

## MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTY HALL, RHADYR, USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE NP15 1GA

## SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013

NOTICE IS GIVEN in accordance with Section 41 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code 2018 that Monmouthshire County Council, having consulted such persons as required, propose to establish a new Welsh Medium School to be maintained by Monmouthshire County Council at Rockfield Road, Overmonnow, Monmouth, NP25 5BA for pupils aged 3-11.

Monmouthshire County 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 Estyn's full response has been published to all statutory consultees and is available via <a href="School Reorganisation">School Reorganisation</a> - Monmouthshire.

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 1st September 2024.

The proposed new school will be a community school and Monmouthshire County Council will be the admission authority. Applications for places at the new school will be managed and determined in line with the Council's agreed School Admissions Policy.

The admission number for pupils aged 4-11 at the new school in the first year in which the proposals have been implemented is 30. The new school pupil capacity will be 60.

The new school will provide nursery provision to be maintained by Monmouthshire County Council which will provide 30 full time equivalent places.

It is the intention of the Council that transport shall be provided free of charge for pupils to their new school in accordance with the Council policy at that time. The



current policy is that pupils are eligible for free home to school transport if they meet the following criteria:

- a) They attend their nearest or catchment area Welsh medium school and
- b) They live more than one and a half miles from the school for primary or
- c) They live more than two miles from the school for secondary.

Within a period of 28 days of the date on which the proposal was published, that is to say by **17**<sup>th</sup> **July 2023**, any person may object to the proposals outlined within this notice.

Objections should be sent to the School & Student Access Unit, Monmouthshire County Council, County Hall, Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA or email to strategicreview@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Signed Date: 19th June 2023

Paul Matthews Chief Executive For Monmouthshire County Council

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

The new Welsh Medium Primary School will be located on the Overmonnow Primary School site by utilising existing accommodation at the school to create two separate schools. The school will be established using a seedling growth model which means in the first year the school will have pupils in nursery, reception and potentially year 1, a year group will be added each academic year until the reception / Year 1 cohort reaches year 6.



Whilst the Admission Number is published at 30, current projections do not anticipate this number will be met in the short term.

It is also proposed that the new school would have a Local Authority maintained nursery providing early education places for 3 and 4 year olds. We would also establish a Welsh medium non-maintained Cylch Meithrin on the site of the school to provide wrap around childcare for 3 and 4 year olds, as well as Flying Start childcare for 2 year olds.