

THE CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL
SCHOOLS STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013
ENGLISH MEDIUM HIGH SCHOOL PROVISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Sections 41 and 43 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:

1. Close Glyn Derw High School, Penally Road, Caerau, Cardiff, CF5 5XP and Michaelston Community College, Michaelston Road, Ely, Cardiff, CF5 4SX (the Glyn Derw and Michaelston Federation) from 31 August 2017.
2. Establish a new replacement 11 -18 community high school to serve the Caerau and Ely areas from 01 September 2017.
3. To transfer the newly established high school to new build premises on the current Glyn Derw High School site, Penally Road, Caerau, Cardiff, CF5 5XP from September 2018.

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 intended that the proposal will be implemented from September 2017 with the newly established high school being accommodated in the existing Michaelston Community College buildings initially before transferring to new build premises on the current Glyn Derw High School site from September 2018.

The number of pupils to be admitted to the school in Year 7 (the relevant age group), at age 11, in the first school year in which the proposal will have been implemented will be 240.

The new school's pupil capacity will be 1500 including sixth form.

Those pupils attending Glyn Derw High School and Michaelston Community College at 31 August 2017 would transfer to the roll of the newly established school.

The new 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 new school would serve the combined catchment areas of the two existing schools it replaces.

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 02 February 2016, any person may object to these proposals.

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

Objections may also be sent to the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, 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 06th 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)

It is proposed that Glyn Derw High School and Michaelston Community College close at 31 August 2017 with a new replacement high school being established from 01 September 2017.

The new school would be accommodated initially at the current Michaelston Community College site before transferring to a new standardised build school at the Glyn Derw High School site.

Any new buildings required in the event of the proposal proceeding to implementation would be equal to/meet Welsh Government Funding conditions such as BREEAM and also be designed in accordance with the Department of Education Building Bulletins which sets out that the following facilities need to be included in any school:

Teaching space: internal and external
Halls, dining area
Learning resource areas
Staff and administration
Storage
Toilets and personal care
Kitchen facilities'
Circulation, plant and internal walls

An indicative layout showing the Glyn Derw High School site and how the site could look can be viewed on line at www.cardiff.gov.uk

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