



MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY HALL, RHADYR, USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE NP15 1GA
SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013
Proposal to discontinue Mounton House Special School

Notice is given in accordance with section 43 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Monmouthshire County Council, having consulted such persons as required, proposes to discontinue Mouton House Special School, Pwllmeyric, Chepstow. The school is currently maintained by Monmouthshire County Council.

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 is available on www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation.

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 31st August 2020.

As at September 2019, there were 15 pupils on roll at Mouton House Special School. Should Mouton House Special School proceed to closure on 31st August 2020, it is expected that 9 children will be affected by these proposals. Through the process of a review of Special Educational Needs together with close consultation with the home Local Authority (where applicable) appropriate alternative provision will be identified for these pupils. Free home to school transport will be provided to suitable provision in line with the current policy, which is available at www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/school-transport-home-to-school.

Within a period of 28 days of the date on which the proposal was published, that is to say by 5th November 2019 any person may object to the proposals.

Objections should be sent to Matthew Jones, Access Unit Manager, Monmouthshire County Council, County Hall, PO Box 106, Caldicot, NP26 9AN or email strategicreview@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Signed:

Paul Matthews, Chief Executive
For Monmouthshire County Council
7th October 2019

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Mounton House Special School has a capacity for 58 boys aged 11-16 and includes residential provision with a primary need of social and emotional behavioural difficulties (SEBD). It is becoming increasingly evident the type of provision currently offered at the school does not fully meet our county need. For example, the offer available is limited to key stages 3 and 4 and does not include girls. In addition, the current provision does not meet a broader range of additional needs, which have associated behavioural difficulties.

The number on roll at the school has reduced significantly over the last 5 years and the anticipated position going forward shows a continuation of falling numbers on roll. This is a clear reflection that the current provision offered at Mounton House Special School is not meeting our in county needs in an effective and efficient way. Should the proposal to close Mounton House Special School proceed the Council will consider the opportunities to invest in a new delivery model. Ensuring it meets the full range of needs of children and young people residing within the county who have SEBD.