

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
Education Directorate, Ty Trevithick, Abercynon CF45 4UQ

Notice is given in accordance with sections 41 and 43 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (RCTCBC), having consulted such persons as required, propose to:

1. Discontinue the following schools currently maintained by RCTCBC:
  - Cwmaman Infants School, Fforchaman Road, Cwmaman, Aberdare CF44 6NS
  - Glynhafod Junior School, Glynhafod Street, Cwmaman, Aberdare CF44 6LD
2. Establish a new English Medium Community Primary School, to be maintained by RCTCBC in a new school building to be constructed for this purpose, to be located on a currently vacant site at Glanaman Road, Cwmaman, Aberdare for boys and girls aged 3-11 years.

RCTCBC 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 at <http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/GetInvolved/Consultations/Schoolconsultations.aspx>.

It is proposed to implement the proposals on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

It is proposed that pupils currently attending the two schools listed above should transfer to the new Primary School for Cwmaman on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018, subject to parental preference. This school is proposed to be an English Medium Community Primary School. It is also proposed that a new school building be constructed to accommodate the children who will attend the new school, on the site of the former Fforchaman Colliery at Glanaman Road, Cwmaman, Aberdare.

The proposed new school will be a community school.

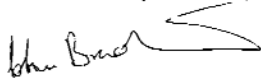
RCTCBC will be the admission authority and there will be no arrangements for pupil banding.

The proposed capacity of the new Primary school shall be 240 pupil places, plus Nursery provision for at least 34 children on a part time basis.

The admission number for pupils aged 4 to the Reception Class at the new school in the first school year in which the proposals have been implemented will be 34.

Pupils will be provided with transport in accordance with RCTCBC's Transport Policy. At present, RCTCBC provides free transport for pupils who attend their relevant Primary, Infant or Junior School, if they reside beyond 1.5 miles walking distance to that school. The relevant school is the catchment school or the nearest school.

Within a period of 28 days of the date on which these proposals were published, that is to say by 29th September 2016 any person may object to the proposals. Objections should be sent to the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, School Planning Section, Ty Trevithick, Abercynon, Mountain Ash CF45 4UQ, e-mail [schoolplanning@rctednet.net](mailto:schoolplanning@rctednet.net). RCTCBC will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, within 7 days of the determination of the proposal.



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chief Executive  
For Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council  
Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

### **Explanatory Note of the Proposals**

The particular proposals in respect of the community of Cwmaman, Aberdare, are to close both Cwmaman Infants' and Glynhafod Junior Schools, replacing them with a new Community Primary School to serve the same catchment area.

The new school will be created in a new, purpose built school building which is proposed to be constructed on the former Fforchaman Colliery site at Glanaman Road, Cwmaman, Aberdare, subject to the receipt of favourable ground investigation and flood modelling reports and the appropriate planning consents.

If, due to unforeseen circumstances, the school building is delayed, then the new school will be created on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 as proposed, but pupils will remain in the current school buildings until such time as the new building is ready for them to transfer to.