



STATUTORY NOTICE TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF HOLYWELL HIGH SCHOOL, AND TO REDUCE THE CAPACITY TO 600 PLACES

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Sections 28(1)(b) of the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998 and the Education (School Organisation Proposals) (Wales) Regulations 1999 (SI1999/1671) as amended, that Flintshire County Council of County Hall, Mold, having consulted such persons as appeared to them to be appropriate, propose to:-

- Decrease the age range of Holywell High School from 11-18 to 11-16.

It is proposed to implement the proposal on the 1st. of September 2016

The proposal will involve the establishment of a new Secondary School building within the site of the existing High School for 600 places.

It is proposed that all pupils registered at Holywell High School in the appropriate age range will transfer to the new school.

Admission arrangements will be dealt with in line with the LEA's Admission Policy. No provision will be made for either selection by aptitude or pupil banding.

Post-16 provision will be centred at the proposed new Post-16 Hub at Golftyn Lane, Connah's Quay, or other suitable provision selected by students in accordance with preference, and subject to available places.

Transport of pupils shall be dealt with by reference to the LEA's Home to School Transport Policy.

The number of pupils to be admitted to the High School at age 11 years in the first school year of which the proposals have been implemented is 120. Flintshire County Council as the LEA will be the admission authority.

Within a period of one month after the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by 26th July 2013 any person may object to the proposals. Objections should be sent to the Director of Lifelong Learning, Flintshire County Council, County Hall, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6ND.

The Authority will send copies of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, to the Welsh Government within the period of one month after the end of the objection period.

The proposals will (unless withdrawn) require the approval of the Welsh Ministers if :-

- (a) Within two months after a copy of them is sent to Welsh Ministers it gives notice that they require such approval; or
- (b) Objections have been made within the objection period and have not been withdrawn during that period.

Where proposals do not require such approval Flintshire County Council will decide whether to implement them.

Ian Budd

Director of Lifelong Learning

Dated 28th June 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

This note does not form part of the statutory notice, but is intended to explain its general purpose

Flintshire County Council acting as the Local Authority intends to build a new, smaller High School for the community of Holywell at the same site as the existing High School. This will be ready for occupation by pupils by the beginning of the new academic year in 2016 who will transfer to the new building.

As part of the proposal, the sixth form provision will be transferred to the proposed new Post-16 hub at Connah's Quay also in September 2016.

Arrangements will be made to provide continuity of provision for students who have commenced their post-16 courses at the school prior to September 2016.

Transport and Admissions arrangements will be in accordance with the prevailing Flintshire County Council policies.

Further information about the proposals may be obtained from the Director of Lifelong Learning, Flintshire County Council, County Hall, Mold, Flintshire CH7 6ND (tel. 01352 704011)