

DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 41 and 43 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Denbighshire County Council of County Hall, Ruthin, Denbighshire LL15 1YN (hereinafter referred to as "the Council"), having consulted such persons as required, proposes:-

- From 31 August 2014, to discontinue Ysgol Clocaenog, Clocaenog, Ruthin, Denbighshire LL15 2AY
- From 31 August 2014, to discontinue Ysgol Cyffylliog, Cyffylliog, Denbighshire, LL15 2DL
- From 1 September 2014, to **establish a new Welsh medium area community school for boys and girls aged 4 – 11 years old** to be maintained by the Council;

Pupils currently attending Ysgol Clocaenog and Ysgol Cyffylliog and those admitted during the 2013-14 school year will from the 1st September 2014, be able to attend a new area community school for boys and girls aged 4 – 11 years old to be maintained by the Council. The new school will operate from two school sites:

- Clocaenog site, Clocaenog, Ruthin, Denbighshire, LL15 2AY, and
- Cyffylliog site, Cyffylliog, Ruthin, Denbighshire, LL15 2DL

(which are the current sites of Ysgol Clocaenog and Ysgol Cyffylliog)

The Council undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the proposer's responses and the views of Estyn is available on the website of Denbighshire County Council www.denbighshire.gov.uk/modernisingeducation/

The Council will be the admission authority for the new school. The admission number for first time admissions to the primary phase at the new school in the first year in which the proposals have been implemented is 12.

From 1 September 2014, pupils will be admitted to the new 4 – 11 school in accordance with the Council's admission arrangements, which do not take account of the sex, aptitude or ability of the child:

- Pupils currently in nursery/reception provision and Year 1 to 5 at Ysgol Clocaenog, and those admitted during the 2013-14 school year, will be admitted to the New Area School;
- Pupils currently in nursery/reception provision and Year 1 to 5 at Ysgol Cyffylliog, and those admitted during the 2013-14 school year, will be admitted to the New Area School;

The language category of the proposed new school, as defined by "Defining schools according to Welsh medium provision" Welsh Assembly Government Information document No: 023/2007 will be as follows:

- Welsh Medium - Category 1

The new School's pupil capacity will be 81. This will include 36 at the Clocaenog Site and 45 in the Cyffylliog site.

Parents may express a preference for another school and the Council will comply with any such expressed preference subject to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, Section 86(3).

The home to school transport arrangements for pupils currently at Ysgol Clocaenog and Ysgol Cyffylliog will remain the same at the proposed new school in accordance with the Authority's Home-to-School Transport Policy as at the date of implementation of the proposal.

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by **3rd February 2014** any person may object to the proposals.

Objections should be sent in writing to Jackie Walley, Head of Customers and Education Support, Denbighshire County Council, County Hall, Ruthin, Denbighshire, LL15 1YN, or by email to modernisingeducation@denbighshire.gov.uk

Denbighshire County Council will publish a summary of any such objections made within the objection period (and not withdrawn in writing), together with the Council's observations thereon, within the period of 28 days after the end of the objection period.

Jackie Walley,

Head of Customers and Education Support

For Denbighshire County Council

Dated this day 7th January 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This explanatory note does not form part of the Notice but is offered by way of explanation).

1. The Council is proposing to replace the existing schools, namely Ysgol Clocaenog and Ysgol Cyffylliog schools with an all-through Primary school initially incorporating the existing school sites.
2. The proposal is one of six identified through the 'Review of primary school provision in the Ruthin area' which was undertaken by the Council to address issues including head teacher recruitment, surplus places, mobile accommodation and the sustainability of schools
3. At the date of the last school census in January 2013, Ysgol Clocaenog had 36 full-time pupils on roll against a capacity of 36 full-time pupils. As of January 2013, the school had 0 surplus (empty) places; equivalent to 0% of the total capacity.
4. At the date of the last school census in January 2013, Ysgol Cyffylliog had 19 full-time pupils on roll against a capacity of 45 full-time pupils. As of January 2013, the school had 26 surplus (empty) places; equivalent to 57% of the total capacity.
5. The reasons for this proposal were set out in the consultation document circulated in September 2013, further copies of which are available on request from the address set out in the above notice.
6. A copy of the Council's School Admission Policy is available from Modernising Education at the address in the above Notice.
7. A copy of the Council's Home to School Transport Policy is available from Modernising Education at the address in the above Notice. Additional transport arrangements made for pupils who attend a different site as a result of classroom configuration will be outside the scope of the Council's school transport policy.
8. The mode of instruction in the new school will be mainly through the medium of Welsh.
9. Delegated funding for the new school will be in accordance with the Council's local funding formula for schools.
10. This notice marks the start of a 28 day objection period from 7th January 2014 to the 3rd February 2014 and sets out the address to which objections in writing may be submitted.