

## RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education and Inclusion Services, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools,  
Valleys Innovation Centre, Navigation Park, Abercynon CF45 4SN

Notice is given in accordance with section 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, proposes to:

1. Discontinue the following school currently maintained by RCTCBC:
  - a. Rhigos Primary School, Heol Y Graig, Aberdare CF44 9YY.

RCTCBC undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A Consultation Report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the proposer's responses and the view of Estyn is available on the Council's website at:

[https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/GetInvolved/Consultations/CurrentConsultations/Consultationonaproposalto  
oseRhigosPrimary.aspx](https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/GetInvolved/Consultations/CurrentConsultations/ConsultationonaproposaltocloseRhigosPrimary.aspx)

It is proposed to close Rhigos Primary School and extend the catchment area of Hirwaun Primary School, Glannant Street, Hirwaun, Aberdare, CF44 9NF, to incorporate the current catchment area of Rhigos Primary School. The pupils of Rhigos Primary School will instead attend Hirwaun Primary School. It is proposed that Rhigos Primary School will close with pupils transferring to Hirwaun Primary School by no later than September 2024, subject to parent/carer preference.

Hirwaun Primary School is a mixed English Medium Community Primary School, for pupils aged 3 to 11. RCTCBC will be the admissions authority and there will be no arrangements for pupil banding.

The capacity of Hirwaun Primary School is 394 plus Nursery. The admission number for pupils aged 4 into the Reception Class at the school is 56. There are 60 nursery places.

Pupils will be provided with transport in accordance with RCTCBC's Transport Policy. RCTCBC provides free transport for pupils who attend their nearest suitable school, or if there is no safe walking route, in accordance with Welsh Government guidance. The term 'nearest suitable' school applies to the catchment area or nearest Welsh, English, dual language or voluntary aided (faith) mainstream school or special school/class as appropriate.

Within a period of 28 days of the date on which these proposals were published, that is to say by 17:00 on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024, any person may object to the proposals. Objections should be sent to the Director of Education and Inclusion Services, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools, Valleys Innovation Centre, Navigation Park, Abercynon CF45 4SN, or e-mail [schoolplanning@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:schoolplanning@rctcbc.gov.uk).

Where objections have been received, 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.

<b>Signed:</b>	
Director of Education and Inclusion Services For Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council	
<b>Date:</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> January 2024