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**Future Primary Education Provision for Children
Residing in the Cwmifor Area**

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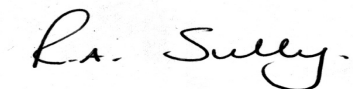
Foreword

As part of its statutory obligation to keep the number and type of school places under review, the County Council has adopted a wide-ranging programme designed to improve school buildings and enhance opportunities for learning. The strategy reflects the vision and policies established by the County Council which embraces the requirement to deliver services, to clear standards – covering both cost and quality – by the most economic and effective means. In our drive to continually improve on the services made available to all learners, we must maximise the finite resources available to the Council, and continue to work in partnership with all those who have a contribution to make to the process of learning and the well being of both children and their families. Schools of the future will need to serve as a focus for a wide range of services dedicated to serving the needs of the community through a joined up approach.

Carmarthenshire is blessed with many very able teachers but the continuing changes to the curriculum places a heavy demand on their skills to meet the wide ranging demands of all children. Although the processes of learning, and skills of teaching, are extremely important, deep subject knowledge on the part of the teacher is essential if learners with their various gifts in different areas are to discover and develop their talents to the full.

Schools designed to meet current demands are expected to provide a broad and balanced curriculum through high quality and inspirational teaching. In the planning of new provision it will be important to ensure that our schools are properly equipped to enhance opportunities for social inclusion, sustainable development, equal opportunities and bilingualism. In practical terms we need to ensure that provision reflects the changing patterns of population, with schools based in the right location with accommodation and facilities fit to serve the needs of all learners in the twenty first century.

Consultation will follow the guidelines established by the Welsh Government and will involve identified interested parties. The information set out in this document is intended to clarify the proposals for your school and support the consultation process.



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Director of Education & Children's Services

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1. Introduction

The Authority has a legal responsibility to review the number and type of schools it has in the area and whether or not it is making the best use of the resources and facilities to deliver the opportunities that children deserve.

As part of this process the Council has published its vision on how it sees the future for all of the primary schools in the County and this includes consulting on the future shape of education in the Cwmifor area. The proposals for change included in this document are in line with that long-term objective.

This document seeks to stimulate the process of consultation by explaining the Authority's preferred option for the future provision of primary education for the pupils of Cwmifor Primary School. The document also highlights why other options considered are not the preferred option as well as offering an opportunity for consultees to put forward any comments, observations or alternative proposals they wish to be considered.

Consultation on this proposal will follow the guidelines established by the Welsh Government and will involve identified interested parties.

It is intended that the formal changes be implemented as from the end of the **summer term 2012**.

The main purpose of this document and the consultation meeting, which will be held at **5.30pm** in **Cwmifor Primary School** on Monday, **5 December 2011**, is to provide information and to gather the views of identified interested parties. You may wish to make use of the attached sheet included in Appendix B on **page 21** of this document for any response.

2. Summary Proposal

2.1 Summary Proposal

Whilst care should be taken to read in full the detail provided below of the Authority's proposal the following provides a brief summary of the main points:-

- (i) as of the beginning of the autumn term 2012 the present catchment area of Cwmifor Primary School will be included with the existing catchment areas of Ysgol Teilo Sant and Llandeilo Primary School;

3. Detailed Proposal

In spite of its best endeavours, Cwmifor Primary School has found itself facing low pupil numbers with only 3 pupils on roll as at October 2011 and with no apparent prospect of reversing that trend based on the current pupil projections.

Officers of the Authority have met with the school and discussed the options for addressing the situation.

That process has led to the Authority adopting the following proposal as its preferred option for the future provision of primary education in the area:-

3.1 Catchment Area

3.1.1 Primary

That as from 1 September 2012, the catchment area of Cwmifor Primary School be re-designated and included within the existing catchment areas of Ysgol Teilo Sant and Llandeilo Primary School.

3.1.2 Secondary

It is not proposed to change the arrangements in respect of Secondary education.

3.3 Transport

Assistance with home to school transport will be provided in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy as will exist at the time.

The current policy states that pupils will qualify for assistance if they are of statutory school age and reside over two miles from the school. The policy also allows for applicants who do not qualify for assistance with the provision of transport under the Council's policy to have the individual circumstances of their case considered. This would include an appeal on the grounds of safety.

3.4 Transport Impact Assessment

One of pupils that attends the school resides out of catchment, the other 2 pupils attend within the school's catchment area. If the pupil out of catchment attended the nearest school then their travel distance would be reduced by 8.4 miles or 6 minutes. The pupils within catchment would have an increased travel and distance of 2.6 miles and 6 minutes respectively. Should the pupil out of catchment choose to attend the designated schools then the travel time and distance would be increased by 2.4 miles or 2 minutes.

3.5 Community Impact Assessment

The primary school is located about 0.5 miles from the main A40 road between Llandeilo and Llandovery in the rural village of Cwmifor, some 3 miles away from the market town of Llandeilo. The school serves the village and immediate rural area.

Cwmifor sits within the Ward of Manordeilo and Salem where the population is 2,121 (2001). The ward is ranked 69 out of 112 within Carmarthenshire for deprivation and a total 33% of the Ward's population can speak, read and write through the Medium of Welsh.

The community of Cwmifor have the use of a Community Hall. As a result the school buildings and facilities are not utilised by the community. The school is however regularly used for out of school hours school based activities.

3.6 Welsh Language Impact Assessment

The Authority is satisfied that both the options of Welsh and English medium education provision are being proposed. Pupils can continue to receive their education through the medium of Welsh. There is no change in Secondary provision.

3.7 Redundant Buildings

Should a proposal be adopted, which would lead to the school building no longer being used then the County Council Policy, approved on the 12 April 2006, in relation to buildings not being required for educational purposes, will apply.

In essence this allows the community to make a case to the council for the retention of the building as a community resource.

3.8 Financial

Funding for pupils attending another Carmarthenshire school as a result of this proposal will be provided in accordance with the Council's Fair Funding Scheme.

Any savings arising from the re-organisation proposal or disposal of assets will be re-invested in the Modernising Educational Programme (MEP).

3.9 Timing of Implementation

It is proposed that any change will be implemented as from 1 September 2012.

3.10 Process

Details of the process which would apply to any proposed re-organisation are given in Section 7 below.

4. Why is Change Being Considered?

In considering the future provision in the area there are a number of factors in relation to the current situation, which need to be considered. These include the following:-

4.1 Educational Provision

The school serves the village and immediate rural area. The school caters for pupils from 4 -11 years of age. Under the new arrangements for categorisation of schools according to linguistic provision, Cwmifor Primary School categorised itself in Category WM (Welsh Medium).

As part of a national programme of school inspection, Estyn commissions reviews of all schools. The latest was undertaken in February 2011 and consultees may access the findings either via the Estyn website at www.estyn.gov.uk or you may request a copy from the Local Education Authority (for which a charge in respect of photocopying may be made).

The main findings of the report

'The head teacher provides caring and sensitive leadership for the school and she carries a great deal of responsibility as a full-time teacher. The head teacher and new classroom teacher are committed and they have appropriate subject knowledge'.

'Teachers and the classroom assistant are good role models in the use of language. Discipline strategies are used effectively, there is a good working relationship between teachers and pupils and good use is made of praise and encouragement for pupils, especially those that are less confident'.

Pupils' standards of achievement in the three areas of learning are as follows:

Key Question	Grade	Inspection Judgements
How good are the outcomes?	Good	Many strengths and no important areas requiring significant improvement
How good is provision?	Good	Many strengths and no important areas requiring significant improvement

How good are leadership and management?	Adequate	Strengths outweigh areas for improvement
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NB: The four-point grading scale used to represent the main judgements in this report is as follows:

Excellent - Many strengths, including significant examples of sector-leading practice

Good - Many strengths and no important areas requiring significant improvement

Adequate - Strengths outweigh areas for improvement

Unsatisfactory - Important areas for improvement outweigh strengths

4.2 Building Facilities

'The school is located in a secluded spot approached by a narrow cul de sac and occupies a flat site shared with an adjoining dwelling house. The main school is the traditional Victorian school building constructed in local stone and with a slate roof to which has been added two small annexes on the north side. At some time in the recent past the west wing of the main building has been sealed off and presently forms part of domestic accommodation separate from the school. There are two small remaining buildings. Block 2, a play shed open on one side of stone construction with a corrugated asbestos roof, and block 3, a terrapin-style timber flat-roofed building forming an additional classroom.'

'Limited access is available for wheelchair disabled to the main building which would similarly affect the partially sight.'

4.3 Costs

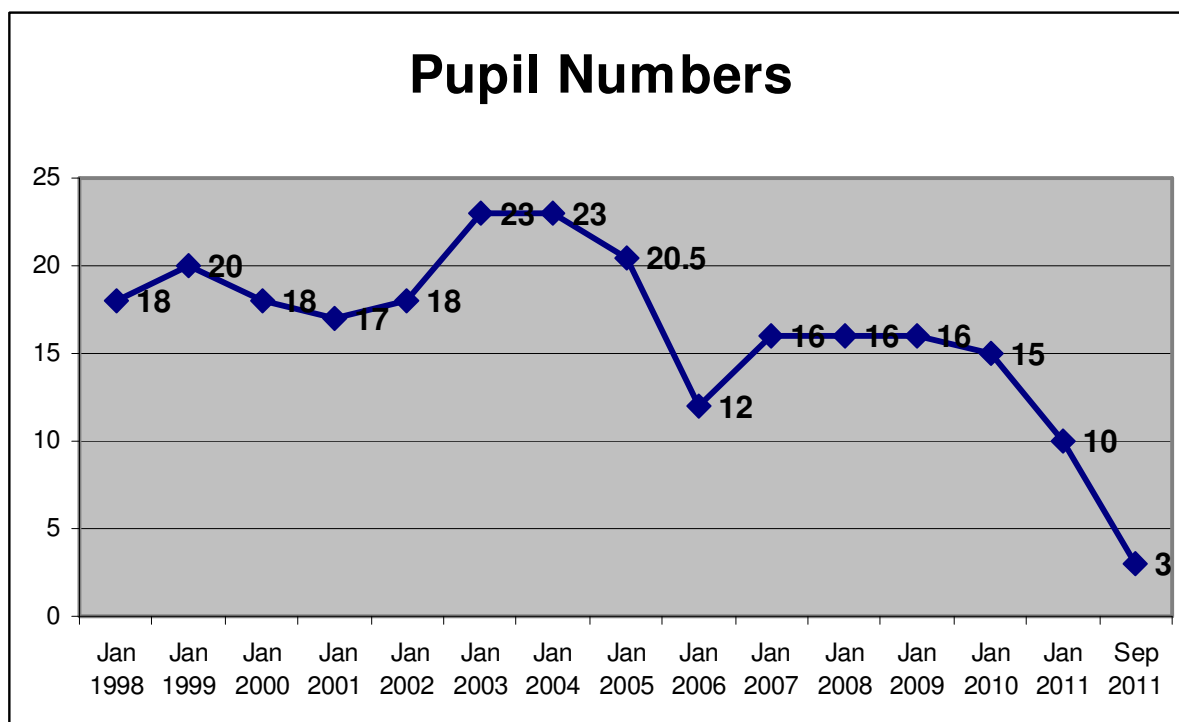
Based on January 2011 pupil data when there were 10 pupils at the school, the cost per pupil was £10,331. However, the cost per pupil based on the current 3 pupils is £34,437 which is £30,835 above the county primary school average of £3,602. The cost per pupil at the school is therefore 956% of the county average.

4.4 Pupil Numbers

4.4.1 Current Trends

Cwmifor Primary School pupil numbers have fluctuated over the years, from having 18 pupils on roll in January 1998 to 23 pupils in 2003 when pupil numbers were at their peak in recent years. However, more recently pupil numbers are falling, from 10 pupils in

January 2011 to 3 pupils on roll currently. Projected pupil numbers indicate that there will be no change in the current trend.



4.4.2 Capacity

Capacity information for the school is shown in the table below:

	Jan 98	Jan 99	Jan 00	Jan 01	Jan 02	Jan 03	Jan 04	Jan 05	Jan 06	Jan 07	Jan 08	Jan 09	Jan 10	Jan 11	Sep 11
Capacity (MCSW)*	MOE	MOE	MOE	MOE	MOE	MOE	MOE	MOE	MOE	MOE	MOE	MCSW	MCSW	MCSW	MCSW
	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54
Pupil Number	18	20	18	17	18	23	23	20.5	12	16	16	16	15	10	3
Surplus Capacity	36	34	36	37	36	31	31	33.5	42	38	38	38	39	44	51
% Surplus Capacity	67%	63%	67%	69%	67%	57%	57%	62%	78%	70%	70%	70%	72%	81%	94%

* School capacities have changed from April 2008 as a result of a new WAG circular.
 Pre April 2008 - More Open Enrolment (MOE) calculation.
 Post April 2008 - Measuring the capacities of schools in Wales (MCSW)

4.4.3 Surplus Places

The percentage of surplus capacity at the school has been high for a number of years. It has been greater than 50% since January 1998. In January 2011 the number of surplus places increased to 81%. The current surplus capacity is the highest recorded since January 1998, at 94%.

4.4.4 Revenue Cost Efficiencies

Should this proposal be implemented there is potential revenue savings in the region of £85,319 per annum. These savings would be re-invested within the education service.

4.4.5 Parental Choice

Each school has an area that it traditionally serves, referred to as the catchment area. Each school is expected to accommodate pupils from within its catchment area and schools must have regard for this ongoing demand.

Most parents send their children to their local school but parents have a right to state a preference for other schools. As at January 2011 there were 50 primary aged pupils residing within the catchment area of Cwmifor Primary School, of this number 7 pupils attended Cwmifor Primary School, 23 attended Ysgol Teilo Sant, 9 pupils attended Llandeilo Primary School, 5 pupils attended Ysgol Ffairfach, 3 pupils attended Llangadog Primary School, 2 pupils attended Llansadwrn Primary School and 1 pupil attended Talley Primary School.

4.5 Summary

A synopsis of these issues has been provided in 3.0 above with further information provided in Appendix A.

The main difficulties which the school faces emanate from very low pupil numbers.

The buildings are in need of investment to bring them up to the Carmarthenshire standard. To modernise the buildings and to provide the facilities which the Council would wish to provide in accordance with the Foundation Phase Guidance would be considerable cost and could not be justified having regard to the current pupil numbers and pupil projections forecasted for the school.

It is felt that retaining the situation is unfair to pupils wishing to attend the school and staff and does not represent the best use of scarce resources.

With only 3 pupils at the school the cost per pupil is more than 9 times the county average.

With no prospect of there being a significant increase in pupil numbers for the foreseeable future it is not possible to sustain the current arrangements.

5. Other Options Considered

In arriving at a preferred option the following options were considered

5.1 Option 1 - Discontinue Provision at Cwmifor Primary School and provide for pupils at Ysgol Teilo Sant and Llandeilo Primary School

Details of the provision at Ysgol Teilo Sant and Llandeilo Primary Schools are included in Appendix A. Ysgol Teilo Sant would offer same linguistic provision through the Medium of Welsh.

The Authority would be satisfied that the standard of the education provision at both Ysgol Teilo Sant and Llandeilo Primary Schools would be suitable and appropriate for the age range and needs of the children. Additionally transfer arrangements at the Secondary phase would remain unchanged.

Adopting this option as the preferred solution for all pupils residing in the catchment area and would involve increased journey times and distances for the pupils within the catchment area, however the majority of the 50 pupils who reside within the catchment area already attend either Ysgol Teilo Sant or Llandeilo Primary School.

5.2 Option 2 - Discontinue Provision at Cwmifor Primary School and provide at Talley Primary School or Llangadog Primary School or Llansadwrn Primary School or Ysgol Llanwrda Primary School

The schools would offer similar provision, including provision through the medium of Welsh and English. However there would be a significant increase in travel distance to all locations. The schools are almost or more than twice the distance in comparison to the preferred schools of Ysgol Teilo Sant and Llandeilo Primary School.

It is therefore decided to discount these options on the basis that there are schools nearer to the catchment of Ysgol Cwmifor and travel times and distances would further increase to these locations.

5.4 Option 3 - Federation

With the prospect of low pupil numbers, any arrangement would need to address and fund provision at multiple sites in terms of staff resources and expertise, physical resources and be able to fund and promote the social and learning opportunities across the age range.

Such an arrangement would be difficult to sustain and could still lead to duplication in terms of resources, both human and otherwise.

For these reasons the option of providing a federated framework arrangement is not seen as the best option for securing a long term solution to the needs of all of the pupils who live within the catchment area of Cwmifor.

6. Conclusion

The Authority greatly appreciates and values the contribution which the governors, staff and parents of Cwmifor Primary School have made to the lives of pupils and the areas they serve.

The Authority considers however that in spite of the best efforts of the school, with low pupil numbers, continuing provision at Cwmifor Primary School is not sustainable educationally or financially.

Accordingly having considered the various options available and having informally discussed these issues with the school, the Authority's preferred option for the provision of a sustainable framework of primary education in the area remains as detailed in 3.0 above. The main issues to be addressed are:-

- (i) Continuing provision at Cwmifor Primary School is not sustainable.
- (ii) As from September 2012 that the catchment area of Cwmifor Primary School be allocated to Ysgol Teilo Sant and Llandeilo Primary School.

7. Consultation Process

Having detailed in this document the preferred proposal and the alternative options considered the Authority wish to receive your views on its preferred proposal.

Detailed below are the processes by which you can put forward your views to the Authority and how those views will be considered.

7.1 Consultation Meeting

There will be a period **from 5 December 2011 to 6 January 2012** when you can express your views. Meetings will be held at the school at **5.30pm** with staff, governors and parents. This is an opportunity to ask for more information and to make your views known.

Secondly you can express your views by writing a letter or alternatively completing the attached response form in Appendix B which should be received by the Director of Education and Children's Services (Mr. R. A. Sully) **by no later than noon on 6 January 2012**, at the following address:

Mr. R.A. Sully, Director of Education and Children's Services,
 Building 2, St. David's Park, Jobs Well Road, Carmarthen SA31 3HB
 or E-mail to: DECMEP@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

7.2 Who Else Will Be Consulted?

This document has been sent to the following interested parties:

Staff (Teaching and Ancillary) Cwmifor Primary School	Governors and Parents, Cwmifor Primary School
Carmarthenshire Children's Partnership	Community Councillors
Local County Councillors	Welsh Language Board (WLB)
Assembly Member (AM)	National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT)
National Union of Teachers (NUT)	Association Of Teachers & Lecturers (ATL)
Undeb Cenedlaethol Athrawon Cymru (UCAC)	The Professional Association of Teachers (PAT)
National Association Of Head Teachers (NAHT)	GMB Union
UNISON	Neighbouring Primary and Secondary schools in Carmarthenshire (Ysgol Teilo Sant, Llandeilo Primary School, Talley Primary School, Llangadog Primary School, Llansadwrn Primary School, Llanwrda Primary School, Tregib School and Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin)
Transport and General Workers' Union (T&G)	LEA Special Educational Needs Division
Directors of Education – All Neighbouring Authorities	SWAMWAC (South West and Mid Wales Consortium)

7.3 Considering Your Views

Your views will be considered by the Executive Board before a decision is made to proceed with the proposal .

In accordance with the timetable outlined below the Authority will issue a Statutory Notice on **11 January 2012** outlining its proposal.

7.3.1 Statutory Notice

The Statutory Notice will be published in the local press as well as posted at the school and community hall to ensure that all those substantially affected have the opportunity to comment or object to the proposal.

Once notices are published there is a one month period to respond in writing. This is the statutory period for objections, and any

objections to the proposal can be sent in writing to the Director for Education and Children's Services.

The County Council's Executive Board will consider comments and objections submitted during the consultation process.

It is however important to note that only these written objections will be considered by the Welsh Government in the determination of the proposal.

Consultees are advised to ensure that any observations or correspondence to the LA (Local Authority) during the initial consultation period will need to be resubmitted in writing during the one month statutory period for objections as detailed on the Statutory Notice.

7.4 Determination of Proposal

If there are no objections to the proposal then the matter will be decided by the Executive Board of the Council and the proposal can be implemented at the end of the summer term 2012.

Should there be objections then they will be considered by the Executive Board, and if it decides that it still wishes to continue with the proposal, then the matter will be referred to, and decided, by the Welsh Ministers in the Welsh Government. The Welsh Ministers will need time to examine the issues and, given that the LA will need to give the school one term's notice of the changes. In such a case the Authority will seek formal approval to vary the implementation date. The soonest that the change could be implemented under that arrangement would be the end of the autumn term on 21 December 2012.

7.5 Consultation Process Time- Table

The consultation process and timetable will be as follows:-

17 November 2011	Issue invitation to consultation meeting to identified interested parties.
5 December 2011	Issue of this Consultation Document to identified and other interested parties.
5 December 2011	Consultation meetings with: Governing Body, Staff and Parents at 5.30 p.m.
6 January 2012 (Noon)	Closing date for views on the proposal to be received by the Department for Education and Children.
11 January 2012	Publication of Statutory Notice. The Notice will outline details of the proposal and be published in the Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Guardian newspapers and be displayed near the entrance of the School. Following publication there will be a one month period during which time formal written objections will be invited. The statutory notice will give details on how you may record your objections to the proposal.
11 February 2012	End of formal one month objection period. If there are no objections then the Authority will advise the Welsh Government that it will proceed to discontinue Cwmifor Primary School and implement the proposal as from the end of the summer term 2012. If objections are received they are forwarded to the Welsh Government, where the Welsh Ministers will consider them and decide whether to accept, reject or modify the proposal.
30 March 2012	Deadline to notify the school of the intention to implement the proposal.

8. Appendix A General information

To assist consultees in considering the various options some general information is provided in relation to each option

Status Quo – Retain Provision at Cwmifor Primary School

1.1 Standards

As outlined previously, the school was last inspected as part of the Estyn School Inspection Programme in February 2011 (See paragraph 4.1)

1.2 Pupil Numbers and Capacity

The school has low pupil numbers and 94% surplus places. Pupil Projections suggest that pupil numbers are likely to continue at current levels for the foreseeable future. This disparity between the supply of, and demand for pupil places is therefore not sustainable in the long term.

1.3 Welsh Language provision

The school categorises itself as a Welsh medium (WM) primary school.

1.4 Location to other primary schools

As identified in section 3 above the nearest Carmarthenshire primary schools are Ysgol Teilo Sant, Llandeilo Primary School, Talley Primary School, Llangadog Primary School, Llansadwrn Primary School and Llanwrda Primary School.

1.5 Secondary School Transfers

The school is a feeder school for Ysgol Tregib and Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin. This trend would be likely to continue. The option for pupils to transfer to their nearest secondary school would also remain.

1.6 School Management

Currently there is a full time Headteacher, part time Classroom Teacher and part time Teaching Assistant employed at the school.

1.7 Buildings

The building is old but in satisfactory condition, however it falls short of Carmarthenshire's standard in many key areas such as Foundation Phase and Toilet Provision as well as not being DDA compliant. Estimates at the time of the last condition survey taken some time ago (2001), suggested that the cost of bringing the building, not provision, up to a satisfactory standard would cost approximately £19,550.

1.8 Resources

The pupil costs based on the current numbers on roll is over 9 times the county average. There are currently low pupil numbers at the school and this trend is likely to continue for the foreseeable future which does not indicate good value for money.

Option 1 – Discontinue Provision at Cwmifor Primary School and provide for pupils at Ysgol Teilo Sant and Llandeilo Primary School

1.9 Standards

Ysgol Teilo Sant and Llandeilo Primary School were last inspected in July 2009 and November 2009 respectively and standards in the seven areas of learning were as follows:

Key question	Ysgol Teilo Sant Inspection Grade	Llandeilo Primary School Inspection Grade
1 How well do learners achieve?	2	3
2 How effective are teaching, training and assessment?	2	3
3 How well do the learning experiences meet the needs and interests of learners and the wider community?	2	2
4 How well are learners cared for, guided and supported?	1	1
5 How effective are leadership and strategic management?	2	2
6 How well do leaders and managers evaluate and improve quality and standards?	1	3
7 How efficient are leaders and managers in using resources?	2	2

The five-point grading scale used to represent the main judgements in this report is as follows:

- 1. Very good: many good features, some of them outstanding.*
- 2. Good: good features and no major shortcomings.*
- 3. Satisfactory: good features outweigh shortcomings.*
- 4. Unsatisfactory: some satisfactory work but shortcomings in important areas.*
- 5. Poor: many shortcomings.*

It would not be appropriate to make a direct comparison between the schools' standards based on this summary assessment alone. This information is provided for information only.

1.10 Pupil Numbers and Capacity – Ysgol Teilo Sant

At September 2011 Ysgol Teilo Sant has capacity for a further 45.5 pupils. The table below provides an analysis of the implications of Option 1 on capacity and pupil numbers.

School		Jan 2012	Jan 2013	Jan 2014	Jan 2015	Jan 2016	Jan 2017
Cwmifor Primary School	Pupil Number	3	4	5	5	4	5
Ysgol Teilo Sant	Pupil Number	236	233	233	230	233	232
	Combined Pupil Number	239	237	238	235	237	237
Ysgol Teilo Sant	Capacity (MCSW)	269	269	269	269	269	269
Ysgol Teilo Sant	Surplus Places	30	32	31	34	32	32
Ysgol Teilo Sant	% Surplus Places	11%	12%	12%	13%	12%	12%

The information identifies that there is enough capacity in Ysgol Teilo Sant to cater for any pupils wishing to attend Cwmifor Primary School in the future.

Pupil Numbers and Capacity – Llandeilo Primary School

At September 2011 Llandeilo Primary School has capacity for a further 113 pupils. The table below provides an analysis of the implications of Option 1 on capacity and pupil numbers.

School		Jan 2012	Jan 2013	Jan 2014	Jan 2015	Jan 2016	Jan 2017
Cwmifor Primary School	Pupil Number	3	4	5	5	4	5
Llandeilo Primary School	Pupil Number	169	162	154	149	147	153
	Combined Pupil Number	172	166	159	154	151	158
Llandeilo Primary School	Capacity (MCSW)	281	281	281	281	281	281
Llandeilo Primary School	Surplus Places	109	115	122	127	130	123
Llandeilo Primary School	% Surplus Places	39%	41%	43%	45%	46%	44%

The information identifies that there is enough capacity in Llandeilo Primary School to cater for any pupils wishing to attend Cwmifor Primary School in the future.

1.11 Welsh Language Provision

There would be no implications on Welsh language provision as there is Welsh Medium Education being offered at Ysgol Teilo Sant.

1.12 Location to other primary and secondary schools

The distance between Cwmifor Primary School to both Ysgol Teilo Sant and Llandeilo Primary School is 2.6 miles.

There would be no change in distance to the secondary schools.

1.13 Secondary School Transfers

There would be no implications on secondary school transfers.

1.14 Management and Organisation

The management of Ysgol Teilo Sant and Llandeilo Primary School is as follows. The information is based on January 2011 data:

September 2011						
Class	Ysgol Teilo Sant	Cwmifor	Total	Llandeilo	Cwmifor	Total
Nursery	21.5	-	21.5	14	-	14
Reception	28	0	28	-	-	-
Reception/Year 1				30	0	30
Year 1	34	1	35	-	-	-
Year 1 / Year 2				27	1	28
Year 2	27	0	27	-	-	-
Year 3	26	1	27	22	1	23
Year 4	29	0	29	23	0	23
Year 5	27	1	28	24	1	25
Year 6	31	0	31	28	0	28
Total	223.5	3	226.5	168	3	171

The table indicates that there would be no impact on the maximum class sizes of 30 in Llandeilo Primary School. At Ysgol Teilo Sant 2 classes have in excess of 30 pupils due to the school admission appeals process. However, in November 2011, the school was provided with 2 additional classrooms to deal with the increase in pupil numbers. The capacity of the school has since increased from 281 to 341. With 223.5 pupils on roll in September 2011, this allows the school plenty of flexibility to reorganise the school's classroom structure.

With the current and projected pupil numbers at Ysgol Teilo Sant and Llandeilo Primary School the County Council regards the schools to be viable for the foreseeable future.

1.15 Buildings

In general there are no significant issues with the accommodation at either Ysgol Teilo Sant or Llandeilo Primary School. There would appear to be no major challenges to the school's ability to deliver the curriculum at present.

1.16 Resources

The cost per pupil at Ysgol Teilo Sant is £3,114 which is below the county average of £3,602. Any additional pupil number will have some beneficial impact in further reducing the cost per pupil.

The cost per pupil at Llandeilo Primary School is £3,348 which is below the county average of £3,602. Any additional pupil number will have some beneficial impact in further reducing the cost per pupil.

1.17 Special Needs

Provision for pupils with special education needs at Ysgol Teilo Sant and Llandeilo Primary School are currently provided within the mainstream setting. Llandeilo Primary School also provides daily Speech and Language classes called 'Clwb Clonc'.

1.18 Breakfast and After School Clubs

Both Ysgol Teilo Sant and Llandeilo Primary School provide a Breakfast School Club similar to what was being provided at Cwmifor Primary School as well as providing an After School Club.

9.0 Appendix B Comment Form

Please provide us with your comments on the proposals regarding future provision for primary pupils residing in the Cwmifor Primary School catchment area.

Your comments:

Do you have any other issues that you wish to bring to our attention?

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Position /

Category of

Respondent

(E.g. parent)

Address _____

Postcode _____

Date _____

Please note that unless you indicate otherwise your comments will be open to the public as part of the formal records of the consultation.

Please detach this form and return to: Mr. R. A. Sully, Director of Education & Children's Services, Building 2, St David's Park, Jobs Well Road, Carmarthen. SA31 3HB or E-mail to DECMEP@carmarthenshire.gov.uk no later than **noon on 6 January 2012**.