

FEDERATION NEWS

I am sad to say that I will not be part of the Federated Schools of the Upper Afan Valley after August 2018. This year has been a great honour and joy to me. However, I am pleased to say that the staffing for the schools is settled and that we are appointing new teachers during the next two weeks. Mr Groves will be the Acting Headteacher of the Federated Schools from September. Mr Appleby will continue to oversee the Primary Phase as Primary Phase Leader. I am pleased to say that the schools are now ready for a successful year from this summer onwards.

A report about the consultation was published on May 15th. In this report NPT Officers recommend that the school close in August 2019 with our pupils joining Cwm Brombil September 2019.

This is not the final decision. Within the document alternative options have been explored. The report will be taken to the Education Cabinet in June (dates have not been confirmed so this is an estimate based on previous guidance on the process)

This committee will take the decision on whether to support the LA's preferred option or not.

If the option to close the school is supported, Governors will appeal this decision.

If the appeal does not go in our favour and the decision remains to close the school, then governors and the action group will seek a legal challenge. Contact has been made with a successful solicitor.

Please be assured that even through difficult times the staff have and will continue to ensure that the teaching and learning of pupils is paramount.

These are very difficult days but I am sure that together we can support one another. I give my thanks and the gratitude of the whole school community.

Yours sincerely,

Cedric Burden (Seconded Headteacher)