

Dear stakeholder

In 2022, the local authority undertook a statutory consultation process in respect of a proposal to make a regulated alteration to Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr to increase the number of Welsh-medium primary school places by enlarging the school to 2.5-form-entry with effect from September 2025.

In October 2022, Cabinet determined to implement the proposal as published.

The enlargement would result in relocating the school to land off Ffordd Cadfan, Brackla. The capacity of the school would increase to 525 pupil places for 4 to 11-year-olds, with a 90-place full-time-equivalent nursery plus an 8-place observation and assessment class, and childcare provision co-located at the school site. Upon implementation of the proposal, the Published Admission Number for Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr would be 75.

The development of the scheme has been challenging due to ecology issues which have prevented clearance of the Ffordd Cadfan site. This has impacted on the programme which was presented during the consultation stage and was the basis for Cabinet's decision-making. A revised programme for delivering the replacement school has been developed. However, the planned implementation date, as approved by Cabinet is not achievable.

On 24 June 2025, following consultation with Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr's Governing Body, Cabinet determined to formally modify the implementation date of the enlargement to come into effect in September 2027.

The Cabinet decision of 24 June 2025 is subject to the call-in procedures as set out in Part 4 Rules of Procedure in the Council's Constitution which allows decisions taken by Cabinet but yet to be implemented to be reviewed. Should a valid call-in notice from an Overview and Scrutiny Committee be received, all stakeholders would be informed.

Yours faithfully

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