

Proposal to create an 'all through' school for pupils aged between 3 and 19 years, at the Garth Olwg Community Campus

Community Impact Assessment

This assessment is prepared in accordance with guidance contained within Annex D of statutory code document number 006/2013, the School Organisation Code.

This proposal is to be consulted on between 2nd October and 29th December 2017 and if agreed, will result in the closure of YGG Garth Olwg and YG Garth Olwg, with a new school created in their place. A detailed consultation document has been circulated to all prescribed consultees. Copies have already been forwarded to the Welsh Government in compliance with consultation and publication guidelines. This document clearly focuses on the education argument and case for change. This Impact Assessment is not included in the consultation document as we are mindful that the document needs to be as concise and informative as possible, whilst at the same time being readable and 'user-friendly'. The free availability of this document is however stressed; in addition, it is available for any person to view or download from the Council website.

It must be stated that the community impact of these proposals will be neutral as the existing school sites, buildings and facilities will continue to be used by the new school that will replace the existing ones. There will be no changes made other than to the leadership, management and staffing structures of the two schools. There will be no closures of buildings and no alternative facilities or buildings will be required. Creation of one new all-through school will however provide the opportunity to use the existing accommodation in a more flexible way and will therefore ensure sufficiency of Welsh Medium Primary School places in this catchment area.

There will be no change to any of the facilities either school provides at present, including after school clubs and breakfast clubs. Any outside organisations that currently use the schools facilities will continue to use these facilities in exactly the same way as they do at present.

The Garth Olwg Campus also accommodates other groups and providers of community facilities that are extensively used by the general public, including the Lifelong Learning Centre and cyber-café, the Church Village Library and the day nursery provision for pre-school children operated by Mudiad Meithrin. All of these organisations will remain at the Campus making exactly the same provision of services as they do at the present time. There will be no change to any of these provisions with the creation of a new school at the site.

This is not a rural area, and the existence of so many other schools and other community facilities within a short distance means that it is not deemed necessary to consider the enhancement of other community facilities that may exist in the local area, especially as no existing facilities will be lost under these proposals.

There will also be no changes whatsoever to distances travelled by pupils as they will remain in the same school campus, consequently there will be no changes or any other implications for home to school transport provision.