

**POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL
SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (“the 2013 Act”) and the School Organisation Code (“the Code”) that Powys County Council of County Hall, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 5LG (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”), having consulted such persons as required, proposes to alter the medium of instruction of pupils at Brecon High School, Penlan, Brecon, Powys, LD3 9SR by discontinuing the Welsh-medium stream from the 31st August 2017 and changing the category of the school from dual stream to English-medium.

From 1st September 2017:

- i) There would be no Welsh-medium provision in Brecon High School for pupils in years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Welsh-medium provision would continue to be provided at Brecon High School for those pupils who would be entering year 11 in September 2017. This provision would continue until July 2018.
- ii) Pupils in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 wishing to access Welsh-medium secondary provision who live in the catchment area currently served by the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School would be able to attend their closest alternative secondary Welsh-medium provision – either Builth Wells High School or their closest out-of-county provider.

From 1st September 2018:

- i) There would be no Welsh-medium provision in Brecon High School.
- ii) All pupils wishing to access Welsh-medium secondary provision who live in the catchment area currently served by the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School would be able to attend their closest alternative secondary Welsh-medium provision – either the Builth Wells site of the New Mid Powys Secondary School or their closest out-of-county provider.

Parents may express a preference for another school and the Council will comply with any such expressed preference subject to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, Section 86(3).

The 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 Council’s response and the views of Estyn is available on the Council’s website:

<http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/corporate/find-out-about-consultations-in-powys/brecon-high-school-welsh-medium-stream/>.

Transport

It is the intention of the Council that transport shall be provided free of charge for pupils who live more than 3 miles from their allocated / nearest school providing education in the language of their choice in accordance with the current policy which can be found at:

<http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/schools-students/apply-for-school-transport/>.

How to Object to this Notice

Within a period of 28 days after the publication of this proposal, that is to say by Thursday 13th April 2017, any person may object to the proposal.

Objections should be sent to Mr Jeremy Patterson, Chief Executive and Director of Education, Powys County Council, Powys County Hall, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 5LG, or by e-mail to school.modernisation@powys.gov.uk.

Powys County Council will publish a summary of any such objections made within the objection period (and not withdrawn in writing), together with the Council’s observations thereon, within the period set out in the Code.

Mr Jeremy Patterson,
Chief Executive and Director of Education
For Powys County Council Dated this day **16th March, 2017**

Explanatory Note:

This explanatory note does not form part of the Notice but is offered by way of explanation.

The Council's intention is to close the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School from the 31st August 2017. In the future, any pupils from the area currently served by the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School will be able to access enhanced alternative Welsh-medium provision at Builth Wells High School / the Builth Wells site of the New Mid Powys Secondary School or their closest out-of-county provider. Transport arrangements would be made for pupils who qualify under the Council's school transport policy.