

# 21st Century Schools Consultation Document 2013

Establishing a new 1.5 form entry English-medium primary school  
in Pontprennau with a 32 full time equivalent place nursery



4 March - 26 April 2013

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## What is the purpose of this consultation?

This consultation is an opportunity for people to learn about the school organisation proposal that has been put forward in your area. It is your chance to ask questions and make comments that will be considered when the Council decides how to proceed.

A range of individuals and groups will be asked for their views about the proposal. Those we are planning to consult as part of this process include the following:

- Children and young people
- Parents/carers
- School Governing Bodies
- Local residents
- Elected Members (local Councillors, AMs and MPs)
- Church in Wales and Catholic Diocesan Authority directors
- Neighbouring local authorities
- Other schools within a two mile radius of those schools directly affected by the proposals
- Relevant trade unions

## How can you find out more and give your views?

Meetings and drop-in sessions have been arranged where the proposal will be explained. These are provided so you can ask questions and make comments that will be recorded. You may also provide your views in writing.

There will be information regarding this proposal located in Pontprennau Community Centre and displayed at local primary schools.

In addition workshop sessions will be arranged with local primary age children to provide an opportunity for pupils to ask questions and learn more about the proposal.

Details of the consultation meeting dates are given below:

Nature of Consultation	Date/Time	Venue
Drop in session	Wednesday 27 March 2013 1.00pm - 3.30pm	Pontprennau Community Centre
Public Meeting	Wednesday 10 April 2013 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Pontprennau Community Centre
Drop in session	Wednesday 17 April 2013 9.30am - 11.30am	Pontprennau Community Centre

## Please send us your views

Your views matter, please tell us what you think about the proposal by:

Completing and returning the enclosed questionnaire to the address given at the bottom of the form.

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## What is the proposal?

This consultation document sets out the Council's proposal to establish a new build 1.5 form entry English-medium community primary school (enabling up to 45 pupils to be admitted per year group) in Pontprennau with a 32 full time equivalent (FTE) place nursery from September 2015.

## Background to the proposal

As part of its school reorganisation programme, Cardiff Council has outlined its vision of successful schools that offer good quality learning opportunities to raise standards of achievement as part of their broader role in community engagement. The vision is based on the principles of equality, inclusion, efficiency and 'local schools for local children'.

This proposal is part of Cardiff Council's 21st Century Schools capital investment programme. It is designed to respond to the demand for English-medium community primary education in the Pontprennau area of the city.

## Why are we proposing the changes?

Pupils resident within the Pontprennau area currently attend a number of schools with many children travelling outside their local area to access education provision.

The proposed establishment of a primary school in Pontprennau would require changes to the Bryn Celyn and Glyn Coed Primary School catchment areas. Those catchment areas are also served by St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, St. David's C.W Primary School and Ysgol Pen y Groes.

In 2012, 1387 Primary school pupils resident in the combined Bryn Celyn and Glyncoed Primary School catchment areas attended 45 different schools in Cardiff. Of these pupils, 149 attended English-medium community primary schools in the Llanishen, Lisvane and Thornhill areas. This outflow into the Llanishen, Lisvane and Thornhill schools has meant that some pupils resident in these areas have been unable to access schools in their local area.

Table 1 below indicates the schools attended by primary-age pupils resident in the existing Bryn Celyn and Glyn Coed Primary Schools catchment areas at January 2012

**Table 1: Schools attended by primary-age pupils resident in the existing Bryn Celyn and Glyncoed Primary Schools catchment areas, January 2012**

Catchment area	Primary school attended					Total resident in catchment
	Bryn Celyn	Glyncoed	Faith	Welsh medium	Other English Medium Community Primaries	
Bryn Celyn	119	173	445	87	263	1087
Glyncoed	6	146	98	12	38	300
Combined area	444		543	99	301	1387

Projections based upon NHS data received in 2012 indicate that the number of English-medium community pupils entering Reception will continue to increase in the Bryn Celyn Primary School area in future years until at least January 2016, the latest date for which data are available.

Table 2 below illustrates the projected numbers of English-medium community pupils in Reception year within the existing Bryn Celyn and Glyn Coed Primary Schools catchment areas.

**Table 2: Numbers of English-medium community pupils in Reception year within the existing catchment areas served by Bryn Celyn Primary School and Glyncoed Primary School**

School	Admission Number	Number on roll	Projected numbers of pupils within catchment area		
		Sept 2012	Sept 2013	Sept 2014	Sept 2015
Bryn Celyn Primary School	30	29	84	93	97
Glyncoed Primary School	60	52	42	45	40
Number of pupils	90	81	126	138	137
Forms of entry	3	2.7	4.2	4.6	4.6

There is therefore a projected shortfall of approximately 47 English-medium community school places within the area.

The establishment of a new primary school in Pontprennau combined with changes to catchment areas would provide sufficient English-medium community places for the local demand.

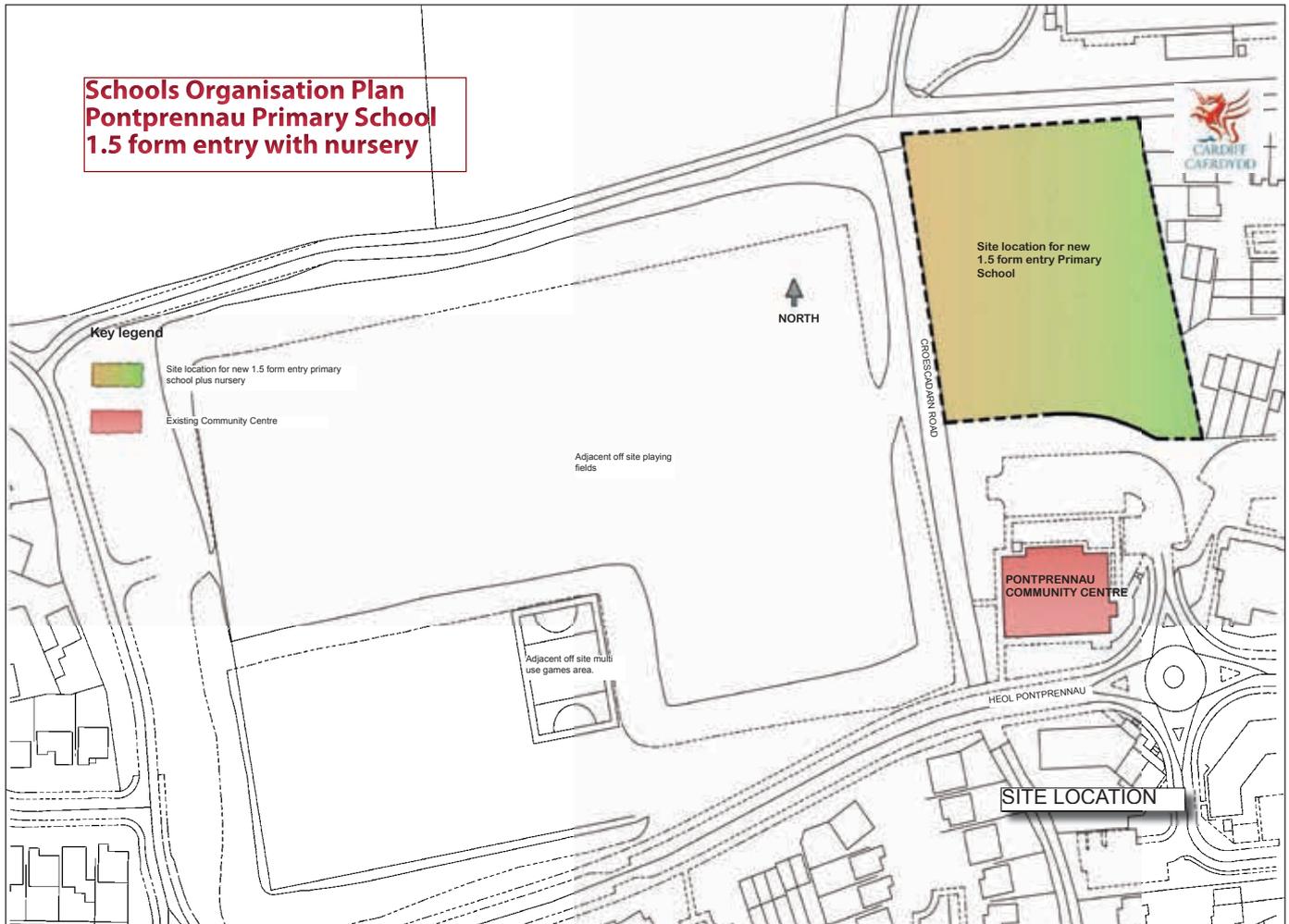
Implementation of the proposal from September 2015 would result in an increase in the number of English-medium community places available at entry to school (Reception Year) of 45 places (1.5 forms of entry).

## What are the educational benefits of this proposal?

The following benefits would be expected to result from this proposal:

- The new build school would provide additional school places to serve the local area, and would also ensure that the supply of places in other areas, including the Llanishen, Lisvane and Thornhill areas is more able to meet local demand.
- Pupils would be educated in high quality, modern buildings which would be able to support the delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum.

## Site proposed for development



## Site specific issues

The proposed school site is adjacent to the Pontprennau Community Centre. Officers from the relevant departments are working together to explore whether there are benefits to be achieved in terms of enhanced facilities and/ or cost savings for both the school and the community centre by considering the site as a whole.

The proposed site is deemed sufficient size to accommodate the facilities for a new 1.5 FE school based on using the adjacent playing fields as off site school sports pitches.

## Catchment Area Arrangements

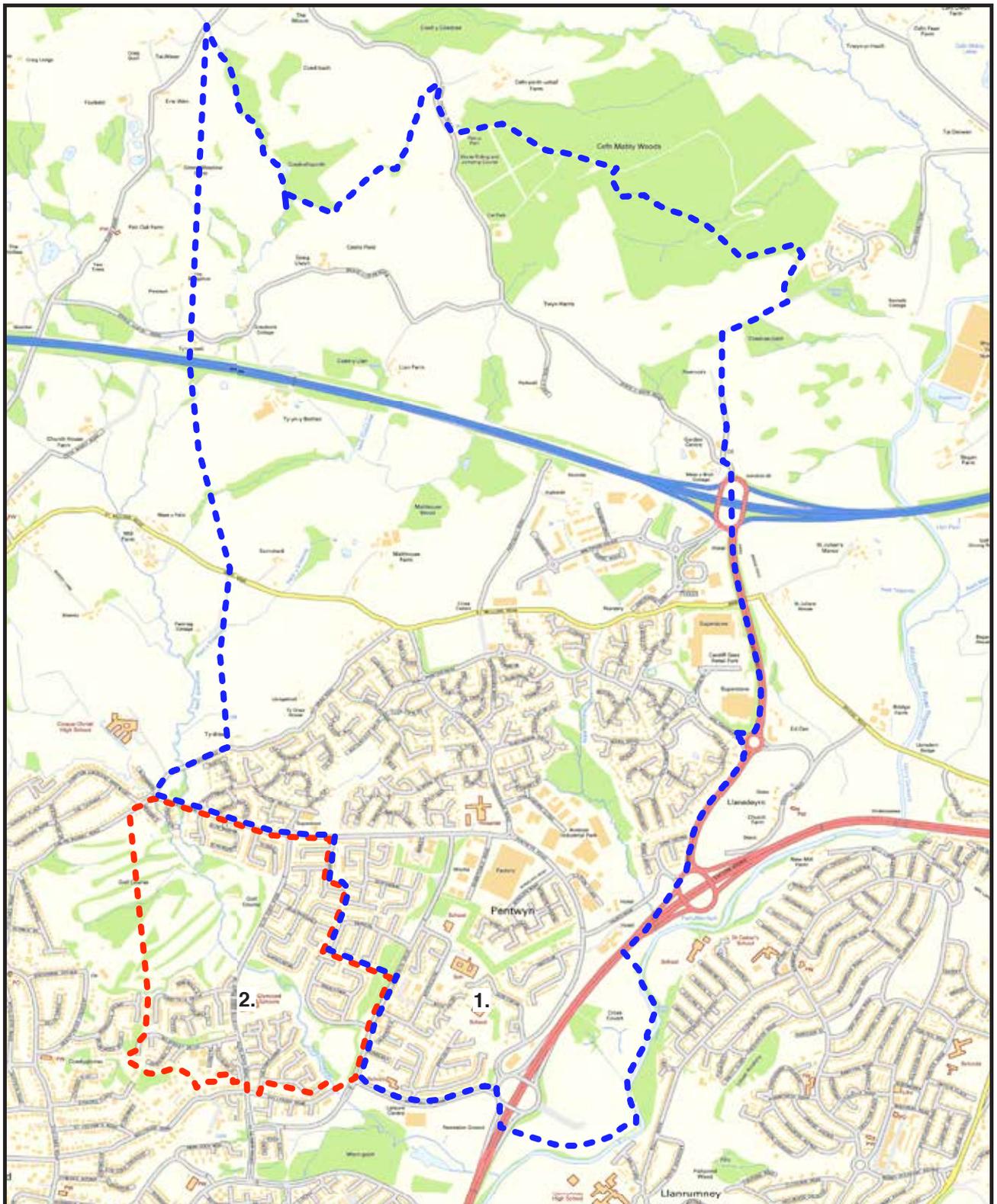
The proposed site of the new school falls within the Bryn Celyn Primary School catchment area. Under the existing arrangements, the Bryn Celyn Primary School catchment area serves the western part of the Pontprennau and Old St Mellons ward and the northern part of the Pentwyn ward.

The map on the next page displays the current catchment areas for Bryn Celyn Primary School and Glyn Coed Primary School.

However, should the proposal be implemented it will be necessary to consult at a later date on revising catchment area arrangements in order to achieve a better match of future catchment populations to the local school capacities.

It is intended that the new school serves part of the Pontprennau and Old St Mellons ward, and that some or all of the existing catchment areas within both the Pontprennau and Old St Mellons ward and the Pentwyn ward are revised accordingly. In addition to Bryn Celyn Primary School, the other English-medium community primary schools that serve these areas are Glyncoed, Llanedeyrn, and Springwood Primary Schools.

# Current Catchment Areas



## Existing Primary School catchment areas

- 1. Bryn Celyn Primary School catchment area
- 2. Glyncoed Primary School catchment area

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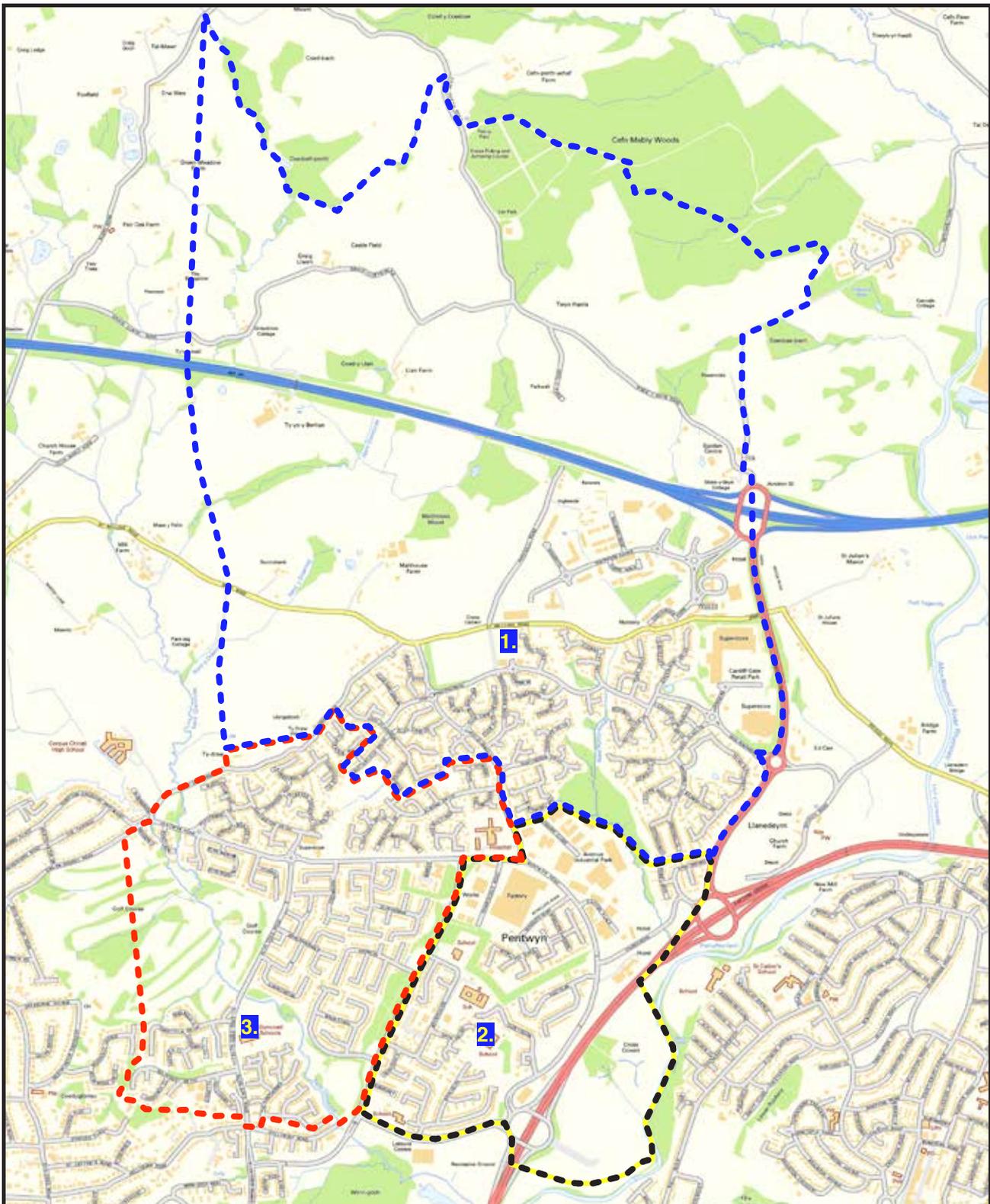
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The catchment areas will need to be of a size and geographical area that can sustain schools at their proposed pupil capacities and are sufficiently convenient for the majority of pupils and parents in the locality.

It is expected that such a consultation would take place in early 2014, and the arrangements would be implemented in September 2015, in accordance with the requirements of the Welsh Government's School Admissions Code.

# Proposed Catchment Areas



**Map 2: Proposed revised catchment area arrangements from September 2015**



Proposed new Pontprennau primary school site/ catchment area



Proposed revised Bryn Celyn Primary School/ catchment area



Proposed revised Glyncoed Primary School/ catchment area

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The map displays the proposed catchment area arrangements for Bryn Celyn Primary School, Glyn Coed Primary School and the proposed new school

## Finance Matters

The proposal outlined in this consultation document was included in the Council's bid to the Welsh Government for 21st Century Schools funding. The programme as a whole has been approved in principle by the Welsh Government. Cardiff Council is now awaiting the outcome of a business case submission in a bid to fully secure capital funding.

## Transport Matters

Under this proposal there are no plans to change the Council's policy on the transport of children to and from schools. Any pupils affected by this proposals as a result of changes to catchment areas will be offered the same support with transport as is provided throughout Cardiff and in accordance with the same criteria that apply across Cardiff. The Council's transport policy for school children can be viewed on the Council's website ([www.cardiff.gov.uk](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk)).

Traffic and transport implications will be considered as part of the Transport Assessment that would be required in order to achieve planning consent for building works should this proposal be implemented.

## Admission Arrangements

There are no plans to change the Council's policy on the admission of children to schools as a result of this proposal.

Detailed information regarding admission arrangements is contained in the Council's Admission to Schools booklet, and this information can also be viewed on the Council's website ([www.cardiff.gov.uk](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk)).

## Equality Matters

An initial Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out on this proposal and concludes that the proposal would not adversely affect a particular group in society. This assessment will be reviewed following consultation. If the proposal were to proceed, further equality impact assessments would be undertaken including an assessment on the design for the new build primary school.

## Sustainability Matters

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the proposal has been carried out in accordance with European Legislation. The assessment confirms that the proposal is compatible with the environmental objectives identified in the SEA of Cardiff's 21st Century: A Strategic Framework for a School Building Improvement Programme. If the proposal were to proceed, an environmental assessment would be carried out as part of the planning process.

## Considering Community Impact

We need to increase the number of English-medium community places available without impacting adversely on the community. We therefore take the following into account when considering a proposal; Public Open Space, parkland, noise and traffic congestion. We would work with schools and any community groups to ensure that the proposal avoids negative impact wherever possible.

## Frequently Asked Questions

- Will nursery provision be available when the new school opens?

It is proposed that 32 FTE (64 part time places) nursery places be available from the opening of the school.

- When the new school opens will it admit children into older year groups?

It is proposed that children be admitted to the Nursery and Reception age groups from September 2015 with the school growing to full capacity as children move through the age groups.

- **What will happen to older siblings already in other primary schools?**

Older siblings already attending other primary schools would remain at those schools.

- **When will a Governing Body be formed?**

If the proposal is progressed a temporary governing body will be established for the new school during the summer of 2013, following the publication of the statutory notice. A range of stakeholders would be represented on the temporary governing body, including parents, teachers, non teaching staff, Local Authority representatives and community partners. The Council would appoint the Local Authority, non-teaching staff and parent governors and the temporary governing body would appoint the teacher and community governors.

- **What will the uniform be?**

A uniform for the school would be decided upon by the Governing Body of the school.

- **Does the site have scope for future expansion?**

The proposed site allows for the development of a 1.5FE primary school.

## Key dates

What are the key dates proposed for this consultation and the process overall?

### 4 March to 26 April 2013

- Consultation Period

### Summer 2013

- Report on outcomes of consultation
- Cardiff Council considers all responses before deciding what steps to take
- If Cardiff Council decides to proceed with the proposal, a Statutory Notice will be published allowing 1 month for any objections.

The proposals will (unless withdrawn) require the approval of the Welsh Ministers if,

- Within 2 months after a copy of the proposals is sent to Welsh Ministers they give notice that they require such approval; or
- Objections have been made within the objection period and have not been withdrawn in writing during that period.
- If any objections are received, these along with the Council's comments will be sent to the Welsh Government and the Welsh Ministers would take the final decision.

### September 2015

- If the proposal goes ahead, building work to establish the new primary school is proposed to be completed by September 2015.

# CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM (PONTPRENNAU)

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## Do you support the proposal?

Yes  No

If you do not support the proposal, please give your reasons together with any changes or alternatives that you would like to suggest

Do you have any other comments that you wish to make?

Your name: ..... Date: .....

Address: .....

Postcode: .....

Your status:  Parent  Governor  Other (please specify)  
 Pupil  Member of Staff

**Thank you for your comments.**

**Please return this form to School Reorganisation Team, Room 213 County Hall, Cardiff CF10 4UW by Friday 26 April 2013**