



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

STATUTORY NOTICE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WELSH MEDIUM SCHOOL PLACES IN BARRY BY INCREASING THE CAPACITY OF YSGOL GWAUN Y NANT FROM 210 TO 420 PLACES STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that the Vale of Glamorgan Council, having consulted such persons as required, proposes to alter Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant, Amroth Court, Barry, CF62 9DU so that the capacity of the school is increased from 210 places to 420 places incrementally from September 2015. The school is maintained by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

The Vale of Glamorgan 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 the views of Estyn is available to view on the Vale of Glamorgan website at the following address www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/barrywelshmediumexpansion

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 1st September 2015 with 60 places being available in the reception class each year from this date.

The current number of pupils at the school is 179 excluding nursery age children, the pupil capacity of the school is 210 and the proposed capacity once the proposal is implemented will be 420 places.

The admission number for the reception class at the school in the first school year in which the proposals have been implemented will be 60. There will be 96 nursery places.

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of the proposals, that is to say by 2nd April 2014, any person may object to the proposals.

Objections should be sent to Jennifer Hill, Chief Learning and Skills Officer, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Provincial House, Kendrick Road, Barry CF62 8BF or e-mail MMatthews@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

The Vale of Glamorgan Council will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, within the period of 28 days after the end of the objection period.

Signed:

Jennifer Hill, Chief Learning and Skills Officer
5th March 2014

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

The Council proposes to increase the number of Welsh medium school places in Barry by increasing the capacity of Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant from 210 to 420 places starting in September 2015.

Ysgol Gwaun y Nant and Oakfield Primary school both currently occupy separate parts of a former two form entry (420 place) primary school. The expansion would involve the construction of a new one form entry (210 place) building to accommodate Oakfield Primary on the existing site and the remodeling of the building currently occupied by Ysgol Gwaun y Nant and Oakfield Primary to enlarge Ysgol Gwaun y Nant to accommodate 420 children plus an enlarged nursery.

There will be places for 60 children in each age group, in two classes: at the moment there are 30 places. The school will grow gradually with 60 places in the reception class each year from September 2015.

This proposal will manage the increased demand for Welsh medium education in Barry, to enable the authority to deliver school places to meet the future needs of children in the area.

The Council is the admission authority for the school; admission arrangements for the school remain unchanged 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. School transport will still be provided from Wenvoe to Ysgol Gwaun y Nant under this proposal.