

**This Statutory Notice is published by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, Civic Centre, Port Talbot. SA13 1PJ**

**NOTICE** is given in accordance with Section 41 and 43 of the School Standards and Organisation Act (Wales) 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council having consulted such persons as required, propose to:

- Discontinue Dyffryn School, Bertha Road, Margam, Port Talbot , SA13 2AN, an English-medium, community, secondary school currently maintained by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.
- Discontinue Groes Primary School, Bertha Road, Margam, Port Talbot, SA13 2AW, an English-medium, community, primary school currently maintained by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.
- Establish an English-medium, community school for boys and girls age 3-16 years at Bertha Road, Margam, Port Talbot, SA13 2AN. This school will be maintained by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

Neath Port Talbot County Borough 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 Council's response to these queries and the views of Estyn are available at <https://www.npt.gov.uk/pdf/ConsultationReportYNMargam.pdf>

It is proposed to implement the proposal on **1<sup>st</sup> September 2018**.

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council will be the admission authority. It is not proposed that the admission arrangements to the school will make any provision for selection by aptitude or ability.

The admission number in the first school year in which the proposal has been implemented is: 30 for pupils aged 4; and  
210 for pupils aged 11

At primary phase, the school will have capacity to provide for 210 full-time pupils and 45 part-time (23 a.m. and 22 p.m.) nursery places. At secondary phase the school will have capacity to provide for 1200 pupils.

Admission to the school will be via automatic transfer for full-time pupils on roll at the point of closure at Groes Primary School and Dyffryn School (subject to any expression of parental preference). All other admissions will be via the Council's School Admission Policy.

The new school will serve the areas currently served by Groes Primary School at primary phase and Dyffryn School at secondary phase.

Transport arrangements will be in line with Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's Home to School Travel Policy.

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of this proposal, that is to say by the **1<sup>st</sup> February 2017**, any person may object to the proposal.

Objections should be sent to the Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning (for attention of Debora Holder) at Civic Centre Port Talbot. SA13 1PJ or e-mailed to [ssip@npt.gov.uk](mailto:ssip@npt.gov.uk)

Signed:



Aled Evans, Director of Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning

**Dated: 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

### **Explanatory Notes:**

(This note does not form part of the Notice but is intended to explain its general meaning)

- (i) It is intended that the two existing schools will all close on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 and, as from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018, full-time pupils attending Groes Primary and Dyffryn School will, at the point of closure, transfer to the new 3-16 school. (subject to any parental preference).
- (ii) Prospective pupils (including nursery pupils transferring to full-time education) will need to apply for a place at the new school in line with the Council's Admission Policy. The Council's most current School Admissions Policy can be viewed on the Council's website:  
[https://www.npt.gov.uk/pdf/NPTCBC\\_Community\\_School\\_Admission\\_Arrangements\\_2017\\_2018.pdf](https://www.npt.gov.uk/pdf/NPTCBC_Community_School_Admission_Arrangements_2017_2018.pdf)
- (iii) It is intended that the new school will open on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 in a new building located at the Groes Primary and Dyffryn School site. If there is a delay in the new school build and occupation of the new building is not possible on that date the new school will be established in the existing buildings until such time that the new school build is ready and available for occupation.
- (iv) The reasons for the proposal are set out in the consultation document which is available on the SSIP webpage on the Council's website:  
<https://www.npt.gov.uk/pdf/CONSULTATIONDOCUMENTMargam.pdf>
- (v) The Authority's School Transport policy is available from the Council's website:  
[http://www.npt.gov.uk/pdf/Home\\_to\\_school\\_transport\\_policy\\_2014.pdf](http://www.npt.gov.uk/pdf/Home_to_school_transport_policy_2014.pdf)
- (vi) Hard copies or alternative versions of all documentation may be obtained upon request from the Strategic School Improvement Team, Education Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Port Talbot Civic Centre, Port Talbot.