

## **Proposal to extend Dolau Primary School (to provide for the Llanilid housing development)**

### **Community Impact Assessment**

This assessment is prepared in accordance with guidance contained within Annex D of statutory guidance circular 006/2013, the School Organisation Code.

This proposal is to be consulted on between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. A detailed consultation document has been circulated to all prescribed consultees. Copies have already been forwarded to the WG in compliance with consultation and publication guidelines. This document clearly focuses on the reasons for the need for additional Primary education provision in this area, this Impact Assessment is not included in the consultation document as we are mindful that the document needs to be as concise and informative as possible, whilst at the same time being readable and 'user-friendly'. The free availability of this document is however stressed; in addition, it is available for any person to view or download from the Council website.

It has to be emphasised at this point that the community impact of this proposal will be negligible, indeed if any impact is realised at all. Dolau Primary School will remain and no provision whatsoever is being removed. A new school building is to be constructed by housing developers on a site that is immediately adjacent to Dolau, and in the first instance, this provision will be established as an extension to Dolau Primary School. It is therefore considered that the overall impact of these proposals will be neutral on the local community, there will be no change to the level of services and provision that are offered at present at Dolau, but there will instead be opportunities for it to be extended and enhanced.

At the current time, the percentage of pupils attending Dolau Primary that reside within the catchment area is 76% for the English stream and 64% for the Welsh stream. This is of the total number of pupils on roll in January 2018 (date of the PLASC return), including non-statutory Nursery and pre-Nursery pupils.

Dolau Primary offers a breakfast club to all pupils; this provision will continue should this proposal be agreed. The school also offers after school clubs and sessional care for pupils (run by Menter Iaith) and these too will continue.

The school has several organisations that use their facilities on a regular basis outside of school hours, as detailed below. The provision of a new building will enhance and expand the opportunities for community groups to access the facilities available:

Drop in Centre Activity Club – 1 evening per week  
Starfish Swimming Club – 1 evening per week  
Welsh for Beginners class – 1 evening per week  
RCT Community Dance Group – 1 evening per week

This proposal seeks to enhance the accommodation and facilities of Dolau Primary, to benefit all children who may attend the school in the future from its catchment area (which will be extended to encompass the Llanilid housing development site). This is not a rural area, and the existence of so many other schools and other community facilities within a short distance means that it is not deemed necessary to consider the enhancement of other community facilities that may exist in the local area. However, as part of the facilities the housing developer is obligated to provide, the new school site will benefit from sports pitches and a Multi use Games Area (MUGA), which will be available to the whole school to use, and the community outside of school hours (under the agreement of the school).

It must also be noted that the site of the new building is located just a short distance away from the current school. A dedicated and safe footpath will be created to physically link the both sites. No additional transportation will be required and walking distances and travel times to the new site will be negligible.

As children are going to attend the same school, albeit with two separate buildings that are located within a short distance of each other, is not considered that there will be any changes to their mode or method or transportation to school and there will be no extra distance involved in respect of this journey.