

FORMAL CONSULTATION TO ESTABLISH A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL ON THE JUBILEE PARK DEVELOPMENT (Everyday Summary – Children & Young People - Version)

The Council is proposing to establish a new primary school in Newport for pupils aged between 3 and 11 years, on the Jubilee Park housing development, with effect from September 2017.

Jubilee Park is a new housing development in the Rogerstone area of Newport, and on completion will consist of circa 900 dwellings. A new 1.5 form entry (45 places per year group, equating to a published admission number of 45) primary school is being built by the developer, Walters Group, and will be handed over to the Council in the summer of 2017.

In order to support the school opening in September 2017, the Council is required to carry out a school reorganisation proposal to legally establish the school. This formal consultation marks the first stage in this process.

How do I get involved?

Two consultation drop-in sessions have been arranged. You are welcome to attend either of these sessions and meet council officers face-to-face to discuss the proposal.

Location	Date & Time	Session
Rivermead Centre, Fuscia Way, Rogerstone, Newport, NP10 9LD	Thursday 24 th November 2016 3.30pm – 6.00pm	Drop-in event
Committee Room 7, Civic Centre, Newport, NP20 4UR	Friday 25 th November 2016 9.00am – 11.30am	Drop-in event

The formal consultation period runs from Tuesday 15th November 2016 and will end at midnight on Monday 2nd January 2017.

Comments and questions can be submitted using the attached response pro-forma. This pro-forma will also be available at the drop-in sessions or can be downloaded from www.newport.gov.uk/schoolreorg

These responses should be returned to the Education Service Development Manager, Room 425w, Newport City Council, Civic Centre, Newport NP20 4UR. Alternatively comments and completed pro-formas can be returned by email to school.reorg@newport.gov.uk

What will the proposal provide?

This proposal will increase the number of primary school places available in that area of the City. The school will be established on a growing school basis with a published admission number of 15 for the 2017/18 academic year, increasing to 30 for the 2018/19 academic year before being set at 45 from September 2019 onwards.

What is a “growing” school?

Opening a new school as a growing school allows it to grow in size as the population of the development grows. Under this arrangement, the school will grow incrementally over a three year period.

Why is a “growing” school an appropriate solution?

The new school is being provided by the site developer as part of the planning agreement with the Council to meet the needs of the local community. At the time of opening however the housing development will not be fully complete.

In accordance with the Welsh Government statutory School Admissions Code, the Council is unable to either restrict admission to a school to those pupils living within the designated catchment area or to reserve places in a school for any pupils who may subsequently move into the catchment area. If the new school was opened to immediate full capacity therefore, admission applications could be submitted from children living across the City and even from outside of the City. Opening the school as a “growing” school will go some way towards mitigating this risk.

Councils in other Local Authority areas have successfully opened new schools under a growing school model in the past, and there is precedent across the region for these arrangements to support new housing developments.

When will this happen?

It is proposed that the new primary school will open in September 2017.

What is the cost of the project?

All building costs associated with this project are being met by the developer, Walters Group, as part of the Council’s planning agreement. The Council is however responsible for all fixtures, fittings and equipment that are required to support the new school. These estimated costs of £350,000 will be funded via the Council’s Capital Programme.

What will the school catchment area be?

The new primary school will have a dedicated catchment area, and for secondary education, the area will fall within the catchment area for Bassaleg School.

How can I make an application for this school?

Newport City Council will be the admissions authority for the new community-maintained primary school, and applications for admission will be assessed in accordance with the Council’s School Admissions Policy. Further information on the School Admissions policy and process can be found on the Council website at www.newport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

How is the Governing Body elected?

If this proposal is agreed, a temporary Governing Body will be appointed who will be responsible for appointing a Headteacher, agreeing a staffing structure and deciding on other aspects such as the school name, uniform and logo.

How and when will staff be appointed?

The temporary Governing Body would need to consider the timescales for the appointment of a Headteacher in order that an appropriate staffing structure of teachers and support staff can be established and recruitment can take place in readiness for the school to open. As a growing school, the staff compliment will increase incrementally until the school is fully subscribed, and there will be only a relatively small staff group in the first year.

How many children will be school be able to take?

The full capacity of the school is for 315 mainstream pupils of statutory school age (equating to a published admission number of 45), plus a 24 place nursery and a SEN Learning Resource Base with capacity for 10 pupils. As a growing school however the published admission number will be set at 15 for the 2017/18 academic year, increasing to 30 for the 2018/19 academic year before being set at 45 from September 2019 onwards. The nursery will be a 15 place setting in the first year only, increasing to full capacity for September 2018.

Information can also be arranged in other community languages if needed. Please contact us on 01633 656656 to arrange.

Consultation Response Pro-forma

Establishment of a new primary school in Newport on the Jubilee Park housing development

Your views matter. Please tell us what you think about the proposal by completing this questionnaire and returning it to the Education Service Development Manager, Newport City Council, Room 425W, Civic Centre, Newport NP20 4UR. Alternatively you can email your response to school.reorg@newport.gov.uk

The closing date for the submission of responses to this consultation is midnight on 2nd January 2017.

Please note that negative responses made to this consultation will not be counted as objections to the proposal, they will be recorded as adverse comments. Objections can only be registered following the publication of a statutory notice.

Do you support the proposal to establish a new primary school for children aged between 3 and 11 years on the Jubilee Park housing development?

Yes No

Please use the box below to give any reasons or comments (including alternative options).

Please indicate who you are (e.g. parent/carer of a child attending a local nursery)

If you wish to be notified of the publication of the consultation report, please supply your contact details:

E-mail: _____

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