

Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School
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Wick
Vale of Glamorgan
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24th July 2018

Dear Consultee,

Proposal to establish a 24 place part time nursery unit at Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School

On 24th July 2018, the Governing Body determined the proposal to establish a nursery unit at Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School.

The Governing Body held a full consultation with prescribed consultees that concluded with the issue of a statutory notice on the nursery unit proposal. The Governing Body, in making its decision, considered all previous Governing Body reports relating to the proposal and the responses to the consultation as set out in the Consultation Report. It was noted that the Governing Body received no statutory objections in response to the statutory notice on the proposal. Taking all matters into account, the Governing Body has approved the proposal. As a result a nursery unit will be established at Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School from September 2019.

In determining the proposal, the Governing Body were satisfied that the proposal will:

- Create all-through primary provision for 3 to 11 year olds to enhance standards at Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School;
- Meet future demand and provide additional high quality nursery places in Wick;
- Facilitate better transition for pupils;
- Continue to provide a mix of English medium, Welsh medium and faith provision in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The reasons for the decision in respect to the factors outlined in the School Organisation Code are as follows;

➤ Quality and Standards of Education

The proposal supports continuity and progression in children's learning from age 3 and provides cohesion between the nursery and primary sector providing a high quality learning environment for children. This will enable all children to develop their capacities at an early age to be successful learners. The proposal would also allow for early identification and intervention for pupils with SEN which would be reflected in improved transition and improved educational outcomes for these pupils. The transition of pupils from nursery to reception would be better facilitated with a greater focus on standards. This would be readily achieved through a common process of tracking, monitoring and intervention from nursery to year two and beyond.

In addition, the ethos and culture of the school will be developed in children from an early age, leading to effective interpersonal relationships and higher self-esteem. The already excellent

arrangements for the care support and guidance of pupils will be fostered and partnerships developed with families from the earliest opportunity to strengthen home / school transition.

- Need for places and the impact on the accessibility of schools

The Llantwit Cluster will retain English, Welsh and faith provision. The number of nursery school places available for children will increase to meet future demand and provide additional high quality nursery places in the area.

There will be no impact as a result of the proposal on pupils' journeys and available walking routes to schools as the nursery unit will operate on the existing site. The proposal will not change school transport arrangements, eligibility or accessibility.

- Resourcing of education

The funding for the building of the new nursery unit is dependent entirely on Section 106 education contributions from the development of the site at St James' Gardens. All monies have already been received at the local authority. The total contribution for primary and nursery places is £800,000.

Yours sincerely



Mark Harris
Chair of the Governing Body