

GWYNEDD COUNCIL

SECTION 48 SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION ACT (WALES) 2013

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE YSGOL ABERSOCH

GWYNEDD COUNCIL, COUNCIL OFFICES, CAERNARFON, GWYNEDD, LL55 1SH

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 43 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Gwynedd Council, having consulted such persons as required, propose to discontinue YSGOL ABERSOCH, Lon Gwydryn, Abersoch, Gwynedd, LL53 7EA. The school is currently maintained by Gwynedd Council.

Gwynedd 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 Estyn's full response is available on www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/modernisingeducation.

It is proposed to implement the proposals on **31 December 2021**.

Subject to parental choice, current Ysgol Abersoch pupils will transfer to Ysgol Sarn Bach, Sarn Bach, Gwynedd, LL53 7LF on 1 January 2022. The school is a Welsh Medium Community School for girls and boys aged 3-11 and is located in the village of Sarn Bach.

The catchment area of Ysgol Sarn Bach from 1 January 2022 will include the catchment area of the present school as it is today, and Ysgol Abersoch's present catchment area. The admission authority for Ysgol Sarn Bach is Gwynedd Council and pupils will be admitted in accordance with the Authorities Admissions Policy. The admissions arrangements for the school will not make provision for selection by aptitude or ability (pupil banding).

Transport will be provided to the school in accordance with Gwynedd Council's School Transport Policy.

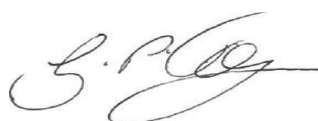
Gwynedd Council is the maintaining authority and will implement the proposal.

This proposal has been formulated as a result of the need to address the low numbers of pupils attending Ysgol Abersoch and consequently the small class sizes, as well as low projections for future numbers. None of the other options identified for the school, including federalisation, addressed these issues. As a result, closing the school is considered the most appropriate solution.

Within a period of 28 days of the date on which the proposal was published, that is to say by **23 July 2021**, any persons may object to the proposal.

Objections should be sent to the Head of Education, Gwynedd Council, Council Offices, Caernarfon, LL55 1SH or by sending an e-mail for the attention of the Head of Education to modernisingeducation@gwynedd.llyw.cymru.

Signed:



Garem Jackson

Head of Education, on behalf of Gwynedd Council

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(The following is not part of the notice but is intended to explain its general purpose)

Following a consultation Process Gwynedd Council propose to close Ysgol Abersoch and offer a place for pupils at Ysgol Sarn Bach from the 1 January 2022.

In accordance with the Authorities admissions policy, parents are entitled to apply for admission (or transfer request) to any school.

Free school transport provision will be offered to pupils in accordance with Gwynedd Council's School Transport Policy.