

## **Frequently asked questions (FAQ)**

### **Will the new Welsh-medium seedling school in Porthcawl be ‘net zero carbon’?**

The scheme will be targeting net zero carbon.

### **Why was Porthcawl chosen as the location of the new Welsh-medium seedling school?**

There is a clear demand for Welsh-medium provision in the Porthcawl area (as evidenced by the Council’s last Welsh Language Demand Survey responses).

Also, a significant number of candidate sites were identified in the new Local Development Plan (LDP) for the Bridgend West area (in light of the demand for pupil places that would be created by the potential future housing identified in the LDP candidate sites register and also the need to promote the Welsh language, it was identified as the preferred location).

### **Why has the Porthcawl Primary School site chosen as the approved location?**

Following desktop feasibility studies, it emerged as the preferred option.

### **What will we be doing to address traffic and parking concerns at the site?**

Detailed design would be informed by a full transport assessment. Transport assessments consider the impact of the development on all transport modes, set out proposals to minimise the impact of the development on the transport network and promote measures to encourage sustainable and environmentally friendly transport. Any highways improvements recommended by the transport assessment will be undertaken.

### **What school will pupils transfer to following their Welsh-medium ‘seedling’ reception year?**

The seedling school will be part of Ysgol y Ferch o’r Sgêr and, at Year 1, pupils would transfer to that school following their Welsh-medium ‘seedling’ reception year.

It should be noted that longer term, there will be increased choice available in respect of Welsh-medium primary school provision in the area, as in 2020, Cabinet gave approval in principle to the development of a new one-form-entry Welsh-medium school to serve the Porthcawl area as part of a future band of the School Modernisation Programme. The intention is that the future new one-form-entry Welsh-medium school scheme would be aligned to the development of the Porthcawl Regeneration scheme (the school would be developed as the Regeneration scheme is ‘built-out’).

There is a risk that in the interim some parents will choose to send their children to the nearby English-medium school following their Welsh-medium ‘seedling’ reception year. However, given that Ysgol y Ferch o’r Sgêr is scheduled to have a brand new, 21<sup>st</sup> century school building in 2024 and that it is also planned to provide a future new one-form-entry Welsh-medium school in the area, the risk is likely to be small.

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