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Our Ref/Your Ref: ATISN7468

7 August 2013

Dear Ms Puw

Request for Information: ATISN7568

I wrote to you on 16 July 2013 to acknowledge your request for the following information:

All the information given to the then Minister for Education, Mr Leighton Andrews, by Gwynedd County Council regarding the closure of Parc Primary School.

I am enclosing the information which you requested. Gwynedd County Council provided most of the information in a 5 part information document. However, incorporated within these information documents were further documents. These have been separated out and are listed individually in the list of documents below. Some of this information provided by the local authority is available on Gwynedd County Council's website and links have been provided to the relevant part of the website.

Amongst the information provided to Welsh Ministers on this matter, Gwynedd County Council provided 139 letters, 1 email and 1 petition objecting to the closure of Ysgol y Parc. The letters and email contain personal information about the objectors which has been redacted. Personal information relating to consultees has also been redacted.

The following is a list of the information being released:

1. Email dated 2 July 2012.
2. Email dated 6 July 2012.
3. Email dated 12 July 2012.
4. Ysgol Y Parc overview document (PDF).
5. Ysgol Y Parc information document part 1.
6. Ysgol Y Parc information document part 2.
7. Ysgol Y Parc information document part 3.
8. Ysgol Y Parc information document part 4.
9. Ysgol Y Parc information document part 5.



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10. A map showing the primary schools in the Y Berwyn secondary school catchment area.
11. A map showing the location of Ysgol Y Parc and Ysgol O M Edwards.
12. Pupil numbers and pupil projections.
13. Map showing location of Y Parc village
14. Ysgol Y Parc floor plan
15. Ysgol y Parc capacity calculation.
16. The statutory notice
17. The statutory notice as it appeared in newspapers.
18. The statutory notice as it appeared in newspapers
19. Covering letter to parents for the statutory notice
20. Covering letter to Staff/Governors for the statutory notice
21. Example of objection acknowledgment
22. Covering letter for the consultation document
23. Example of consultation response acknowledgment letter.
24. Letter from the property department to the headteacher of Ysgol Y Parc.
25. Gwynedd Education Strategy.
26. National Curriculum Data.
27. Gwynedd County Council's responses to the objections.
28. Ysgol y Parc Objections 1-23
29. Ysgol y Parc Objections 24-69
30. Ysgol y Parc Objections 70-105
31. Ysgol y Parc Objections 106-140

Information provided by Gwynedd County Council as part of their five information documents but which is already published on their website or that of Estyn is not included in full. Rather appropriate weblinks are inserted. This information is listed below:

1. The Report to full Council 12 May 2011 and the following appendix:
 1. Consultation documents
 - 1.1 Consultation document to establish a community school on a lifelong learning campus in the town of Bala
 - 1.2 Consultation document to close Ysgol Y Parc.
 2. Minutes of statutory consultation meetings
 - 2.1 Minutes of meetings held in Ysgol Beuno
 - 2.2 Minutes of meetings held in Ysgol Bro Tegid
 - 2.3 Minutes of meetings held in Ysgol y Berwyn
 - 2.4 Minutes of meetings held in Ysgol Y Parc
 3. Analysis and Council response to comments from statutory consultation
 - 3.1 Analysis and Council response to comments from the statutory consultation document to establish a community school on a lifelong learning campus in the town of Bala
 - 3.2 Analysis and Council response to comments from the statutory consultation document to close Ysgol Y Parc
 4. Analysis of consultation with children and young people
 5. Questions and Answers - matters relating to the proposal to close Ysgol Y Parc
 6. Background documents and further information (list of titles only).

2. Gwynedd County Council's school transport policy
3. Agendas and minutes for the five Berwyn Catchment area Review Panel (CRP) meetings on 4/11/09, 2/12/09, 4/02/10, 23/03/10 and 12/05/10.
4. Three Newsletters 2009-2010
5. The Report to full Council 15 July 2010 and the following appendix
 - a. A list of Background Documents
 - b. Question & Answer Sheet
 - c. CRP meeting documents
 - d. Models
 - e. Children Consultation Report
 - f. Newsletters
 - g. Models of collaboration
 - h. Headteacher & Site Manager Job Description
6. Y Berwyn catchment situation analysis November 2009 (statistics package).
7. Gwynedd Education Strategy.
8. The Report to Council Board 26 July 2011.
9. The Report to full Council 1 March 2012.
10. Community Impact Assessment.
11. Equality Impact Assessment.
12. Language Impact Assessment.
13. Estyn inspection report of Ysgol Y Parc December 2007.
14. Estyn inspection report of Ysgol O M Edwards May 2006.

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Assembly Government's Disclosure Log.

If you believe that I have not followed the relevant laws, or you are unhappy with this response, you may request an internal review by writing to:

Brett Pugh, Group Director: School
Standards and Workforce Group
Department for Education and Skills
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

When dealing with any concerns, we will follow the principles set out in the Welsh Government's Code of Practice on Complaints which is available on the Internet at www.wales.gov.uk or by post.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. Normally, however, you should pursue the matter through our internal procedure before you complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow

Cheshire SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745

Fax: 01625 524 510

Email: casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request then you may make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
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Bridgend
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Weale". The script is cursive and fluid.

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