

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Llanfair Kilgeddin CIW VA Primary School

#### Statutory Consultation

<u>FAQ</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Is the school still linked to Usk CIW primary school?	The school has always been independent, even when the school was temporarily located on the Usk CIW primary school site. All pupils have now transferred to new schools and the staff are based within Usk CIW primary and Goytre Fawr.
Pupils should be consulted with even though they are no longer on roll at the school.	Because pupils have already transferred to new schools, the Authority would not want to interfere with their integration or cause them to become unsettled. However the LA will be in contact with parents to seek authorisation for pupil consultation.
The document is not a fair reflection of what has happened and is written in a negative way. It states that small cohorts of pupils will not develop which is not the case, pupils have interaction with their peers outside of school. The fact the school was small meant that all pupils talked to each other regardless of age.	The document has been written in line with the Welsh Government School Organisation Statutory Code. We would urge consultees to provide us with feedback on additional information they would like recorded and fed back to cabinet members. The data was taken from the last Estyn inspection report which was in December 2014 and from the most recent published data which is January 2015.
If the building is not fit for purpose and requires capital investment why has this not been done?	The LA has a 21 <sup>st</sup> Century schools programme, one of the contributing factors is the condition of the school building, Llanfair Kilgeddin was highlighted within the programme as a priority within band B of the 21 <sup>st</sup> century schools programme based on the building. However there are other contributing factors that are considered when putting forward proposals including surplus places and standards of education, suitability and sufficiency. The Governing Body (GB) had plans drawn up to refurbish the building however this was dependant on funding from the Diocese which is a matter between the two parties.
There is no mention in the document about how well the pupils have done in Year 6?	The LA will collate this information from Usk school and will include within the consultation report which will be provided to Cabinet.
The LA need to take responsibility for poor leadership and management at the school because they were responsible for the headteacher appointments at the school.	The responsibility for appointments within schools is that of the governing body including headteacher appointments. The executive headteacher arrangement was agreed by the GB.
Is the post of a new headteacher still active?	No, the Governing body went through the process to recruit a new headteacher and shortlisted one candidate, however

	that person withdrew prior to interview so that is where the process ended.
The proposed new catchment areas seem logical	This comment is noted
Why is the capacity of the school 40 and the admission number only 5, this meant the school could never admit up to the capacity if the year groups were capped at 5	The capacity is calculated using WG guidance. The total capacity of the school is calculated by dividing the size of each classroom by 1.86 which is the amount of space required per pupil, therefore the capacity of 40 is derived. The admission number is calculated by dividing the capacity by 7 year groups, this is 5.71, the calculation then automatically rounds this down as dictated by the WG guidance. There is not an option to round up because the physical space is not there to accommodate 6 in each year group. There is also not the option to round the capacity down to 35.
What will happen to the outside play equipment?	This will remain in situ until any decisions are made however the LA on behalf of the GB will have the equipment inspected to ensure it is safe to use.
Is there the possibility of the LA setting up a new school on the same site?	The land and building is owned by the Dioceses so that will be for them to decide on the future of the site.
Where did the information provided on standards of Education come from because it is not the correct data?	The data was taken from the last Estyn inspection report which was in December 2014 and from the most recent published data which is January 2015.
Why did the LA not seek to reappoint a headteacher as soon as the substantive head teacher left in March?	This is a decision that only the GB can take, however in the circumstances the Acting headteacher left at short notice and the LA on behalf of the GB were unable to find another acting headteacher at such short notice who was willing to take on the role.
The document states that the authority will breach the admission number at the chosen school from September 2016 but this has already been done?	At the time of writing the document there were pupils still on roll at the school.
The document states that the authority will provide free home to school transport in line with the policy to the chosen school from September 2016, does this mean the transport already provided will be withdrawn?	No, the transport will not be withdrawn in September 2016. It will continue for the duration the pupils are in their chosen school. Should the proposal to close the school be agreed any future children within the area should receive home to school transport to their catchment school in line with the home to school transport policy.
What will happen with the playing fields because they belong to the village not the diocese?	This is a matter for the Diocese and the community because the LA do not own the building or the land.
What has happened to the funds from the sale of the land next to the school, a commitment was given to put the funds back into	This is a matter for the diocese.

education but the school never had any money?	
There are 6 houses being built down the road but have not been included within the document? The school has been listed within the planning application as being available to take additional pupils?	The Site at Llanfair Kilgeddin referred to is an allocation for around 5 dwellings in the Adopted Local Development Plan. No one has come forward as yet to develop the site so there is no current planning application. Therefore this is why it has not been included within the pupil projections.
The document states there is a village hall but that is 1 mile away.	This comment is noted.
Why was the perimeter fence put up and then the pupils transferred from the site, this was a waste of money?	At the time the fence was erected there were no proposals to consult on closure of the school, the move to Usk was of a temporary nature as it was anticipated the pupils would return. Should the proposal to close be agreed the fence could be relocated elsewhere.
Why were pupils who were previously on roll at the school not consulted with?	The WG School Organisation Code states that we have to consult with parents of pupils on roll at the school subject to the proposal or schools directly affected by the proposal. As stated above we will endeavour to undertake consultation with a sample of pupils who previously attended the school with parental authorisation.
The drop-in session is not a good format it is not a consultation meeting.	As part of the School Organisation Code there is not a requirement for LA's to hold consultation meetings however we thought a drop-in session would be helpful for all interested parties to attend at a time convenient to them.
A community impact assessment has not been completed, why?	Community impact has been included within the Equality Impact Assessment at appendix 2, however a new process has been implemented by the Authority which will be completed also.
The diocese were not part of the consultation event so therefore the consultation has not been done properly?	Even though the diocese were not at the consultation drop-in session they were consulted with prior to the process starting which is in line with the School Organisation Code. They were also invited to attend the drop-in session.
Governors raised concerns regarding the process in relation to the pupils temporarily relocating to Usk.	This was an emergency situation and the LA on behalf of the GB had been unable to secure management of the school after the Easter holidays. The Diocese were in agreement with this move as Usk was the nearest church school.
Concerns were raised regarding the process undertaken by the GB to request the LA to start statutory processes on proposed closure of the school.	It was agreed to hold a separate meeting with the governors who raised this issue.