



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

**SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Section 41 and 43 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 as indicated below:

1. Monmouthshire County Council propose to establish a new all-through English Medium, mixed sex school to be maintained by Monmouthshire County Council on the site of the existing King Henry VIII Comprehensive School at Old Hereford Road, Abergavenny, NP7 6EP, for children aged 3-19. The school will also have specialist provision for children with complex neurodevelopmental and learning needs. It is proposed to implement the proposal on **1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**.

As a result of the proposals outlined above:

2. Monmouthshire County Council propose to discontinue **KING HENRY VIII COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL, OLD HEREFORD ROAD, ABERGAVENNY, NP7 6EP**. The school is currently maintained by Monmouthshire County Council. It is proposed to implement these proposals on 31 August 2023.
3. Monmouthshire County Council propose to discontinue **DERI VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL, LLWYNU LANE, ABERGAVENNY, NP7 6AR**. The school is currently maintained by Monmouthshire County Council. It is proposed to implement these proposals on 31 August 2023.

Pupils currently attending the two discontinued schools will automatically be transferred to the new proposed all through school unless parents/carers request otherwise.



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 [www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/strategicreview](http://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/strategicreview).

The new all through school will have a primary age (4-11) pupil capacity for 420 children, with an individual year group admission number of 60. The proposed new school will provide for up to 1200 places for secondary age (11-16) children in years 7-11, with an individual year group admission number of up to 240. A further 200 places will be made available for sixth form students (16-19).

The new all through school will provide preschool provision through the establishment of a Nursery provision to be maintained by Monmouthshire County Council which will provide 30 full time equivalent places.

The new all through school will offer specialist provision for children with complex neurodevelopmental and learning needs. The capacity of this provision will be 71 (16 Primary and 55 Secondary).

Monmouthshire County Council will be the Admission Authority for the new all through school. Applications for places at the new school will be managed and determined in line with the Council's agreed School Admissions Policy.

It is the intention of the Council that transport shall be provided free of charge for pupils to their new school in accordance with the Council 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 school and
- b) They live more than one and a half miles from the school for primary or
- c) They live more than two miles from the school for secondary.



Within a period of 28 days of the date on which the proposal was published, that is to say by **17<sup>th</sup> November 2021**, any person may object to the proposals outlined within this notice.

Objections should be sent to the Matthew Jones, Access Unit Manager, Monmouthshire County Council, County Hall, Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA or email to [strategicreview@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:strategicreview@monmouthshire.gov.uk)

Signed

Date: **19<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

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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)*

### King Henry VIII Comprehensive School

King Henry VIII Comprehensive School is an English medium 11-18 co-educational secondary school situated in the north of the County in Abergavenny. The School currently has a capacity of 1290 places plus 220 place sixth form. Admission Number of 215 and the number on roll as at September 2020 was 1041

King Henry VIII Comprehensive School buildings are in a poor state of repair and following a Condition Survey being undertaken in 2020, the school buildings were categorised as Condition Category D with the backlog of maintenance estimated to be around £2.5m.

### Deri View Primary School

Deri View Primary School is an English medium Primary School situated in the north of the County and 0.5 miles from King Henry VIII School.



The School currently has a capacity of 330 places plus nursery, Admission Number of 47 and the number on roll as at September 2020 is 276

Deri View School is a relatively modern building and following a Condition Survey being undertaken in 2020, the school building was categorised as Condition Category C+ with the current backlog of maintenance estimated to be around £110k.