



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

SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013

NOTICE IS GIVEN in accordance with Section 41 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code 2018 that Monmouthshire County Council, having consulted such persons as required, propose to implement the following:

- 1) To cease to maintain the local authority maintained nursery at Durand Primary School, meaning that the age range of Durand Primary School will change from 3-11 to 4-11

As a result of the above proposal, the provision of funded early years education and childcare will be delivered by an approved non maintained setting operating from the school site.

Monmouthshire County Council will implement the above changes with effect from 1st September 2026.

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 Estyn's full response has been published to all statutory consultees and is available via

<https://www.letstalkmonmouthshire.co.uk/early-years-provision-at-durand-primary-school>

Durand Primary School will continue to be a community English medium primary school serving children from ages 4-11, and Monmouthshire County Council will continue to be the admission authority. Applications for places at the school will be managed and determined in line with the Council's agreed School Admissions Policy. Applications for Early years places will be managed directly by the approved non maintained setting.

The admission number for pupils aged 4-11 at Durand Primary School will continue to be 30 with the overall pupil capacity for 210 places for this age range.

Durand Primary School will no longer be responsible for providing nursery provision to those children below statutory school age. This responsibility will be transferred to the approved non-maintained setting to ensure that early year provision continues to be available for the community.

It is the intention of the Council that transport shall be provided free of charge for pupils of statutory school age who attend Durand Primary School in accordance with the Council agreed policy at that time. The current policy is that pupils are eligible for free home to school transport if they meet the following criteria:

- a) They attend their nearest or catchment area Welsh medium school and
- b) They live more than two miles from the school for primary or
- c) They live more than three miles from the school for secondary.
- d) The route between home and the nearest or catchment school is deemed to be unsafe for walking.

Within a period of 28 days of the date on which the proposal was published, that is to say by **22nd May 2026**, any person may object to the proposals outlined within this notice.

Objections should be sent to the School & Student Access Unit, Monmouthshire County Council, County Hall, Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA or email to strategicreview@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Signed



Date: **23rd April 2026**

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For Monmouthshire County Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Durand Primary School is located at Alianore Road, Caldicot, NP26 5DF and currently provides 210 school places for children in Reception to Year 6. There is also a local authority nursery on site providing 30 part time places for three and four year olds who are not yet of statutory school age.

As a result of these proposals, the age range for the school will change from 3-11 to 4-11, reflecting that the local authority will cease to maintain the school nursery. The provision of funded early years education and child care will instead be delivered on the site of Durand Primary School by an approved non maintained setting, offering improved flexibility for parents / carers within excellent teaching and learning facilities.