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To: All consultees involved in the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Chwilog

Dear Stakeholders,

Re.: *Proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Chwilog from 65 to 95 learners on 1 September 2023*

On Tuesday, 24 January 2023, Cyngor Gwynedd's Cabinet decided to publish a statutory notice and hold an objection period on the proposal 'to increase the capacity of Ysgol Chwilog from 65 to 95 learners by adding a class from 1 September 2023'.

In accordance with the decision, a statutory notice was issued and an objection period was held between 8 February and 8 March 2023. No objection was received to the proposal during the objection period.

As a result, on 15 May 2023, it was decided to approve the above proposal through a [Decision Notice](#) published by the Education Cabinet Member, Cyngor Gwynedd.

When deciding on the proposal, the following assessments were considered in accordance with the requirements of the School Organisation Code (11/2018): *Equality, the Welsh language and socio-economic disadvantage, Well-being, the community, Quality and standards of education, and Travel arrangements.*

Outlined below are the reasons for approving the proposal, in accordance with the specific factors set out in sections 1.3 to 1.6 of the School Organisation Code 2018:

Quality and standards of education:

- Estyn stated in response to the statutory consultation that the "*proposal would be likely to maintain the current standards at least in terms of education, provision and leadership and management*".
- It is anticipated that implementing the proposal to increase the school's capacity by creating an additional class will support the school to improve quality and standards in education for the following reasons:
 - i. it will offer a better learning environment for the school's teaching staff and learners
 - ii. the school's learners will receive better educational experiences and opportunities
 - iii. learners will be taught in classes with more suitable numbers

The need for places and the impact on school accessibility:

- The implementation of the proposal will lead to the addition of a classroom at Ysgol Chwilog, and as a result we will be able to offer a place to more children in the catchment area in suitable classes of the right size.
- In September 2022, there were 84 learners in the school, and the school's capacity was 65. As a result of implementing the proposal there will be capacity for 95 Reception to Year 6 learners with 13 part-time nursery places.

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Education resources and other financial implications:

- This proposal is attached to the recent capital investment to add a classroom to Ysgol Chwilog.
- By adding a classroom and increasing the school's capacity, additional places can be ensured for teaching the catchment area's children in suitable classes of the right size.

Other general factors:

- It is anticipated that increasing the capacity of Ysgol Chwilog will have a positive impact on equality, the Welsh language and socio-economics by creating additional places for primary school children in the catchment area, creating a solid infrastructure for the community and creating the best conditions for the Welsh language and the prosperity of the community. As a result, children in the catchment area will be able to receive education in their community, contributing to the prosperity of the Welsh language in an area of linguistic significance.

If you need further information, please contact Modernisingeducation@gwynedd.llyw.cymru

Yours sincerely,



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