

Frequently Asked Questions

Why has the project been delayed?

A. Funding has only recently been made available.

Q. Why are you going back out to public consultation?

A. This is a multi-million pounds project and we want to make sure we get it right.

Q. Is this a waste of taxpayer's money?

A. The costs of ensuring that we choose the correct site are small compared to the total cost. This will be a modern facility that is intended to serve this community for at least the next 50 to 100 years.

Q. What will be the capacity of the school?

A. The proposed new school is a full replacement of the current school and nursery and will be a one-form entry primary school for 190 pupils and 30 nursery pupils, plus a unit for up to 20 pupils with Additional Learning Needs.

Q. How can you build on the playing fields when it is protected by the Fields in Trust?

A. We would require a field change request to be approved by Fields in Trust. This would require MTCBC to offer an alternative site of at least equal quality and accessibility.

Q. Who will make the final decision on the location of the school?

A. The Council will make a final decision, having taken full account of the community's consultation responses.

Q. What are the project timescales?

A. Ideally the new school will be completed by March 2020

Q. Will there be a cost for community use of the new rugby pitch?

A. There are no proposals to change current arrangements. The intention is to replace like with like.

Q. If the school is built on the Godre'r Coed Playing Field site, will there be a full size rugby pitch?

A. The intention is that it would be a regulation size pitch.

Q. Will there be a need for compulsory purchase orders on residential property/land if YYG is built on the former Vaynor and Penderyn site?

A. There could be. Where a compulsory purchase order would be required, this would probably only extend to garden areas along access roads.

Q. At what point would you liaise with the potential residents who are going to be affected in the event of compulsory purchase orders?

A. As soon as possible after the school build site has been confirmed by Council.

Q. If the school is built on the Godre'r Coed Playing Field site, does the replacement grass space have to go on one site or will it be on several sites in the ward?

A. It could be spread over more than one site.

Q. If the school is built on the Godre'r Playing Field site, will the rugby pitch be taken off Cefn RFC?

A. The Fields in Trust status will not affect the Rugby Club's use of the field.

Q. If Godre'r Coed Playing Field is the site ultimately chosen - as per Fields in Trust replacement land criteria, where will the land that you intend to give back to the community be located within the area ?

A. Options for consideration are the former Vaynor and Penderyn school site, Teddingtons Field and the Black Patch. Discussions with the Fields in Trust and the local community will take place following the public consultation.

Q. What will happen to the mini rugby players as the black patch is not suitable?

A. Even if the Godre'r Coed Playing Fields are chosen as the site on which the school will be built, there will still be a rugby field available.

Q, Will it be big enough to accommodate all the children and their families

A. Without knowing activities and numbers involved, we are unable to comment on this.

Q. Why is it that the Vaynor community won the Fields in Trust award and you're still trying to take the field?

A. Through the pre-consultation process, the site was chosen as one of the preferred options to take forward to public consultation.

Q. How many car parking spaces are available for community use on the Godre'r Coed site for out of school hours?

A. The detailed design has not yet been done for either site, but it could be approx. 50 spaces on the Godre'r Coed site

Q. If the Godre'r Coed Playing Fields site is chosen, will the Rugby Club be compensated if the training lights and storage facilities are taken away?

A. If the playing fields are chosen as the preferred site for the school, the training lights will remain, as will the playing field, but in a different layout.

Q. If the school was built on the former Vaynor and Penderyn site, would the recreation area for the children at that site be smaller if the community agreed?

A. There are school building regulations that state the minimum size requirements for recreational areas so we can't make the space smaller, even if the community agree. The Council design to the School Building Bulletins in terms of outdoor space requirements.

Q. Why can't the school be built on the former Vaynor and Penderyn site and minibuses hired to take the children to and from school instead of all the parents using their cars? This would be a safer way for the children to access the school.

A. Getting children to and from school is a parental responsibility.

