

## Y stori hyd yn hyn

Yn dilyn cais am arian Rhaglen Ysgolion 21ain Ganrif derbyniodd Cyngor Gwynedd gadarnhad yn Rhagfyr 2011 bod Adran Addysg a Sgiliau Llywodraeth Cymru wedi cymeradwyo, mewn egwyddor, i gyd-ariannu sefydlu Canolfan Rhagoriaeth Addysg Arbennig newydd yng Ngwynedd. Mae'r cais hwn yn golygu buddsoddiad o £12.4 miliwn i sefydlu darpariaeth fodern o'r ansawdd orau ar gyfer plant gydag anghenion addysg arbennig a'u teuluoedd yn Meirionnydd a Dwyfor.

Bellach mae bwrdd prosiect wedi ei sefydlu ac wedi bod yn brysur yn adnabod anghenion y Ganolfan newydd a chynllunio'r camau sydd angen eu cyflawni er mwyn dilyn y drefn statudol a chwblhau'r hyn sy'n ofynnol i sicrhau derbyn y cyllid gan Lywodraeth Cymru.

Mae Adran Gofal Cwsmer y Cyngor hefyd wedi bod yn brysur yn ceisio adnabod safle addas ar gyfer y Ganolfan sydd digon mawr, mewn lle i allu darparu ar gyfer Meirionnydd a Dwyfor a chyda mynediad hwylus i'r prif ffyrdd. Erbyn hyn rydym wedi adnabod safle a allasai fod yn gartref addas ar ei chyfer. Rhaid pwysleisio fan hyn fod gwaith technegol manwl o'n blaenau i sicrhau fod y safle yn gweddu ym mhob ffordd cyn penderfynu'n derfynol ar y safle.

Dywedodd Sian Gwennlian, Aelod Cabinet y Cyngor Dros Addysg:

"Wedi i ni edrych ar nifer o safleoedd, rydw i'n falch o gadarnhau fod swyddogion o adrannau Gofal Cwsmer ac Addysg y Cyngor wedi bod yn edrych ar safle 6.25 erw, neu 25,294m<sup>2</sup>, o fewn Parc Busnes Eryri ym Mhenrhyndeudraeth.

"Llywodraeth Cymru sydd berchen y safle ar hyn o bryd ac rydym mewn trafodaethau gyda'n cydweithwyr o fewn y sefydliad hwnnw, ac yn cynnal gwaith ymchwil manwl ein hunain, er mwyn pwysu a mesur os ydyw'n safle addas ar gyfer y datblygiad pwysig hwn."

Ychwanegodd: "Er mwyn sicrhau fod yr ysgol newydd yn llwyddiannus – ac yn gallu darparu'r addysg, profiadau a'r ofal mae plant Gwynedd yn eu haeddu – rydym wedi gweithio allan y byddai rhaid i'r safle byddwn yn adeiladau arno fod o leiaf 4.95 erw, neu 20,000m<sup>2</sup> o faint ac efo cysylltiadau da i'r rhwydwaith trafndiaeth.

"Dyna pam rydym wedi adnabod y safle yma fel man sydd gyda potensial ar gyfer ysgol arbennig newydd."

## Y camau nesaf

Nawr fod safle addawol posib ar gyfer y ganolfan newydd wedi ei adnabod mi fedr y Cyngor frwr mlaen ar gamau nesa'r prosiect er mwyn anelu i sicrhau fydd Canolfan Ragoriaeth i Addysg Arbennig yn agor ei drysau i blant Meirionnydd a Dwyfor yn 2016.

Er mwyn sicrhau'r model orau ar gyfer y Ganolfan rydym am ymgysylltu gydag arbenigwyr ym maes addysg anghenion arbennig yn y trafodaethau. I'r perwyl hwn rydym wedi sefydlu gweithgor ac mi fyddwn yn cynnal cyfarfodydd dros y misoedd nesa i gytuno'r model orau. Y trafodaethau hyd fydd sail yr achos busnes cynhwysfawr y bydd rhaid i'r Cyngor ei gyflwyno er mwyn sicrhau arian o Raglen Ysgolion 21ain Ganrif Llywodraeth Cymru tuag at sefydlu'r Ganolfan newydd.

Ar yr un pryd mi fyddwn yn cychwyn trafod briff ar gyfer y Ganolfan gyda phensaer er mwyn cychwyn gwireddu'r weledigaeth ar gyfer y Ganolfan bwysig hon.

Rydym yn awyddus iawn i gynnwys staff, rhieni, gofalwyr a llywodraethwyr, yn ogystal a buddiolwyr eraill, ar hyd y daith felly mae'n fwiad i'ch diweddarau'n aml a threfnu cyfarfodydd er mwyn derbyn eich mewnbwn i geisio sicrhau'r gorau i blant gydag anghenion addysg arbennig a'u teuluoedd ym Meirionnydd a Dwyfor.

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## The story so far

Following an application for 21st Century Schools Programme funding, Gwynedd Council received confirmation in December 2011 that the Welsh Government's Department for Education and Skills has approved, in principle, to co-finance the establishment of a new Centre of Excellence for Special Education in Gwynedd. This application represents an investment of £12.4 million to establish a modern provision of the highest quality central to Meirionnydd and Dwyfor for children with special education needs and their families.

A project board has been established and has been busy recognising the needs of the new Centre as well as the steps that need to be implemented to follow the statutory procedures and complete what is required to ensure the funds are received from the Welsh Government.

The Council's Customer Care Department has also been busy trying to identify a suitable site for the Centre that is large enough, in a suitable location to cater for Meirionnydd and Dwyfor and with a convenient access to main roads. We are pleased to announce that plans to establish the Centre are a step closer now as Gwynedd Council officers have identified a site that could be suitable for the Centre. It must be emphasized here that further detailed research is needed to ensure that the site is fit in all aspects before a final decision can be taken on the site.

Sian Gwenllian, the Council's Cabinet Member for Education said:

“Having looked at a number of sites, I'm delighted to confirm that officers from the Council's Customer Care and Education departments have been looking at a 6.25 acre site – or 25,294m<sup>2</sup> – in the Eryri Business Park at Penrhydeudraeth.

“The land currently belongs to the Welsh Government and we are in discussions with our colleagues from that authority, as well as carrying out our own detailed background work, so that we can weigh up whether the site is suitable for this important development.”

She added: “To ensure that this new school is successful – and can provide the education, experiences and care that children in Gwynedd who have special educational needs deserve – we have calculated that the site on which we will build needs to be at least 4.95 acres, or 20,000m<sup>2</sup> with good links to the local transport network.

“This is why we have identified this area as a potential site for a new special school.”

## The next steps

Now that a possible site for the new centre has been identified the Council can proceed with the next stages of the project to try to ensure that the Centre of Excellence for Special Education opens its doors to children living in Meirionnydd and Dwyfor in 2016.

In order to achieve the best model for the Centre we will engage with experts in the field of special education needs during our discussions. To this end we have established a working group and we will hold meetings over the coming months to agree on the best model. Outputs of these discussions will be the basis of a comprehensive business case which Gwynedd needs to present in order to secure funding from the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools Programme towards establishing the new Centre.

At the same time we will begin discussing the brief for the Centre with an architect to start realising the vision for this important Centre. We are very keen to involve staff, parents, carers and governors, as well as other beneficiaries, along the way therefore it is our intention to update you regularly and arrange meetings in order to receive your input to try to ensure the best for children with special education needs and their families in Meirionnydd and Dwyfor.

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