

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Board

11th February 2016

Report of the Head of Participation Chris Millis

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

All Wards

CHILDCARE FACILITIES WITHIN SCHOOLS IN NEATH PORT TALBOT

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this Report is to present the current situation with regard to childcare facilities located on school sites. The Report seeks to update Members and seeks authorisation to regularise the position of childcare settings on school sites.

Included with this Report is a list of childcare provisions currently occupying surplus space within schools throughout the County Borough.

Executive Summary

2. This Report seeks to gain authorisation for the development of childcare facilities on school sites and to allocate delegated powers to the Head of Participation to authorise childcare developments on school sites. This is reported to Members on an annual basis.

Background

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to provide sufficient childcare places for those parents and carers who want them. This duty came into effect in April 2008 and forms part of the statutory duties imposed on all local authorities set out by the Childcare Act 2006.

The Early Years and Childcare Unit are currently implementing the Delivery Plan which was developed following the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment. This places a statutory duty on the Local Authority and early indications are that more out of school childcare places will be required so that the Authority can meet demand from parents.

There are different types of childcare currently located in schools and these include:

Full Day Care – facilities that provide childcare for children under eight for a continuous period of four hours or more in any day in premises which are not domestic.

Out of School Care – the total care is for more than two hours in any day and for more than five days in a year. It is intended for children who attend school and may include breakfast clubs, after school clubs and holiday play clubs.

Sessional Day Care – facilities that provide day care for children under eight for a session which is less than a continuous period of four hours in any day. These may include playgroups and Welsh medium Cylchoedd Meithrin. Sessional childcare can also include a wrap around facility for children attending part time nursery education who can be cared for in a childcare setting, either on a school site or in the community but linked to the school, for the remainder of the school day.

Some of the childcare settings located on school sites are funded by the Welsh Government Initiative Flying Start, whilst some others are funded through the Welsh Governments Out of School Childcare Grant.

Flying Start is targeted at 0-3 year olds in the most disadvantaged communities in Wales. It aims to create positive outcomes in the medium and long term. It is a prescriptive programme, based on international evidence of what works. Flying Start funding has been secured until March 2017 subject to Welsh Government approval.

What it means in practice:

- Free quality part-time childcare for 2-3 year olds
- An enhanced Health Visiting service
- Access to Parenting Programmes
- Access to Language and Play sessions.

These are universally available to all children aged 0-3 and their families in the areas in which it runs.

Due to various reasons, it has become more viable to develop childcare facilities in school with surplus capacity which in turn maximises the use of Local Authority buildings as well as maximising use of the educational portfolio. This has many benefits for both the school and the children and families who use the childcare facility. Having onsite childcare facilities in schools ensures the continuity for young children and their families, and the schools get to know the children and families earlier which means better planning for better results.

The Out of School Childcare Grant is utilised to meet any unmet demand identified in the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment including holiday clubs, after school clubs and also raising the profile of the Family Information Service.

The Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) have introduced new registration requirements to include children under 12 in regulation. Previously regulations only applied to children up to 8 years of age. This change may impact on the number of children childcare settings will be registered for but it is envisaged that the current number of registered places will be maintained. The biggest changes will be with childminders who now may need planning permission to operate a childminding business from their home.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications for the Council in relation to this report.

Equality Impact Assessment

3. An Equality Impact Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the initial screening assessment it has been determined that this proposal does not require an Equality Impact Assessment.

Workforce Impacts

There are no workforce impacts or implications for the Council in relation to this report.

Legal Impacts

There are no legal impacts or implications for the Council in relation to this report.

Risk Management

4. This Report seeks to minimise the risk to the Council by continuing to support Governing Bodies of Schools and also supporting the Local Authority in meeting the statutory duties placed on it in the Childcare Act 2006.

Consultation

There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

5. It is recommended that Members agree in principle to the authorising of the development of childcare facilities on school sites with the terms and conditions to be agreed by the Head of Property and Regeneration.

To allocate delegated powers to the Head of Participation to authorise childcare developments on school sites and to report to Members on an annual basis

Reasons for Proposed Decision

6. To support the Governing Bodies of schools in supporting the request for childcare facilities to be developed on school sites. Thus also supporting the Local Authority in meeting the statutory duties placed on it in the Childcare Act 2006. This will in turn support the Child Poverty agenda in enabling parents the time to enter training or employment opportunities, or to access employment or training within the childcare sector.

Implementation of Decision

7. It is proposed for the three day call in period.
8. List of Background Papers
Equality Impact Screening Assessment

Appendices

Childcare Facilities in Schools February 2016.

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Appendix A - Childcare Facilities in Schools Updated List February 2016

Flying Start Childcare Facilities

SCHOOL	TYPE OF FACILITY	RUN BY	OPERATING TIMES	USEAGE OF ROOM	LOCATION
Melin Infant School	Flying Start Playgroup	Private	42 weeks of the year	Exclusive use	Demountable
Melin Junior School	Flying Start Playgroup	Private	42 weeks of the year	Shared use	Classroom
Brynhyfryd Primary School	Flying Start Playgroup	Private	42 weeks of the year	Shared use	Demountable
Croeserw Primary School	Flying Start Playgroup	Social Enterprise	In Development	Exclusive use	Demountable
Glyncorrwg Primary School	Flying Start Playgroup	Social	In Development	Exclusive use	Demountable

		Enterprise			
Gnoll Primary School	Flying Start Playgroup /Full Day Care	Private	All year	Exclusive use	Classroom
Penafan Primary School	Flying Start Playgroup/ Full Day Care	Private	Term time only	Exclusive use	Classroom
Awel y Mor Primary School	Flying Start Playgroup	Private	42 weeks of the year	Exclusive use	Classroom
Sandfields Primary School	Flying Start Playgroup	Voluntary managed	42 weeks of the year	Exclusive use	Classroom
Traethmelyn Primary School	Flying Start Playgroup	Private	42 weeks of the year	Shared use	Classroom
Rhydyfro Primary School	Flying Start Playgroup/sessional	Private	42 weeks of the year	Shared use	Classroom

Cymmer Primary	Flying Start Playgroup	Private	42 weeks	Shared use	Classroom
YGG Gwaun Cae Gurwen	Flying Start Playgroup/Wrap Around	Voluntary Managed	42 weeks	Exclusive use	Classroom
Blaengwrach Primary School	Playgroup	Voluntary Managed	In Development	Sole use	Demountable Open from May 2016 (approx)
Ysgol Gymraeg Pontardawe	Flying Start/Sessional	Private	Term time only	Exclusive Use	Classroom From May 2016 (Approx)

Non Flying Start Funded Childcare Facilities

SCHOOL	TYPE OF FACILITY	RUN BY	OPERATING TIMES	USEAGE OF ROOM	LOCATION
Alltwen Primary School	Full Day Care	Private	All year	Shared	Demountable
Blaenbaglan	After School Club/Holiday Club	Private	All year	Shared	School Hall
Catwg Primary School	After School Club/Holiday Club	Voluntary Managed	All Year	Shared use	School Hall
Coedffranc Primary School	After School Club	School run	Term time only	Shared use	Classroom
Creunant Primary School	Full Day Care	Voluntary Managed	All year	Shared use	Classroom

Cwmnedd Primary School	After School Club	Private	Term time only	Exclusive use	Demountable
Gnoll Primary School	Full Day Care	Private	All year	Exclusive use	Classroom
Penafan Primary School	Full Day Care	Private	Term time only	Exclusive use	Classroom
Rhydyfro Primary School	Full Day Care	Private	Term time only	Shared use	Classroom
Tywyn Primary School	After School Club / Holiday Club	Voluntary managed	All year	Shared use	School Hall
YGG Blaendulais	Wrap around childcare	Voluntary managed	Term time only	Shared use	Classroom

YGG Gwaun Cae Gurwen	Cylch Meithrin/Wrap Around	Voluntary Managed /Flying Start	42 weeks of the year	Exclusive use	Classroom
YGG Y Wern	After School Club/Holiday Club	Voluntary Managed	All year	Shared use	School Hall
Llangatwg Community School	Full Day Care	Private	All year	Exclusive use	Demountable
Ysgol Gymraeg Pontardawe	After school club	Private	Term time only	Shared use	School library
Neath Abbey Infants	Wrap around/ after school club	School run	Term time only	Shared use	Classroom
Tonnau Primary	Full Day Care	Private	All Year	Shared use	Community

					room
Wauceirch Primary School	After School Club	School Run	Term time only	Shared use	Classroom

Voluntary Aided School Childcare Facilities

SCHOOL	TYPE OF FACILITY	RUN BY	OPERTAING TIMES	USEAGE OF ROOMS	LOCATION
Alderman Davies School	After School Club	School	Term time only	Shared	Classroom
Bryncoch Church in Wales School	After School Club	Private	Term time only	Shared	School Hall