



Carlton primary
school



20 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last few months, you have been made aware of the huge challenge of falling pupil numbers that this area is facing and the impact it is having on school budgets.

We are writing to share with you the proposal that Camden has developed and will present to the cabinet on April 1st. The aim of this proposal is to build a more sustainable model for the future whilst protecting the invaluable work that Carlton and Rhyl schools do locally within the community.

Please note that the consultation period has been delayed due to the current situation with COVID-19. We are anticipating that this will begin approximately June 2020. The cabinet meeting on April 1st has also been cancelled. We shall update you all, once we are advised that these will resume.

This proposal that Camden has developed is for the two schools to merge. For this to happen, Carlton School will formally close and from September 2021, Rhyl will have responsibility for the Carlton pupils and site.

As families and members of the local community, you have been vocal in your views that Carlton is a valued and important part of the local community. Going forward, Camden want to protect the Carlton ethos and the education that it provides. The Carlton site will continued to be used to educate children but will also provide educational and new community services. Some of these services will also be provided on the Rhyl site.

As part of this process, there will be a carefully planned transition period where children, families, staff and community members from both schools will be asked to share their views about what they think is important to implement a successful transition to the new structure.

Whilst we know that the proposal requires significant changes, Carlton and Rhyl Primary Schools are committed to working closely to ensure a well-planned and effective transition for Carlton children by capitalising on the support of Camden, our families and the expertise of the schools. We are jointly committed to making sure that there is a smooth transition to the new arrangement, where children, families and staff continue to feel part of an integrated and united school community.

The next step is that Camden will be consulting on the way forward for the schools and community through a public consultation in April. Both Rhyl and Carlton staff teams will be playing an key role in the consultation process to ensure that the wellbeing and educational outcomes for our children are central to any future plans.

We would like to assure all parents and carers that your children's education will not be disrupted during this process. We are sure that you have many questions and want you to know that there will be plenty of opportunities in the coming months to ask those questions.

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currently in the middle of very uncertain keep you informed of updated receive it from Camden Council.

Yours sincerely

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