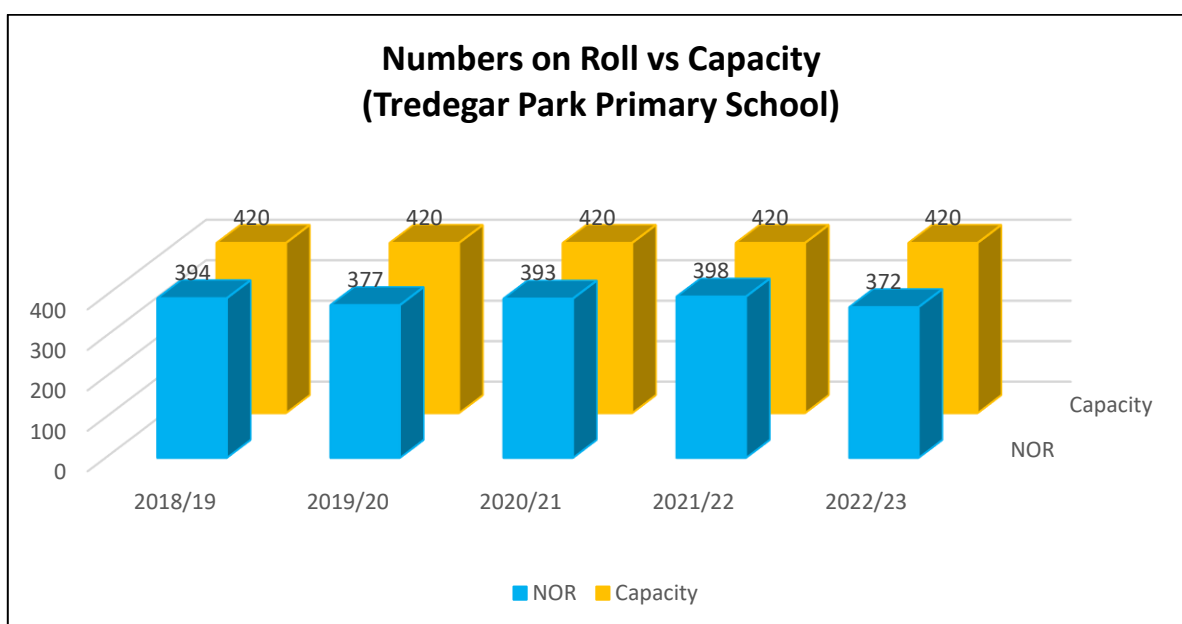
Stage	Description	Duration
1	<p>Consultation</p> <p>The first stage in the process is the formal consultation. The consultation period represents an opportunity for people to learn about the proposal, ask questions and tell the Council what they think.</p>	Usually 6-8 weeks
2	<p>Consultation Report</p> <p>All views expressed during the consultation period are recorded and summarised into a consultation report. The report also provides responses to comments and questions received during the consultation. The report will be published on the Council's website. The report will be considered when the Council decide on the way forward.</p>	Published at least 2 weeks before the publication of the statutory notice
3	<p>Statutory Notice</p> <p>If the proposal is taken forward, a statutory notice is published on the Council's website and posted at the gates of the affected schools for a minimum of 28 days. This stage represents the formal objection period which allows people to object to the proposal.</p>	Minimum of 28 days (including 15 school days)
4	<p>Objection Report</p> <p>If no objections are received, the proposal can move straight to decision by the Council's Cabinet Member for Education & Early Years. If objections are received, these are summarised in an objection report which includes responses from the Council. The report is published on the Council's website and considered when the Council decides on the way forward.</p>	Published within 28 days of the end of the objection period
5	<p>Decision</p> <p>The Council will take into account any objections received and the Council will make the final decision on the proposal.</p>	Decision is made within 16 weeks of the end of the objection period
6	<p>Decision Notification</p> <p>Following the decision being made, stakeholders will then be informed of the outcome by way of a decision letter, which will also be published on the Council's website.</p>	

The Plan

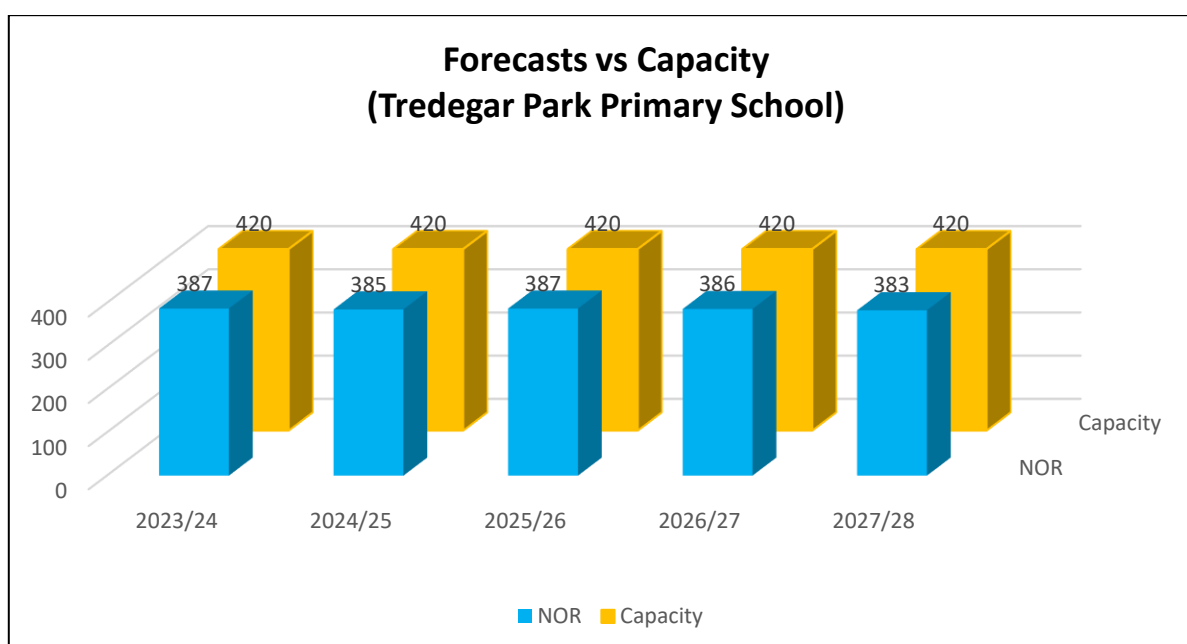
The plan is to increase the capacity of Tredegar Park Primary School by 105 places from 420 to 525. The Council proposes to increase the PAN of each year group from Reception to Year 6 by 15 places; from 60 to 75. The Nursery PAN will not change.

The numbers at Tredegar Park Primary School over the past 5 years have stayed about the same apart from one year in 2022/23. The number of pupils joining Reception in September 2023 show the pupil numbers are due to return to normal as all 60 places have been allocated as of May 2023.

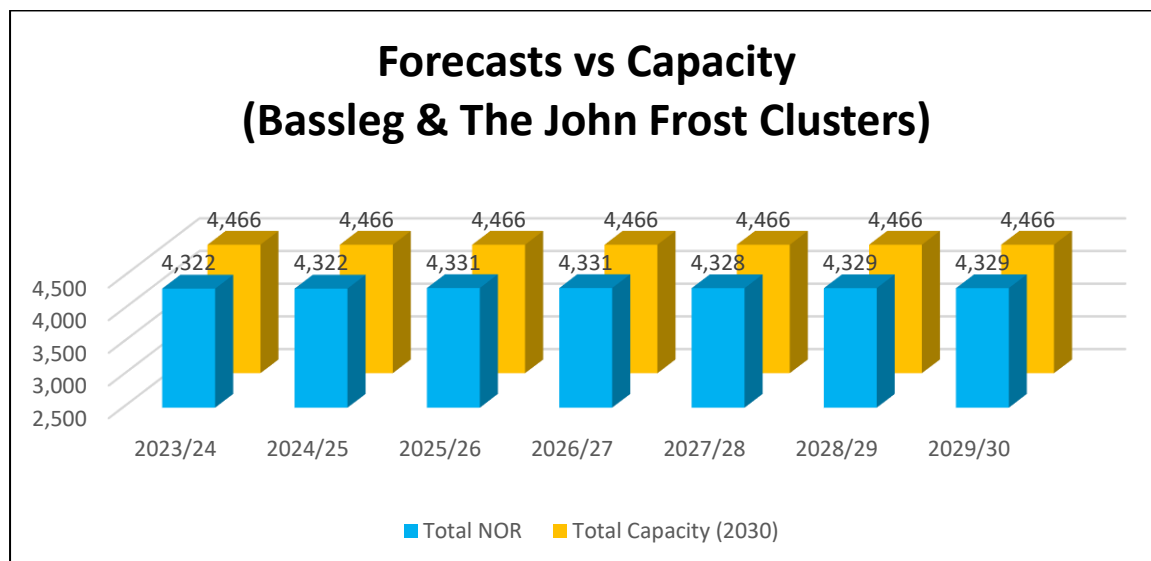
The chart below shows the number of places in the whole school over the past 5 years against the maximum amount of pupils the school can admit:



The pupil forecasts show the pupil numbers will not change much over the next five years. In the year 2027/28 there is predicted to be 37 spaces remaining at the school. However, pupil forecasts for other schools in The John Frost School cluster show far less spaces and when people move into the area the schools will become fuller as pupils take up the remaining spaces.



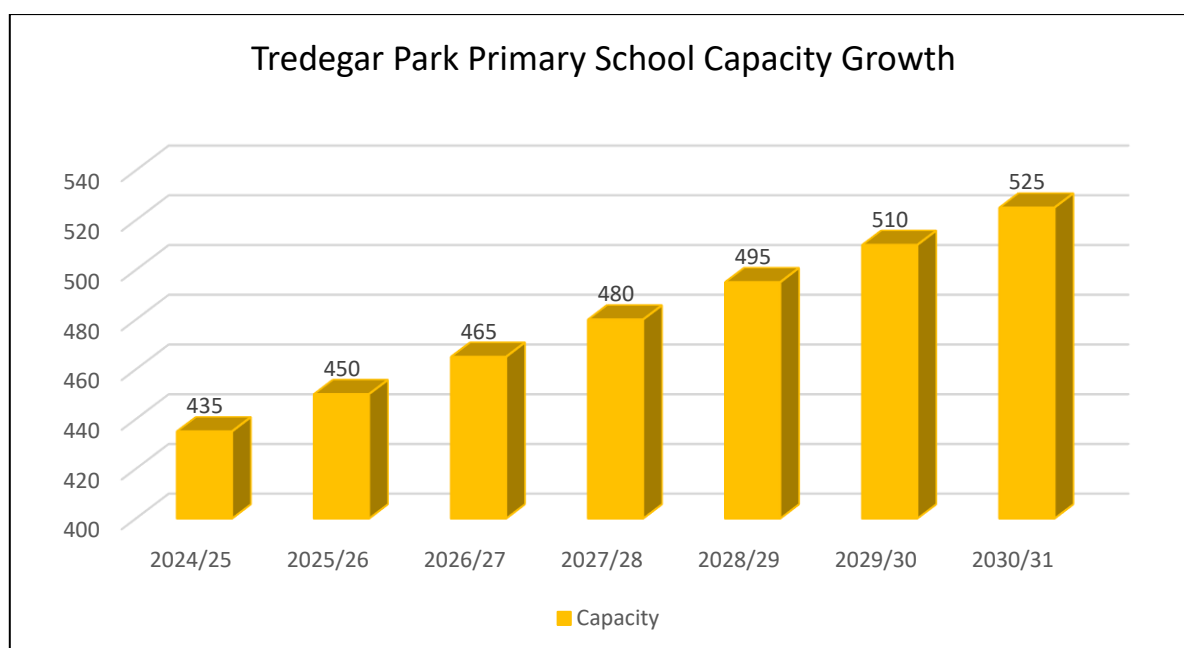
Some additional pupil places will be provided at Pillgwenly Primary School when they move to a new school building but this may not be enough to meet the anticipated demand in the area.



The figures above show 137 places being available across the 13 primary schools in the two cluster areas in 2029/30. Over time, we expect the new housing development at Whiteheads could result in more new pupils than places available in the schools.

Tredegar Park Primary has been identified as the primary school that is most suited to expansion within The John Frost School cluster and this will assist in meeting the pupil demand from the amount of houses that are being built.

The expansion will add 15 additional pupil places into the Reception Year group each September starting from September 2024. The full capacity of the school will be reached in September 2030 when all year groups will then have 75 pupil places available, the bar chart below shows the how the capacity will grow:



What will the proposal provide?

The proposal will provide an additional 105 pupil spaces, meaning an additional 15 places per year group (Reception to Year 6). Much of the work to ready the school for more pupils has already been completed. The school reception and office areas were changed and classrooms were also changed so more pupils were able to fit in them. A link corridor was also made between the infants and junior buildings making the school feel as one building instead of two. Changes were made to the staffroom, multi-use area and nurture room to make the areas better for all who use them.

Additional classrooms will be created using part of the Forest Children's Centre and other parts of the school.

Cost

The total budget for the project is £1m (approved grant funding).

The project will provide additional employment opportunities across the city, leading to an increase in Local Authority staff costs. The expansion of Tredegar Park Primary School will mean more teachers and teaching assistant jobs can be created.

Alternative Options Considered

1) Do nothing and leave Tredegar Park Primary at a capacity of 420 pupils

There would be no change at the school, but if the number of pupils applying for places goes up, this could result in more pupils not being able to get a place at a local school. It could mean brothers and sisters going to different schools.

Advantages

- ☺ No changes to classes at Tredegar Park Primary School
- ☺ No additional pupils at pick-up and drop-off times

Disadvantages

- ☹ Some pupils may not get a place in their catchment school
- ☹ Brothers and sisters may be separated due to the school not having enough space
- ☹ Other schools across Newport and in The John Frost School cluster will have more pupil pressures
- ☹ The John Frost School cluster capacity may not be large enough to accommodate additional children coming from the newly built houses

2) Expand a different primary school in The John Frost School cluster

This would result in additional school places being added in The John Frost School cluster to support additional pupils coming from the newly built houses in the area.

Advantages

- ☺ An increase in available school places per year group within the cluster
- ☺ Enough space for pupils coming from the newly built houses in the area
- ☺ Increased opportunities for staff

Disadvantages

- ⊖ The potential options at other schools are very limited due to confined school sites
- ⊖ Other suitable primary schools in the cluster are further away from the newly built houses in the area
- ⊖ Construction works could be disruptive to pupils and staff
- ⊖ No identified funding available to cover the cost of works

The option of increasing the capacity of a different primary school in another secondary school cluster area was considered and ruled out at an early stage. This is because we know that far more children are born and live in The John Frost School Cluster area. Pupil population forecasts show the Bassaleg Cluster to be full because over time, people who live outside of the Bassaleg area have successfully applied for places at those schools.

What Will the Preferred Option Achieve?

Following considerations of the alternative options, the Council has identified that the option to expand Tredegar Park Primary School to accommodate an additional 105 pupils is the preferred option.

The preferred option will allow the school to grow to 2.5 form entry and provide an additional 105 English-medium places in the Duffryn area, specifically to deal with future pressure from new housing developments in the locality. The preferred option will be funded by approved grant funding.

There is no impact on the Welsh-medium schools and the council's plans for growing the Welsh language through the 10 year Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP).

Consultation Response Pro-forma

This response relates to the proposal to increase the number of pupils that can be admitted at Tredegar Park Primary School.

Your views matter. Please tell us what you think about the proposal by completing this questionnaire and returning it to either the Education Information and Development Officer, Newport City Council, Room 425W, Civic Centre, Newport NP20 4UR. Alternatively, you can complete this form online at www.newport.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation or email your response to school.reorg@newport.gov.uk

The closing date for the submission of responses to this consultation is midnight on 12 November 2023. Please note that negative responses made to this consultation will not be counted as objections to the proposal, they will be recorded as adverse comments. Objections can only be registered following the publication of a statutory notice.

1) Do you support the proposal to:

Increase the capacity of Tredegar Park Primary School by 105 places to 525 places with effect from September 2024.



Please use the box below to provide comments or explain which element of the proposal you do/do not support.

The Council has a duty to consider and identify all the possible effects a policy decision may have on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language or treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

2) Do you believe that the proposal will have a positive or negative effect on opportunities to use the Welsh language?

Positive Negative No effect

3) If you think it will have a negative effect, what steps could we take to lessen or remove this and improve positive effects?

4) Do you believe that the proposal will treat the Welsh language less favourably than the English language?

Yes No

Please indicate who you are (e.g. parent/carer of a child attending a local nursery)

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Please select your Ethnic group			
White British		Asian-Bangladeshi	
White Irish		Asian-Indian	
Any other White background (please state): _____		Asian-Pakistani	
		Any other Asian background	
Gypsy or Irish Traveller		Black Caribbean	
White and Asian		Black African	
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Any other Mixed background (please state): _____		Chinese	
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Asian-Bangladeshi		Prefer not to say	
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Welsh language			
Do you consider yourself a Welsh speaker?			
Yes		No	Prefer not to say

Caring Responsibilities			
Do you care for children of school age?			
Yes		No	Prefer not to say
Do you care for children of pre-school age?			
Yes		No	Prefer not to say
Do you care for a dependent adult or child above school age?			
Yes		No	Prefer not to say

If you wish to be notified of the publication of the consultation report, please supply your contact details:

E-mail: _____

Postal address: _____