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Dear Consultee,

**Notification of County Council Decision –  
Proposal to reconfigure nursery provision in Ammanford town area**

On Wednesday, 10 June 2026, the decision was made by Carmarthenshire County Council to approve the following proposal:

**Proposal to reconfigure nursery provision in Ammanford town area from September 2026 by:**

- 1. Discontinuing Ammanford Nursery School from 31 August 2026**

**Whilst also,**

- 2. extending the age range at Ysgol Bro Banw from 4-11 to 3-11**
- 3. extending the age range at Ysgol Gymraeg Rhydaman from 4-11 to 3-11**

**to accommodate pupils from Ammanford nursery school.**

### **Objections to the Proposal**

25 objections were received.

In reaching its decision, the County Council has had regard to the School Organisation Code (2018) issued under the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and has considered the relevant factors set out therein. The Council noted that 25 objections and 4 supportive comments had been received in respect of the proposal during the statutory objection period.

The Council carefully considered the content of the objections received and the Local Authority's response as set out in the published Objection Report. The Council is satisfied that the issues raised in the objections have been appropriately addressed and that they do not outweigh the benefits of the proposal.

The Objection Report for the above proposal is available to view on Carmarthenshire County Council's website by following the link below:

[Objection Report](#)



## **Consideration of Factors under the School Organisation Code (2018)**

In determining the proposal, the County Council has had regard to the factors set out in paragraphs 1.3 to 1.7 of the School Organisation Code (2018), including in particular the following:

### **Quality and Standards in Education**

The Council's view is that Ysgol Bro Banw and Ysgol Gymraeg Rhydaman would provide education for pupils from 3-11 which is of at least equivalent quality to the 4-11 provision that is currently provided, it is not anticipated that implementation of this option would have a negative impact on standards and progress overall.

Estyn has advised that the proposal is "*likely to maintain the standard of educational provision and pupils' standards in the area*". This supports the view that the proposal will sustain high-quality teaching and learning and provide continuity in pupils' educational experiences from an earlier age at the alternative schools.

The Council will work closely with the Headteacher and respective governing body to ensure a smooth transition to alternative schools.

### **Need for Places and the Impact on Accessibility of Schools**

In approving this proposal, the Council has considered the sufficiency of places and the likely demand for places in the future. The Council will ensure that any alternative provision is sufficient in capacity, quality, and suitability to meet the needs of all children affected.

The School Organisation Code requires that alternative provision must be at least equivalent to that currently available, and that transition arrangements are in place to minimise disruption. The children will be transferred to either Ysgol Bro Banw or Ysgol Gymraeg Rhydaman depending on parental choice. There will be sufficient capacity in both schools to accommodate the children displaced.


It will enable children to access nursery provision within their local school, reducing the need for travel to alternative settings. This is expected to have a positive impact on accessibility, minimise journey times, and reduce logistical pressures on families.


The co-location of nursery and primary provision is also likely to improve continuity of provision and ease transition for learners, particularly for families with siblings attending the same school.

### **Resourcing of Education**

The main driver for the proposal is the Council's decision to remove the *Rising 4s Policy* in March 2024. This change means children will start full time school the term after their fourth birthday, creating a need to review nursery provision for consistency across Carmarthenshire. Ammanford Nursery was the only standalone nursery school in the county, and its full time model differed from all other school based nursery provision. The proposed changes aim to standardise provision, improve continuity of education, and align with national priorities such as the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan and Curriculum for Wales.

The Council has confirmed that Ysgol Gymraeg Rhydaman and Ysgol Bro Banw will continue to be funded in accordance with the Authority's Fair Funding Policy. The schools will receive resources on the same basis as other schools within the county, with funding determined primarily by pupil numbers. This approach ensures that





the proposal is financially sustainable and does not adversely impact on the resourcing of education provision at the school or elsewhere.

### **Impact on the Welsh Language**

In determining the proposal, the County Council has had regard to paragraph 1.4 of the School Organisation Code (2018), including the requirement to consider the impact of the proposal on Welsh-medium provision and its alignment with the Authority's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan.

The proposal supports the development of Welsh-medium education by continuing to provide access to Welsh-medium nursery provision within the local area. It is anticipated that this will have a positive impact on the Welsh language and support the Authority's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan.

The Council has considered the likely impact of the proposal on Welsh-medium provision in the wider area and is satisfied that it will have a positive effect on the Welsh language, and that the proposal is consistent with the objectives set out in the Authority's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan.

### **Determination**

Having had regard to the factors set out in the School Organisation Code (2018), and for the reasons outlined above, the County Council has determined to approve the proposal.

### **Referral of local authority decisions to the Welsh Ministers**

Please note that the information below is not applicable to parents / guardians but has been provided for completeness.

Should any of the following bodies believe that an incorrect decision has been made by the Local Authority then, under section 54 of the 2013 Act, they may within 28 days refer the proposal to the Welsh Ministers for consideration: -

- Another Local Authority affected by the proposals;
- The appropriate religious body;
- The governing body of a voluntary or foundation school;
- A trust holding property on behalf of a voluntary or foundation school;
- A further education institution affected by the proposals.

Please contact the MEP Team if you have any queries.

Yours Sincerely,

**Modernising Education Programme Team**

