

Bridgend County Borough Council

Notice is given in accordance with section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Bridgend County Borough Council, having consulted such persons as required, proposes to make a regulated alteration to enlarge Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr to a 2.5 form-entry school, (that is, 525 places for learners aged 4-11), a 90-place full-time equivalent nursery plus an 8-place observation and assessment class. Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr is currently maintained by Bridgend County Borough Council.

Under this proposal, Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr would relocate from its current location at Princess Way, Brackla, Bridgend CF31 2LN, to a new-build school on land off Ffordd Cadfan, Brackla, Bridgend.

Bridgend County Borough Council undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by the consultees, the proposer's responses and the views of Estyn, is available on the Bridgend County Borough Council's website:

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/my-council/equalities-and-engagement/consultations/current-consultations/ysgol-gymraeg-bro-ogwr-consultation/>

It is proposed to implement the proposal at the beginning of the autumn term 2025. Bridgend County Borough Council will be the admission authority.

The current number of learners at the school is 343 (aged 4 to 11) plus 50 full-time nursery learners and 8 part-time nursery learners. The current capacity of the school is 378 (for learners aged 4 to 11) plus 55 nursery learners. The proposed capacity once the proposal is implemented will be 525 (for learners aged 4 to 11), 90 full-time equivalent nursery places plus an 8-place observation and assessment class.

The admission number for the age group 4 to 5 at the proposed school in the first school year in which the proposals have been implemented will be 75. The school will have 90 full-time equivalent nursery places.

The arrangements for school transport will in accordance with Bridgend County Borough Council's current Home-to-School/College Transport Policy.

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/media/5632/home-to-school-or-college-transport-policy-v2.pdf>

Within a period of one 28 days of the date on which the proposal was published, that is to say by Wednesday 27 July 2022 any person may object to the proposals.

Objections must be made in writing to:

Lindsay Iorwerth Harvey (Mr)
C/o Education and Family Support Directorate Support Unit
Corporate Director – Education and Family Support
Bridgend County Borough Council
Civic Offices
Angel Street
CF31 4WB

Or sent via e-mail to: edsu@bridgend.gov.uk

Bridgend County Borough Council will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their response thereon, before the end of seven days beginning with the day of its determination of the proposal.

Signed:



Lindsay Iorwerth Harvey (Mr)
Corporate Director – Education and Family Support
Date: 30 June 2022

Explanatory Note

This proposal involves enlarging Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr to increase the number of Welsh-medium places available. The proposal means that Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr would transfer to land off Ffordd Cadfan to an enlarged primary school. The new building would be designed for 525 learners aged 4 to 11, 90 full-time equivalent nursery learners and an 8-place observation and assessment class. The new provision would open at the beginning of the autumn term 2025.

The council has brought forward this proposal to build a replacement school for Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr in order to:

- increase the number of Welsh-medium places to support Welsh Government's Cymraeg 2050 strategy and the local authority's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan;
- provide a new 21st Century school building which will support the delivery of the new curriculum; and
- address overcrowding and building condition issues.

The proposed new school building would be suitably designed to meet the requirements for the delivery of sustainable communities for learning.