

CARDIFF COUNCIL

SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION IN THE CATHAYS/GABALFA AREAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Sections 41, 42 and 43 of the Schools Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code, that Cardiff Council (herein after 'the Authority'), having consulted such persons as appeared to them to be appropriate, propose to:

- 1) Discontinue Allensbank Primary School, Llanishen Street, Cardiff CF14 3QE

Discontinue Gladstone Primary School, Whitchurch Road, Cardiff CF14 3JL

Establish a new two forms of entry (FE) English-medium primary school in the premises currently shared between Gladstone Primary School and St Monica's Church in Wales Primary School.

The new school to have a capacity of 420 places and cater for the age range 3 – 11 incorporating 48 Full Time Equivalent (FTE, that is a total of 96 part time) nursery places.

- 2) Transfer Ysgol Mynydd Bychan, New Zealand Road, Cardiff, CF14 3BR into the premises currently occupied by Allensbank Primary School, Llanishen Street, Cardiff CF14 3QE and increase its capacity to 420 places incorporating 96-part time nursery places.

The proposed changes would be implemented from September 2025.

The schools are currently maintained by Cardiff Council.

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

[Agenda for Cabinet on Thursday, 19th October, 2023, 2.00 pm : Cardiff Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk/agenda/cabinet/2023-10-19)

In respect of the proposal for a new two FE English-medium primary school it is proposed that:

- The school will be a community school and will admit pupils of both sexes.
- The admission arrangements for the school will not make any provision for selection by aptitude, or for pupil banding.
- 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 proposals will have been implemented will be 60.



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

Cardiff Council as the Local Education Authority will be the admissions authority.

In respect of the proposal to transfer Ysgol Mynydd Bychan into the premises currently occupied by Allensbank Primary School, it is proposed that:

- 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 proposals will have been implemented will be 60.
- The school will continue to serve its existing catchment area.

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

Any arrangements for the transport of pupils will be made in accordance with the Authority's existing policies on school transport. The Authority's transport policy for school children can be viewed on the Council's website www.cardiff.gov.uk

Within a period of 28 days of the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by 06 December 2023, any person may object to these proposals.

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

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

Please note that any such objection 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 09 day of November 2023

Signed: Leanne Weston
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For Cardiff Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

It is proposed that Allensbank Primary School and Gladstone Primary School (which are both English Medium schools) are closed and replaced with a new two forms of entry (FE) English-medium primary school with nursery in the premises currently shared between Gladstone Primary School and St Monica's Church in Wales Primary School. The nursery would provide 96 part-time places.

It is proposed that the new school would serve the combined catchment areas of the two existing schools it replaces.

It is also proposed that Ysgol Mynydd Bychan (which is a Welsh-medium school) is transferred to the site currently occupied by Allensbank Primary School as a two forms of entry (FE) Welsh-medium school with nursery. The nursery would provide 96 part-time places.

The proposed changes would be implemented from September 2025.

There is a Speech and Language early intervention class hosted by Allensbank Primary School. The Council admits up to 8 Foundation Phase children to this city-wide provision who were not making sufficient progress, but who have good prospects for returning to their local mainstream school.

Placements last 1 – 3 years, depending on progress. Pupils are dual registered at their local school and supported to return to that school at the end of the placement. Pupils continue to attend their local school for at least one day a week, to maintain links with local friends and to prepare for a successful reintegration to their local school.

Consideration would be given to establishing the city-wide Speech & Language class within the new school in consultation with the relevant school governing body / bodies, taking account of each school's aspirations.

The proposed changes are subject to the transfer of St Monica's Church in Wales Primary School into the premises currently occupied by Ysgol Mynydd Bychan. This proposal has been published separately and can be found on the school website www.stmonicasschool.co.uk