

STATUTORY NOTICE

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, Education Department, Floor 8 Anvil Court, Abertillery, Blaenau Gwent, NP13 1DB.

Notice is given in accordance with section 41 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, having consulted such persons as required, propose to establish a new 210 place Welsh-Medium Primary School with co-located childcare provision on the proposed site of Chartist Way, Tredegar, NP22 4PR for boys and girls aged 3-11. This will be maintained by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council. The new school will have no denominating religious character.

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the proposer's responses and Estyn's full response is available on:-

[Blaenau Gwent CBC: To establish a New Welsh-medium Primary School in the Tredegar/Sirhowy Valley via a Seedling/Growth Model \(blaenau-gwent.gov.uk\)](http://blaenau-gwent.gov.uk)

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 1st September 2023 using a seedling growth model. In which the school opens initially for childcare, Nursery and Reception year groups, with a year group then added each academic year with the school reaching capacity when the first reception cohort reaches Year 6.

The proposed new school will be a Welsh medium maintained school. Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council will be the admission authority. The new school's pupil capacity will be 210 pupils of statutory school age (4-11). There will also be 24 full time nursery places.

The admission number for the reception year group at the new school in the first school year in which the proposals have been implemented is 24 and the admission number for full time nursery places will also be 24.

In each subsequent school year, pupils will progress to the next year group; each year group at the school including each new Reception year group will have an admission number of 24, with the new school reaching capacity of 210 pupils of statutory school age (4-11) and 28 full time nursery places in the school year commencing September 2023, as shown in the table below.

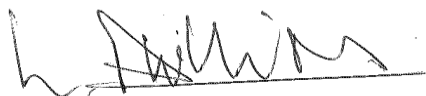
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Pupils will be provided with transport in accordance with the Council's Home to School transport policy. At present, the Council provides free transport for primary aged pupils who attend their relevant school if they reside more than 1.5 miles walking distance to that school.

Within a period of 28 days of the date on which the proposal was published, that is to say by 29th March 2021 any person may object to the proposals.

Objections by e-mail should be sent to 21stcenturyschools@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk.

Objections in writing should be sent to Lynn Phillips, Corporate Director of Education, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, Floor 8 Anvil Court, Abertillery, Blaenau Gwent, NP13 1DB.



Signed

Corporate Director of Education

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.

1st March 2021

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As part of the Welsh Government's commitment to the goal of one million Welsh speakers by 2050, the Cabinet Secretary for Finance announced on 16 January 2018 that £30 million (100% funded, with no match funding requirement from Councils), would be allocated to support capital projects dedicated to creating additional Welsh-medium education provision.

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council has been successful in its bid for £6M to provide additional Welsh Medium primary provision in the Tredegar/Sirhowy valley. This statutory notice is the outcome of statutory consultation on the establishment of the new school which was carried out in compliance with the School Organisation Code (2018).

The consultation period for this proposal commenced on **Thursday 17th December 2020** and concluded on **Friday 29th January 2021**. There were 4 key core components of the proposal as follows:

- I. To create a new 210 place Welsh-medium Primary School in the Tredegar Sirhowy Valley.
- II. To develop the new Welsh-medium Primary School as seedling/growth model where the childcare facility and the nursery and reception year groups come into effect in September 2023, with additional year groups opening for pupil progression each year thereafter. The school would be fully functional with all year groups in operation by September 2029.
- III. To secure a suitable location. Based upon initial site review and investigation, the preferred option is Chartist Way in the Sirhowy area.
- IV. To develop a leadership and management structure aligned to that of the Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Helyg primary school.

The consultation report is available on Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council's website. The Council has favoured a seedling school model when establishing this proposal, to allow the facilities and staff to be used efficiently whilst the school grows to its full potential.

The new school will be located in the Tredegar/Sirhowy area of Blaenau Gwent and will provide an additional Welsh Medium Primary School in the County Borough, which currently only has one Welsh Medium Primary School, namely Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Helyg primary school which is located in the Blaina area in the Ebbw Fach valley. The catchment area for the new school will be Tredegar/Sirhowy and Ebbw Fawr North.

Further information on this proposal can be found here:

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