



**THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF,
ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE,
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CARDIFF
CF11 9HD**

**STATUTORY NOTICE TO AMALGAMATE ST HELENS CATHOLIC INFANTS
AND ST HELENS CATHOLIC JUNIOR VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOLS
FROM 1st MAY, 2017**

NOTICE IS GIVEN in accordance with section 41 and 43 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that the Catholic Archdiocese of Cardiff, having consulted such persons as required, propose to discontinue St Helens Catholic Infant School, Maesycwm Street, Barry, CF63 4EH and St Helens Catholic Junior School, Tynwydd Road, Barry, CF63 8BB and establish a new English medium Catholic school for boys and girls aged 3 – 11 formed from the amalgamation of both schools. St Helens Catholic Infant and St Helens Catholic Junior schools are maintained by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Archdiocese of Cardiff.

The amalgamated school will continue to be maintained by The Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Archdiocese of Cardiff.

The Archdiocese of Cardiff 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 the views of Estyn is available to view on the Archdiocese of Cardiff website at the following address <http://www.rcadcschools.org/schools-news.html>

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 1st May 2017.

The proposed new school will be a voluntary aided school.

The governing body will be the admission authority. The admission number for pupils aged 4/5 at the new school in the first school year in which the proposals have been implemented is 44. Admission arrangements do not make provision for selection by ability (pupil banding).

The amalgamated school's pupil capacity will be 308. The school will operate over the existing school sites of St Helens Catholic Infant School and St Helens Catholic Junior School from 1st May 2017, under a single governing body and headteacher. All pupils currently in attendance at both schools will be given a place in the amalgamated school.

The amalgamated school will provide for 48 nursery and 308 primary school places that is equivalent to the places currently available at St Helens Catholic Infant and St Helens Catholic Junior Schools. The overall number of catholic nursery and primary school places available for children in the Barry area will not alter as a result of this proposal.

The All Wales Learner travel arrangements provide eligibility for school transport if a primary age pupil lives more than two miles to their nearest or designated catchment area school. School transport arrangements, eligibility and accessibility are not affected by this proposal.

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of the proposals, that is by 14th October, 2016, any person may object to the proposals.

Objections should be sent to Anne Robertson, Director of schools, Archdiocese of Cardiff, Archbishop's House, 41-43 Cathedral Road, Cardiff CF11 9HD or e-mail schools@rcadc.org

Signed:



Anne, Robertson, Director of Schools

Date: 15th September 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTE – which does not form part of the statutory notice

The Archdiocese of Cardiff and the Governing Bodies of St. Helen's Catholic Infants and St. Helen's Catholic Junior schools propose to provide a 308 place all through voluntary aided catholic primary School in Barry through the amalgamation of St Helens Catholic Infant and St Helens Catholic Junior Schools.

The school will provide 44 primary places per year group at the primary phase and 48 places at the nursery phase. This is the same number of places currently provided at the two existing schools. The capacity of the school would be 308 primary places and 42 nursery places. The primary school will, therefore, be no larger or smaller than the two existing schools in terms of the number of places available for children.

Details of how the amalgamated school will operate over two sites, its common policies and procedures and its staffing structures would be developed by the governing body and Headteacher of the amalgamated school.

The governing body is the admission authority for the school. Normal admission arrangements currently apply where children baptised in the Catholic Church are a high priority for entry in the event of oversubscription.