

GWYNEDD COUNCIL

SECTION 48 SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION ACT (WALES) 2013 NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE YSGOL LLANAELHAERN GWYNEDD COUNCIL, COUNCIL OFFICES, CAERNARFON, GWYNEDD, LL55 1SH

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 43 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Gwynedd Council, having consulted such persons as required, propose to discontinue YSGOL LLANAELHAERN, Llanaelhaearn, Gwynedd LL54 5AL. The school is currently maintained by Gwynedd Council.

Gwynedd 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 is available on www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/modernisingeducation.

It is proposed to implement the proposals on **31 August 2020**.

Subject to parental choice, current Ysgol Llanaelhaearn pupils will transfer to Ysgol Bro Plenydd, Y Ffôr, Gwynedd, LL53 6UP on 1 September 2020. The school is a Welsh Medium Community School for girls and boys aged 3-11 and is located in the village of Y Ffôr.

The catchment area of Ysgol Bro Plenydd from September 2020 will include the catchment area of the present school as it is today, and Ysgol Llanaelhaearn's catchment area. The admission authority for Ysgol Bro Plenydd is Gwynedd Council and pupils will be admitted in accordance with the Authorities Admissions Policy. The admissions arrangements for the school will not make provision for selection by aptitude or ability (pupil banding).

Transport will be provided to the school in accordance with Gwynedd Council's School Transport Policy, and transitional transport arrangements will be provided for those pupils registered at Ysgol Llanaelhaearn at the date of this notice to either Ysgol Bro Plenydd or Ysgol Chwilog.

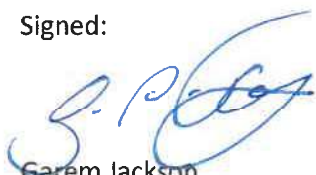
Gwynedd Council is the maintaining authority and will implement the proposal.

This proposal has been formulated as a result of the need to address the low numbers of pupils attending Ysgol Llanaelhaearn and consequently the small class sizes, as well as low projections for future numbers. None of the other options identified for the school, including federalisation, addressed this. As a result, closing the school is considered the most appropriate response.

Within a period of 28 days of the date on which the proposal was published, that is to say by **3 April 2020** any persons may object to the proposals.

Objections should be sent to the Head of Education, Gwynedd Council, Council Offices, Caernarfon, LL55 1SH or by sending an e-mail for the attention of the Head of Education to modernisingeducation@gwynedd.llyw.cymru.

Signed:



Garem Jackson

Head of Education, on behalf of Gwynedd Council

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(The following is not part of the notice but is intended to explain its general purpose)

Following a consultation Process Gwynedd Council propose to close Ysgol Llanaelhaearn and offer a place for pupils at Ysgol Bro Plenydd, Y Ffôr from the 1st September 2020.

In accordance with the Authorities admissions policy, parents are entitled to apply for admission (or transfer request) to any school. Transitional free school transport provision will be in place for those pupils registered at Ysgol Llanaelhaearn at the date of this notice, to either Ysgol Bro Plenydd, Y Ffôr or Ysgol Chwilog, if they live more than 2 miles from their chosen school, or they would be eligible for free transport due to the nature of the route to their chosen school, in accordance with the current transport policy. This is a temporary arrangement for the remainder of their time at the school.