PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013

Proposer: Pembrokeshire County Council, County Hall, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 1TP (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”)

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Sections 41 and 43 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that the Council, having consulted such persons as required, proposes to:

1. Discontinue Hakin Community School, Picton Road, Hakin, SA73 3EW (Infant site) and Waterloo Road, Hakin, SA73 3PB (Junior site). The school is currently maintained by the Council and has no religious character;

2. Discontinue Hubberston Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled Nursery and Primary School, Observatory Avenue, Hakin, SA73 3EU. The school is currently maintained by the Council and has a religious character which conforms with the doctrines of the Church in Wales;

3. Establish a new English Medium School (“the New School”) to be maintained by the Council, on a site at Gelliswick Road, Hakin, for boys and girls aged 3 to 11.

The Council undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish these proposals. A Consultation Report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the proposer’s responses and the views of Estyn is available on the Council’s website.

It is proposed to implement the proposals to discontinue Hakin Community School and Hubberston Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled Nursery and Primary School on 31st August 2016.

It is proposed to implement the proposal to establish the New School on 1st September 2016.

It is intended that the proposals will be implemented by the Council.

It is intended that pupils from the area now served by Hakin Community School and Hubberston Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled Nursery and Primary School (including those already admitted at the time of their closures) will be admitted to the New School.

The proposed New School will be a voluntary controlled school and will have a religious character which will conform to the doctrines of the Church in Wales.

The Council will be the admission authority for the New School. It is not intended that admission arrangements to the New School will make any provision for selection of pupils by aptitude or ability (pupil banding).

The admission number for pupils aged 4/5 at the New School in the first school year in which the proposals are to be implemented is 68.
The New School's pupil capacity will be 480, with 60 part time places being provided for nursery pupils.

It is the intention of the Council that transport shall be provided free of charge for pupils to the New School in accordance with the Council’s policy at that time. The current policy is that pupils are eligible for free transport if they meet each of the following criteria:-

(a) They are of compulsory school age.
(b) They attend the nearest suitable school or the school designated by the Council.
(c) They reside over the statutory walking distance from the school (2 miles in the case of all children receiving primary education) from home to the nearest suitable school.

Parents may express a preference for the New School, or another school and the Council will comply with any such expressed preference subject to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, Section 86(3).

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by 4th June 2014, any person may object to the proposals in writing or by e-mail.

Objections to the proposals should be sent to the Director for Children and Schools, Pembrokeshire County Council, County Hall, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 1TP.
E-mail address – educationconsultations@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

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Dated this 7th day of May 2014

Explanatory Note:

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

The intention of the Council is to establish a new English Medium Voluntary Controlled School to serve pupils from 3 to 11 years in the Hakin and Hubberston area. This will mean the closure of both Hakin Community School and Hubberston Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled Nursery and Primary School on 31st August 2016 and the subsequent opening of the New School on 1st September 2016. It is intended to locate the New School on a site at Gelliswick Road, Hakin.

The New School will serve the catchment area of the two existing schools. Transport arrangements will be made for pupils who qualify under the Council’s school transport policy.

The existing Special Needs Unit catering for pupils with multiple needs at Hakin Community School will transfer to the New School.
It is intended that pupils from the area now served by Hakin Community School and Hubberston Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled Nursery and Primary School (including those already admitted at the time of their closures) will be admitted to the New School, subject to parental preference.

Parents may express a preference for the New School, or another school and the Council will comply with any such expressed preference subject to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, Section 86(3).