

St Joseph's RC Primary School

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SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013 ENGLISH MEDIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that the Governing Body of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (herein after 'the Governing Body'), having consulted such persons as appeared to them to be appropriate, proposes to:

• establish a 32 place early years unit at St Joseph's RC Primary School, 204 North Road, Gabalfa, Cardiff. CF14 3BL. The unit would provide 32 children with half day (16 morning and 16 afternoon) placements.

It is proposed that the changes will take effect from 1st September 2019. The school is currently a voluntary aided Roman Catholic primary school within Cardiff Local Authority.

The Governing Body undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the Governing Body's response and the views of Estyn is available on the school website: stjosephsprm@cardiff.gov.uk

Admissions to the Early Years Unit would be separate to admissions to the main school and would be in addition to the school Published Admission Number (PAN).

The current number of pupils at the school is 210 (R - Y6), the pupil capacity of the school is 210 (R - Year 6 and the capacity once the proposal is implemented will be 210 (R - Y6).

The admission number for Reception to Y6 (compulsory school age) at the school in the first school year in which the proposals have been implemented will be 30.

The admission number for the nursery in the first school year in which the proposals have been implemented will be 32.

An offer of a nursery place at a school does not mean a child will also be offered a place in Reception. A separate application form must be completed for admission to Reception.

There are no plans to change the school's policy on the admission of children to the existing primary school as a result of this proposal.



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The alteration involves enlargement of current numbers of pupils in the school by 32 part time places.

Within a period of one 28 days after the date of publication of these proposals (16th November 2018), that is to say by Thursday 13th December 2018 any person may object to the proposals.

Objections should be sent to:

Chair of Governors, St Joseph's RC Primary School, 204 North Road, Gabalfa, Cardiff. CF14 3BL

The Governing Body will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, within the period of 28 days after the end of the objection period.

Dated on the 16th November 2018

Michael Havely

Signed:

Michael Howells Chair of Governors

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This does not form part of the Notice but is intended to explain its general meanings)

At present pupils enter St Joseph's Catholic Primary School from a range of settings and in some cases have not accessed pre-school provision at all. The establishment of early years provision would provide a consistent approach to teaching and planning and contribute to raising standards across the school. For those successful in their application to the Reception class, an early years unit would enable a seamless transition and sustain pupil numbers for the future.

Whilst pupil numbers appear relatively healthy, often parents select St Joseph's Primary as their second choice school when not offered their first preference school due to lack of a nursery. Parents frequently choose to leave their children in the school where they attend nursery, therefore, establishing an early years unit in St Joseph's Catholic Primary School would provide the children with a continuous education within a faith-based setting from the age of 3 years in the parish in which they live.