

**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 (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) having consulted such persons as required, propose to:

- Discontinue Alltwen Primary School, Alltwen Hill, Pontardawe, Swansea, SA8 3AB, a school currently maintained by the Council.
- Discontinue Godre’rgraig Primary School, Graig Road, Godre’rgraig, Ystalyfera, Swansea, SA9 2NY, a school currently maintained by the Council.
- Discontinue Llangiwg Primary School, New Road, Ynysmeudwy, Pontardawe, Swansea, SA8 4PJ, a school currently maintained by the Council.
- Establish an English-medium primary school for boys and girls aged 3-11 years with a specialist Learning Support Centre for 16 primary age pupils with a statement of Autistic Spectrum Disorder at Ffordd Parc Ynysderw, Pontardawe, SA8 4EG. This school will be maintained by the Council.

The 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 is available on the Council’s website under the Strategic School Improvement Programme reports page or via the link <https://www.npt.gov.uk/1890>

It is proposed to implement the proposal on **1st September 2024**.

Should the new school building not be available for occupation on 1st September 2024 the new school will be established in the existing buildings until the date upon which the new school building becomes available for occupation.

The proposed new school will be an English-medium, community primary school and include a specialist Learning Support Centre for 16 primary age pupils with a statement of Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

The Council will be the admission authority. It is not proposed that the admission arrangements to the new primary school will make any provision for selection by aptitude or ability.

Admission arrangements for pupils entering the specialist Learning Support Centre will be via a special admission panel of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

The new primary school will provide for 630 full-time pupils and 140 part-time (70 a.m./70 p.m.). The specialist Learning Support Centre will provide for 16 full time primary pupil places.

The admission number for pupils aged 4 years at the new primary school in the first year in which the proposal has been implemented is 90.

Pupils admitted to the Learning Support Centre will be in addition to the admission number for the relevant age group at the school.

Admission to the new primary school will be via automatic transfer for full-time pupils on roll at the point of closure at Alltwen Primary School, Godre'rgraig Primary School and Llangiwg Primary School (subject to parental preference). All other admissions will be via the Council's School Admission Policy.

Admission arrangements for pupils entering the specialist Learning Support Centre will be via a special admission panel of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

Transport arrangements will be in line with the 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 **14th July 2021**, any person may object to the proposal.

Objections should be sent to the Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning (for attention of the Strategic School Improvement Programme team) at Civic Centre Port Talbot. SA13 1PJ or e-mailed to ssip@npt.gov.uk

Signed:



Andrew Thomas, Director of Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning

Dated: 17th June 2021

Explanatory Notes:

(This note does not form part of the Notice but is offered by way of explanation)

- (i) It is intended that the three schools will all close on 31st August 2024 and as from 1st September 2024, full-time pupils attending Alltwen, Godre'rgraig and Llangiwg primary schools will, at the point of closure, transfer to the new primary school to be established at Ffordd Parc Ynysderw, Pontardawe, SA8 4EG

- (subject to any parental preference). Prospective pupils (including nursery pupils transferring to full-time education) will need to apply for a place at the new primary school in line with the Council's Admission Policy.
- (ii) It is intended that the new school will open in a new building located at Ffordd Parc Ynysderw, Pontardawe, SA8 4EG on 1st September 2024. 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.
 - (iii) The reasons for the proposal are set out in the consultation document which is available on the Council's website under the Strategic School Improvement Programme consultation page or via the link: <https://www.npt.gov.uk/1891>
 - (iv) The Authority's School Transport policy is available from the Council's website: www.npt.gov.uk or from the Civic Centre Port Talbot, SA13 1PJ.
 - (v) Hard copies or alternative versions of all documentation may be obtained upon request from the Strategic School Improvement Team, Education Department, 2nd Floor Port Talbot Civic Centre, Port Talbot.