

STATUTORY NOTICE TO AMALGAMATE GURNOS NURSERY AND GOETRE PRIMARY SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER 2018

Notice is given in accordance with section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, having consulted such persons as required, proposes to discontinue Gurnos Nursery School, Cedar Way, Gurnos Estate, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 9PA and make a regulated alteration to Goetre Primary School, Rowan Way, Gurnos Estate, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 9PB by extending the age range from 4-11 to 3-11. This will create a 3-11 English medium school with 413 primary school places and 83 nursery school places for boys and girls. Both schools are currently maintained by Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council and the amalgamated school will continue to be maintained by Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council.

The Merthyr Tydfil 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 proposer's responses and the views of Estyn is available to view on Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council's website at the following address www.merthyr.gov.uk/council/have-your-say/consultation-on-the-proposal-to-amalgamate-gurnos-nursery-and-goetre-primary-schools-1/.

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 1st September 2018.

Within a period of one 28 days of the date on which the proposal was published, that is to say by 18th June 2018, any person may object to the proposals. Objections should be sent to Chief Officer (Learning), Learning Department, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, Unit 5 Pentrebach, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4TQ.

Signed SUE WALKER, CHIEF OFFICER (LEARNING)
For the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council.
Date: 21st May 2018

EXPLANATORY NOTE OF THE PROPOSALS (not part of the Statutory Notice)- The Council proposes to amalgamate Gurnos Nursery and Goetre Primary schools from 1st September 2018 and make an 'all through' 3 to 11 years primary school based across the existing sites of Gurnos Nursery and Goetre Primary schools. Due to the legal requirements of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, it is proposed that the Council closes Gurnos Nursery School and extends the age range of Goetre Primary school. The closure of the nursery school means that it would no longer be a separate entity. For example, it would not have a separate budget and would not be subject to inspection by Estyn. However, the nursery provision would continue to be provided from the current nursery building. There will be no gap in the children's education because of the proposed amalgamation. The amalgamated school would have nursery classes with the capacity for the same full-time equivalent places as is currently provided. Goetre Primary School would also continue to provide 59 places (two classes) for each year group, from reception through to Year 6, with a total capacity of 500 pupil places. It is proposed that the current local authority LRB classes would remain in situ. It is proposed that the Headteacher of Goetre Primary School would become the Headteacher of the amalgamated school and it is expected that staff from the nursery school would become part of the new amalgamated school. The Governing Body of the primary school would continue as the Governing Body of the amalgamated school and could elect to increase its membership from 13 members to 17 to include members from the Governing Body of the nursery school.