

NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

Statutory Notice – School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013

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Notice is given in accordance with section 41 and section 43 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Newport City Council, having consulted such persons as required, proposes to amalgamate Fair oak Nursery School and Kimberley Nursery School into a single nursery school on the current Fair oak Nursery School site from September 2021.

The Council undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the opinions raised by consultees, the views of Estyn and the proposer's response, is available on the Newport City Council website at www.newport.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation.

Kimberley Nursery School is an English-medium, community maintained standalone nursery school located at Blaen-Y-Pant Crescent, Newport, NP20 5QB. It has a published admission number of 80 pupils, equivalent to 40 pupils per morning and afternoon session, with an age range of 3-4 years. The school also hosts a 16-place Communication Class for children aged 3-4 years with additional learning needs specifically associated with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Fair oak Nursery School is an English-medium, community maintained standalone nursery school located at Church Road, Newport, NP19 7EJ. It has a published admission number of 144 pupils, equivalent to 72 pupils per morning and afternoon session, with an age range of 3-4 years.

Following amalgamation there will be one English-medium, community maintained standalone mixed-sex nursery school located on the current Fair oak Nursery School site at Church Road, Newport, NP19 7EJ which will have a published admission number of 144 pupils, equivalent to 72 pupils per morning and afternoon session, with an age range of 3-4 years. The new nursery school will also host a 16-place Communication Class for children aged 3-4 years with additional learning needs specifically associated with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Under this proposal the new nursery school will be maintained by Newport City Council and therefore the Council will be the admission authority. It is not proposed that the mainstream admission arrangements will make any provision for selection by aptitude or ability. Admission to the Communication Class provision will be based on an assessment of need as determined by the Chief Education Officer.

The Council's mainstream Home to School Transport policy does not make provision for nursery age children. However, children attending the specialist Communication Class may be eligible for free home to school transport following an assessment of individual need undertaken by the Chief Education Officer. These provisions are unaffected by this proposal.

Objection Period

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of the proposal, that is to say by 6th January 2021 any person may object in writing or by email to the proposal.

Objections by email should be sent to school.reorg@newport.gov.uk. Objections in writing should be sent to Newport City Council, for the attention of the Education Information and Development Officer, Room 425w, Civic Centre, Newport, NP20 4UR.

The Council will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, at the time of notification to stakeholders of the determination of the proposal.

Signed:

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Dated: 1st December 2020