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**To:** All consultees involved in school organisation in the Bangor Catchment Area in accordance with the Schools Organisation Code

22 November 2018

Dear Stakeholder

## **Re: Re-organising schools within the Bangor catchment area**

On Tuesday, 6 November, 2018, Gwynedd Council's Cabinet approved the proposal to close Ysgol Babanod Coedmawr and Ysgol Glanadda on 31 August 2020, and offer pupils a place at Ysgol y Garnedd (subject to parental choice); and increase the capacity of Ysgol y Garnedd to 420 operational from **1 September 2020**. In accordance with the Gwynedd Council constitution, the Cabinet's decision became operational on **21 November 2018**.

A statutory objection period was held between 4 September 2018 and 2 October 2018. **1** written objection was received. The objections as well as the local authority's response have been summarised in the objections report (Cabinet Report 6 November 2018). The objection report in addition to other additional documents are available on [www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/modernisingeducation](http://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/modernisingeducation).

The Cabinet considered the proposal, the objections received and the authority's response in accordance with the School Organisation Code (006/2013). When deciding on the proposal, the Cabinet was satisfied that the proposal will:

- Achieve a better consistency in the standard and quality of education provided in the catchment area
- Improve the efficiency of the school estate by reducing the number of buildings in poor condition
- Make a significant contribution towards reducing surplus places
- Release funding to be spent on children within the education system rather than on buildings
- Rationalise the cost per pupil in schools.
- Ensure strong leadership and management
- Improve the learning environment for more pupils and increase the number of pupils who will benefit from a 21st Century learning environment.
- Achieve a better consistency in the size of classes and a reduction in the age range within primary school classes.

### **Referring the Local Authority's Decision to Welsh Ministers**

Under Section 54 of the 2013 School Standards and Organisation Act, if the proposals are approved or rejected by the local authority, the following bodies can refer the proposals within 28 days to Welsh Ministers to consider:

- i. Another Local Authority affected by the proposals
- ii. The appropriate religious body for any affected school
- iii. Governing body of a voluntary or foundation school which is the subject of the proposals
- iv. Trust that holds property on behalf of voluntary or foundation school which is the subject of proposals
- v. Further education institution affected by the proposals.

The referring bodies will need to note why they believe that the decision taken by the local authority is wrong.

There will be regular contact with stakeholders effected by the decision in order to update them on the process.

If you require further information, please contact [modernisingeducation@gwynedd.gov.uk](mailto:modernisingeducation@gwynedd.gov.uk).

Yours Sincerely,



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