



**MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY HALL, RHADYR, USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE NP15 1GA**

SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013

Regulated Alterations at Monmouth Comprehensive School

- 1. A reduction in the schools capacity**
- 2. The addition of a Special Needs Resource Base**

Notice is given in accordance with section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Monmouthshire County Council, having consulted such persons as required, propose to make regulated alterations to Monmouth Comprehensive School, Old Dixton Road, Monmouth. The school is currently maintained by Monmouthshire County Council.

Monmouthshire County Council undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the proposer's responses and the views of Estyn is available on Monmouthshire County Council's website at: www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation

It is proposed to implement the proposals on 1st September 2017.

The proposal involves a reduction in the capacity of the mainstream school, the current number of pupils at the school is 1628, the pupil capacity of the school is 1671 and the proposed capacity of the mainstream school once the proposal is implemented will be 1600. The admission number for 11-16 year olds at the school in the first school year in which the proposals have been implemented will be 253 and 167 for sixth form.

The 55 place Special Needs Resource Base (SNRB) will cater for pupils with moderate to severe learning difficulties. The SNRB will offer an inclusive education as close to home and the local community as possible. The SNRB will offer a flexible range of mainstream, enhanced and specialist provision and will also provide an outreach service to local schools. Home to school transport will be provided in accordance with the Authority's Home to School Transport Policy as at the date of implementation.

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by 17th February 2016 any person may object to the proposals.

Objections should be sent to Chief Executive, FAO Cath Sheen, Monmouthshire County Council, County Hall, PO Box 106, Caldicot, NP26 9AN.

Monmouthshire County Council will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon.

Signed:

Paul Matthews, Chief Executive

For Monmouthshire County Council, 20th January 2016



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This explanatory note does not form part of the statutory notice but is offered by way of explanation)

The Council is committed to providing lifelong learning opportunities in an environment, which is fit for 21st Century learning, ensuring children and young people have access to modern learning provision, which will raise educational standards for all learners.

The establishment of a Special Needs Resource Base at Monmouth Comprehensive School would mean that pupils with moderate to severe learning difficulties and pupils with autism, attachment and associated social emotional and behavioural difficulties could be educated within their local comprehensive school within the county of Monmouthshire and their home community.

The reduction in the capacity at the school will enable us to manage excess surplus places across the County.