

THE CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL

SCHOOLS STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013

WELSH MEDIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Section 41 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code, that the City of Cardiff Council (herein after “the Authority”), having consulted such persons as appeared to them to be appropriate, propose to:

- Establish a new 420 place Welsh-medium primary school with nursery on a site located adjacent to Hamadryad playing fields, off Hamadryad Road, Cardiff, CF10 5UY, serving the age range 3-11. The school is to open initially at 30 places only, in temporary accommodation adjacent to Ninian Park Primary School, Virgil Street, Grangetown, Cardiff, CF11 8TF, from September 2016 and transfer to its permanent site adjacent to Hamadryad Park from September 2017.

The Authority undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the Authority’s responses and the views of Estyn is available to view at:

www.cardiff.gov.uk/21stCenturySchools

It is proposed to implement the proposal in September 2016. The number of pupils to be admitted to the school in Reception (the relevant age group), at age 4 or 5, in the first school year (2016/17) in which the proposal will have been implemented will be 30 increasing to 60 in the 2017/18 school year.

The new school’s pupil capacity will be 420 places.

There will be 80 part time nursery places at the school from September 2017. This will enable up to 80 children aged 3-4 (from the term following their third birthday) to receive part time nursery education at the school.

Parents of children who are admitted for nursery education will still need to apply for a place at the School if they want their child to transfer to the reception class. Attendance at the nursery will not guarantee admission to the school.

The school will be a community school and will admit pupils of both sexes.

The Authority has responsibility for admitting pupils to the school and sets the admission criteria.

There are no plans to change the Council’s policy on the admission of children to schools as a result of these proposals.

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)

The admission arrangements for the school will not make any provision for selection by aptitude, or for pupil banding.

Any arrangements for the transport of pupils will be made in accordance with the Authority's existing policies on school transport.

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by 03 February 2016 any person may object to these proposals.

Objections should be sent to the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, The City of Cardiff Council, County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff CF10 4UW.

Objections may also be sent to the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, The City of Cardiff Council using the following e-mail address: SchoolResponses@cardiff.gov.uk

Please note that any such objection sent by e-mail or post must contain the full name and postal address of the objector.

The Authority will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, before the end of 7 days beginning with the day the proposal is determined.

Dated this 07th day of January 2016

Signed: Marie Rosenthal
Director of Governance & Legal Services
For the Council of the City and County of Cardiff

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This does not form part of the Notice but is intended to explain its general meanings)

Any new school buildings required in the event of the proposal outlined above proceeding to implementation would be equal to/meet Welsh Government (WG) funding conditions such as BREEAM and also be designed in accordance with The Department of Education: Area guidelines for mainstream schools Building Bulletins which set out that the following facilities need to be included in any school:

Teaching space: internal and external	Halls/dining areas
Learning resource areas	Staff and administration
Storage	Toilets and personal care
Kitchen facilities	Circulation, plant and internal walls
Withdrawal areas to support group work/SEN	

All detailed design of the facilities at the new school buildings would be agreed between the Council, the Governing Body and the Headteacher if a proposal is progressed to implementation.

Indicative layouts showing a map of the Hamadryad site and how the sites could look can be viewed on line at www.cardiff.gov.uk

Should the proposal to establish the new school proceed, it would be necessary to consult at a later date on revising catchment area arrangements in order to achieve a better match of future catchment population to local school capacities.

Any changes to catchment areas as a result of this proposal would not be implemented until September 2018 at the earliest.