

THE CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL

SCHOOLS STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013

ENGLISH MEDIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Section 42 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:

- increase the capacity of Ninian Park Primary School, Virgil Street, Grangetown, Cardiff, CF11 8TF, from 420 places to 630 places with additional part-time nursery places, serving the age range 3-11 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

The current number of pupils at Ninian Park Primary School is 443 (Reception to Y6), the permanent pupil capacity of the school is 402 and the proposed capacity once the proposal is implemented will be 630.

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 in which the proposal will have been implemented will be 90.

There will be 112 part time nursery places at the school. This will enable up to 112 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 continue to 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)

In order for Ninian Park Primary School to function effectively as a 3FE primary school it would require extension and modernisation to the existing accommodation. This would necessitate building on part of the parkland currently taken up by temporary accommodation. Consideration would need to be given to where the temporary accommodation would be relocated during the period of building works. The school would need to continue to utilise off-site playing fields on the adjacent Sevenoakes Park which are owned by the Local Authority.

An indicative layout showing a map of the site and how the site could look can be viewed on line at www.cardiff.gov.uk

Implementation of the proposal would require changes to catchment areas throughout Butetown and Grangetown in order to balance the supply of demand for places and to minimise the impact on other schools which would be subject to consultation.

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