



**RECORD OF URGENT DECISION OF THE LEADER OF THE
COUNCIL, CLLR A MORGAN.**

(In accordance with Section 3A of Part 3 (paragraph 3) of the Council's Constitution.)

SUBJECT: Home to School Transport

DECISION :

On the 8th September 2015, following an extensive consultation process, Cabinet took the following decision in respect of the Council's 'Home to School Transport' policy: -

"That the Council's current distance eligibility criteria for Home to School Transport continues to apply but all discretionary elements of provision as set out within the Decision Notice become chargeable, but still a subsidised service."

(full details of the decision taken can be found through accessing the following link to the Cabinet Decision Notice -

<http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Council/CouncillorsCommitteesandMeetings/Meetings/Cabinet/2015/09/08/Cabinet08Sep2015.aspx>)

Decisions in respect of Service Change Delivery have always been controversial and as we have always stressed they are not decisions, that we as a Cabinet have wanted to take but have done so for necessity because of the financial climate (or forecasted financial climate) that the Council finds (or found) itself in at a particular time. At the time of taken this decision the Council was facing a projected budget gap for 2016/17 of between £23.7m and £30.8m.

As a result of stronger progress made in delivering efficiencies; a significantly better financial settlement for 2016/17 from Welsh Government than forecast; and less challenging forecasts for future financial settlements, as evidenced in the UK Government's Comprehensive Spending Review of November 2015; the Council now has greater financial flexibility. With this in mind and as a result of discussions with both my Cabinet Members and the Senior Leadership Team, I have now taken the decision to overturn the Cabinet decision of 8th September 2015 in relation to the Council's Home to School Transport policy.

This means that as from the 2016/17 Academic Year the Council's Home to School Transport policy shall be that which is set out in the Council's published 2016/17 Starting School Booklet (accessible on the link provided and is attached to this decision record.)

<http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/SchoolsandLearning/Applyingforaschoolplace/RelatedDocuments/StartingSchoolBook201617.pdf>

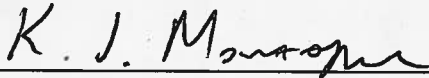
In taking this decision I recognise that parents, carers and learners require notice of this change. However, given the circumstances resulting in this decision and the effect it has in removing the charges that would have been payable relating to the discretionary elements of the Council's Home to School Transport provision, I consider that five months notice is sufficient. I have also requested officers ensure all affected parents/carers/learners and other relevant stakeholders are notified of this decision as a matter of urgency.

As a consequence of this decision, Cabinet will now need to consider, and Full Council subsequently determine, following receipt of a report and advice from officers, its impact on the 2016/17 Budget and how the Council can address that impact and ensure a balanced budget for 2016/17 continues to remain in place.

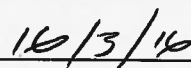
I must stress that the Council will continue to face financial challenges in the future. This means that decisions regarding service delivery will continue to need to be considered by Cabinet in the future. However where there is an opportunity to mitigate the impact of decisions taken on service users and it is financially prudent to do, as I consider is the case with this decision, I and my Cabinet will take such action.

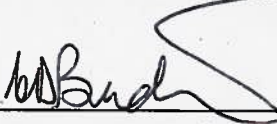
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The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution

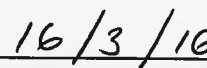


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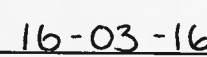


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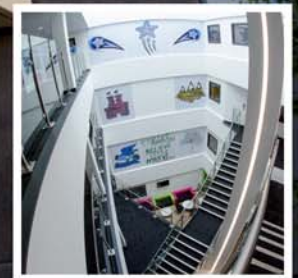

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Starting School

2016 - 2017

Information for parents/carers on
choosing a school for your child

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Introduction

Dear Parents/Carers

Judging which school will be best for a child is an important decision for every parent. This booklet has been designed to help you by giving general information about the Council's arrangements for the admission/transfer of children to schools in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

Before expressing a preference for your child to attend a particular school, you should read this booklet carefully. It is important that you understand the different arrangements that apply to each category of school, age group, when places are allocated, when children take up those places and which children will be given priority for admission to a school when there are more applications received than there are places available.

This booklet also contains advice on how you can appeal against any decision not to admit your child to the school of your choice, where the entitlement to appeal exists.

If, at any time, you require any additional information or advice about this or any other educational matter, the staff at the Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate will be pleased to help you. They can be contacted on 01443 744000.

More detailed information relating to a particular school can be obtained by contacting the Headteacher directly and requesting a copy of the school's prospectus or by logging on to the school website (where available). Please note that, although the information in this booklet is correct for admission to schools in Rhondda Cynon Taf between September 2016 and August 2017 at the time it was produced, regulations /policies may change from time to time.

All policies within this booklet show due regard for the Equality Act 2010, including the anticipatory duties. Section 20 of the Equality Act 2010 highlights the need for the Council and schools to anticipate the needs of disabled service users and to take reasonable steps to remove barriers to accessing services. The duty is anticipatory in the sense that it requires consideration of, and action in relation to, barriers that impede people with disabilities seeking to use services and participation in experiences prior to them being accessed.

We wish your child every success at school and in the years to come. As a parent/carer you can do much to help achieve this. All schools value the support of parents/carers and we hope that you will take the opportunity to find out about your child(ren)'s school and become involved in the life of the school during their time there. We look forward to your active support and co-operation.

With all our best wishes,



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September 2015

Information and advice - Contact Details

The School Admissions Team are based at Tŷ Trevithick, Abercynon, and are always available to give advice and assistance on school admission issues.

The School Admissions Team can be contacted as follows:-

Schools Admissions Section
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Tŷ Trevithick, Abercynon
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Email: schooladmissions@rctcbc.gov.uk

Further information and a copy of this Starting School Book is also available on the Council's website www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Part 1

Primary and Secondary Education General Admission Arrangements 2016-2017

Primary Education Age (3-11) Secondary Education Age (11-18)

A. Choosing a School

The entry of children to schools is controlled and administered by an 'Admissions Authority'. In respect of community schools the Admissions Authority is Rhondda Cynon Taf Council (the Authority). In the case of voluntary-aided (church) schools, the Admissions Authority is the governing body of the individual church school.

Within the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf (the Authority), each school has an area that it serves – its 'catchment area'. Most parents/carers choose to send their child(ren) to their 'local' school within this 'catchment area', however, they have the right to state a preference for their child(ren) to attend any school.

Whether there is an offer of a place at the preferred school will depend on the outcome of the application of the Authority's admission policy.

The Council continuously reviews and reserves the right to amend its admission procedures for non-statutory pre-nursery and nursery education. Nursery places are only available to residents of RCT, i.e. those persons paying Council tax to this authority.

1. Parents/carers must submit an application for a school place at the following stages of their child(ren)'s education:-
 - i. Admission to a pre-Nursery class, the term following a child's third birthday (such places are provided strictly according to availability, and are dependent on there being surplus classroom capacity in the Nursery of the individual school, they are not universally available).
 - ii. On admission to the Nursery year at a school
Please note that schools are now only funded for part time places for both pre-nursery and nursery provision; full time funding is only applied the term following a child's fourth birthday. Part time places provide at least 15 hours a week education provision to children. Some schools may decide to increase this level of provision should their budgets allow; parents will need to check with individual schools for details of any local arrangements made in this regard. Pre nursery and nursery places are not available to any parent not resident within Rhondda Cynon Taf County boundary (and who are not paying Council tax to Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council), however consideration will be given to allowing entry to children who have elder siblings at the school, but only if there are spare places available.
 - iii. On admission to the Reception year
 - iv. On transfer from an infant school to a junior or primary school (year 2 to year 3 only).
 - v. On transfer from a junior or primary school to secondary school
 - vi. At any time that parents/carers may wish to transfer their child from one school to another

Please see admission timetable for all of the above on page 14

2. Parents/carers may further express their right of selection in respect of –
 - i. Welsh Medium education – this option is available to all parents or carers who desire it for their child(ren) (please refer to Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan)
 - ii. Voluntary aided (church) schools – please see pages 15-27
3. The Authority and each school's governors must comply with any parent/carer preference that is expressed, **providing that there is room within the school**. In considering these preferences, the Admissions Authority must have regard for:
 - i. The overall provision of efficient education and efficient use of resources
 - ii. Welsh Medium education (as 2 i. above)
 - iii. Religious affiliation

4. The names of the secondary schools to which pupils from each of the junior/primary schools usually progress are given on pages 41-42. All schools within the Authority aim to provide their pupils with an educational opportunity that is best suited to each individual child. Some children will have learning needs requiring special educational provision. Parents/carers are encouraged, in the first instance, to discuss possible areas of concern with their local head teacher who may consider that the best course of action is to seek specialist advice. Parents/carers will, in some cases, already be receiving specialist support and guidance regarding the provision of education for their child. For further information on this matter, please refer to pages 28-30 which gives an outline of the Special Educational Needs services available in Rhondda Cynon Taf. Please also see page 5 Criteria for Pupil Entry.

B. Applying for a Place

1. Parents/carers have the right to express a preference when selecting a school for their child(ren). For pupils who are due to start school commencing September 2016, parents/carers **must** complete an application. Please refer to page 14 for return dates.

Applications include a deadline by which they must be completed and returned. Parents of pupils due to start Nursery, Reception, transfer from Infants to Junior/Primary school or transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2016 can apply online for admission.

Applying online is quick and easy. Follow these three steps :-

i. Visit <https://schooladmissions.rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk/>

ii. Register with a valid email address.

iii. Follow the instructions on the online application web pages.

If you do not have access to your own computer, free internet access is available at the Council's One4All Centres or any Rhondda Cynon Taf Library. Alternatively, a paper application form is available by contacting the School Admissions Team on 01443 744232.

Only applications received by the published closing date for receipt of applications will be considered in the initial round of allocation of places. Other applications received after the closing date will be considered as late applications. Late applications will be processed **after** applications which were received by the closing date and therefore late applicants may find that their preferred school is already full. Late applications will be subjected to the same admissions criteria.

Any change of preference after the closing date must be made in writing to the School Admissions Team. Any preference that has changed after the published closing date will result in the application being treated as a late application.

Parents/carers may wish to contact head teachers to discuss their preferences and/or to arrange to visit schools before making a final decision. Please be aware that the head teacher is unable to offer or promise a place in their school, that is the role of the Admissions Authority.

2. The information given on the application must be accurate. There may be occasions when parents/carers are required to evidence the information given on the application.
3. Parents/carers may be requested to provide **documentary evidence** of proof of address. The only acceptable forms of documentary proof of address are – Council Tax statement; Child Benefit confirmation letter; recent gas, water or electricity bill. Original documents will be requested (which will be returned if required). Information provided may also be cross checked and verified against information held by other departments of the Authority. If the permanent address of the child changes after making an application, it is essential that you let us know as soon as possible in writing. For those parents/carers who have moved into a new property within the last six months we will require further documentary evidence namely :-
- i. A photo card driving licence containing details of the new address, which has to be presented in person at Ty Trevithick **if requested.**
 - ii. If the house move has been caused due to a change in domestic circumstances e.g. Divorce or Legal Separation, then copies of Court/Solicitor's documentation will be required **if requested.**
4. Any attempt to gain an advantage in the admissions process by giving false information is taken very seriously and the Council will investigate fraudulent claims. If we offer a place at a school and then discover that the offer was made on fraudulent or misleading information e.g. a false claim to living at an address, falsified date of birth, we will withdraw the place offered. Where a place has been offered on false information the offer can be withdrawn even after your child has started at the school.
5. Where parents have shared responsibility for a child and the child lives with both parents for part of the school week, then the home address will be the address to which Child Benefit is paid. Parents will be required to provide documentary evidence to support the address they wish to be considered for allocation purposes.
6. All applications received by the closing dates will be considered in line with the Authority's criteria for entry to school (see paragraph C). Parents/carers will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application including, if appropriate, the means of appealing against the decision where there is recourse to appeal.

7. All maintained schools must admit pupils (during compulsory education) up to at least their published admission level. This admission level is called the Admission Number (AN) and ANs for individual schools are detailed on the List of Schools from page 45 onwards. There will be two ANs for primary schools with intakes from linked infant schools.

The AN regulation does not apply to nursery schools, special schools or pupil referral units.

8. Nursery education is provided throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf. Where nursery pupils enter the reception class on first admission to school, they will count towards the recognised Admission Number.
9. Entry into a pre-nursery or nursery class **does not guarantee a place in the nursery or reception class at the same school**. A separate application for a reception place must be made and the allocation of reception class places will be made in line with the Authority's criteria for entry to school as given in paragraph C.

10. Pupils who hold passports issued outside the UK

If a parent/carer is seeking admission to school for a child who holds a passport that was issued outside the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland they must make their application, for their child(ren)'s admission to school, directly to:

Schools Admissions Team, Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate
Tŷ Trevithick, Abercynon, Mountain Ash CF45 4UQ

Tel: 01443 744232 • Fax: 01443 744201 • Email: schooladmissions@rctcbc.gov.uk

Please contact the School Admissions team for further assistance as we will require sight of and must check the original passport/visa documentation before admission to any school can be granted due to the legal obligation that we have under Section 28 of the Children's Act 2004 to make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Admission to school will be dependent on the details recorded on the passport/visa meeting the regulations as given in the Welsh Government's School Admissions Code.

11. Birth Certificates. Prior to your child starting at a new school, you **must** provide an original copy of your child's birth certificate to that school, to verify your child's date of birth.

C. How Places are Allocated

If the number of preferences received for a school is **below** the school's Admission Number, all applications for admission to the school will be granted. Places cannot be reserved for 'in catchment' children unless they are children of reception age whose parents have applied for their entry to school to be deferred until a later date in the same school year.

If the number of preferences received for a school is **above** the school's Admission Number the following oversubscription criteria will be applied, in the priority order listed, to determine the allocation of available places:

Oversubscription Criteria

- **Priority Category 1:** 'Looked After' children (children in public care) & previously 'Looked After' children.
- **Priority Category 2:** Children whose home is inside the school's catchment area and have an older sibling attending the school from the same address, at the date of application, who will continue to attend that school in September 2016.
- **Priority Category 3:** Children whose home is inside the school's catchment area who do not have an older sibling attending the school.
- **Priority Category 4:** Children whose home is outside the school's catchment area and have an older sibling attending from the same address, at the date of application, who will continue to attend that school in September 2016.
- **Priority Category 5:** Children whose home is outside the school's catchment area who do not have an older sibling attending the school.

For the avoidance of all doubt the reference to 'home' in the oversubscription categories above and the 'tie breaker' overleaf refers to the actual location of the residential dwelling in which the child lives.

Please note that childcare/childminding arrangements or a parent's place of work cannot be taken into account when applying admissions criteria.

The date a parent/carer requests with a school that their child's name be put on their school's initial list is not a criteria for entry and does not guarantee a place; it merely enables information for parents to be sent out at the correct time.

Tie breaker

Children will be admitted up to the Admission Number in order of priority as outlined above. If, within any one of the priority categories listed, all the applicants cannot be offered a place, preference will be given to children living nearest to the school. Distance will be measured by the Authority using the shortest, safe walking route between the home address and the nearest open school gate. For the avoidance of doubt, in areas where no safe walking route has been identified by the Authority, the shortest driving route between the home address and the nearest open school gate will be used. **The distance will be measured by using the Mapinfo System only**, in order to ensure equality of opportunity to all applications. **Measurements calculated by any other system will not be considered.** The home address in instances where parents have shared responsibility for children, will be the address to which Child Benefit is paid.

Note

Siblings

Children will be classified as siblings if-

- (a) they are half or full brother or sister
- (b) they are an adoptive brother or sister
- (c) they are children living full time/permanently in the same household

Please note that cousins, nephews and nieces are not counted as siblings.

In relation to secondary school, siblings must be in years 7 to 11 of the relevant school in September 2016. Siblings attending the sixth form at a comprehensive school in September 2016 are not considered for purpose of admissions of younger children.

Multiple Birth Children (e.g. twins or triplets)

If when applying the oversubscription criteria the last child to be admitted is one of a multiple birth e.g. twin or triplet then the Authority will also admit the other sibling(s).

Children of UK Service Personnel

Children of UK service personnel will be treated as in catchment if their application form is accompanied by an official Ministry of Defence (MOD) or Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) letter declaring a definite return date and confirmation of the new address.

Admission Number Variations

Where the Authority is in the process of requesting a variation to the Admission Number of a school, due to changes in the accommodation available, the **proposed** number is recorded under the relevant school.

Waiting Lists

Following the allocation of places during the normal admission round, any pupil that is refused admission to an oversubscribed school will be placed on the waiting list. The list will be maintained until the 30th September (in line with the recommendation in the School Admissions Code). Thereafter parents/carers must make a fresh application for admission (by completing an application form) and/or provide a written request to remain on the waiting list.

Admissions in respect of pupils on waiting lists are determined by application of the over-subscription criteria, not by the length of time a child has been on the waiting list.

Sixth Form Admissions

The admission of sixth form pupils to community schools is, at present, determined by individual schools. Therefore any applications in this category should be made directly to the school.

Individual schools are responsible for issuing policies on sixth form admissions in respect of entry criteria. The Authority has a policy of open access to schools' sixth forms.

Part 2

Stages of Education

Maintained Schools

A. Nursery Education

Nursery education is widely provided across Rhondda Cynon Taf through maintained schools and non-maintained registered education providers both of whom are subject to regular inspections through Estyn.

Some schools are able to offer 'pre-Nursery' places to children the term following their 3rd birthday. Application forms are available during the school term in which the child has their 3rd birthday and must be returned to the school by the date shown. These places are provided strictly subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed at any school. Once the Nursery accommodation is deemed to be full, no further pre-Nursery pupils may be admitted.

Admission Cohort	Age of Pupil
Pre-Nursery Admission from January 2016 onwards	3rd Birthday falls between: 1st September 2015 and 31st December 2015
Pre-Nursery Admission from April 2016 onwards	3rd Birthday falls between: 1st January 2016 and 31st March 2016

Please note that the admission of pre nursery children to any school will not be possible any later than the Friday which follows the May Half Term Break.

Wherever possible we ensure provision is available within the family's catchment area. However, where schools are unable to meet the demand a part time placement will be funded in other registered education provision within private and voluntary sector settings.

Details of these providers can be found on page 46 or alternatively you can ring our Family Information Service (FIS) free helpline on 0800 180 4151 (or 0300 if dialling from a mobile) 111 4151 for further details. A nursery place will only be funded in alternative provision if there is no capacity in a local school, to meet the child's needs. Non-Maintained registered education provision will not be funded cross county. Non-Maintained registered education providers funded dates are in line with school admission dates.

The Council continuously reviews and reserves the right to amend its admission procedures for non-statutory pre-nursery and nursery education.

1. Admission to Nursery

The Authority sets the number of places available at a nursery school. The decision to admit your child to a Nursery School will be taken in accordance with the Authority's published criteria for Pupil Entry to school (see point C page 5).

Admission to Nursery Classes in Infant or Primary Schools will also be undertaken in line with the Authority's published criteria for Pupil Entry to school and in accordance with Welsh Government expectations.

Pupils who are admitted either to a pre nursery or nursery class will not have an "automatic" right to continue education within that school. Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate these pupils, a formal application must be made for transfer to the nursery class (upon transfer from pre nursery provision), reception class/infant department at the appropriate time. There may be occasions when, due to over subscription, it will not be possible for this transfer to take place.

2. Early Years and Family Support Services

Rhondda Cynon Taf Early Years and Family Support Services (EYFSS) provide a broad range of services to support children's development and learning as well as support to parents. The service operates across Rhondda Cynon Taf and has outreach services throughout the area, but the central team, along with senior officers are based at Tŷ Trevithick.

The range of services are provided by EYFSS to meet the needs of young children and their families, including a range of pre-school services such as Flying Start, parenting support programmes, open access play, day nursery provision and services for disabled children. All of the services provided by EYFSS are concerned with the learning, development and well-being of children and support for parents including access to lifelong learning, training and work activities. The full range of services provided by EYFSS is available at www.rctcbc.gov.uk/eyfss or by telephoning **Freephone: 0800 180 4151** to access the Family Information Service.

3. Flying Start

Flying Start is the Welsh Government's flagship early years programme for families with children who are under 4 years of age. It is delivered in the most deprived areas of Wales.

Flying Start is made up of four strands and every Flying Start child and family is entitled to access each of these four strands. They are:

- Enhanced Health Visiting, where Health Visitors have reduced caseloads to allow them to offer intensive support to families
- Free quality childcare for 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, 42 weeks per year.
- A suite of researched and evaluated parenting programmes
- A number of early language and communication groups delivered by the Talk and Play service.

One of the top five commitments for the Welsh Government is to double the number of children benefiting from Flying Start across Wales from 18,000 to 36,000. By 2015, there will be almost 3,000 children from 0-3 within Rhondda Cynon Taff able to benefit from Flying Start.

To find out if you are eligible to receive this service or to receive further information regarding Flying Start please contact the Rhondda Cynon Taf Family Information Service on **0800 180 4151** Freephone from mobiles **0300 111 4151** or email fis@rctcbc.gov.uk.

4. Foundation Phase

The Foundation Phase provides an approach to learning, with a more specific focus on learning through play and learning activities in the outdoors. The Foundation Phase curriculum is statutory in all early years education provision, including the private and voluntary sector and advisory teachers provide extra support to education providers that are non-maintained within the Local Authority. This ensures that the principles of the Foundation Phase are acted upon in every setting that delivers education to pupils from age 3-7.

B. Primary Education

Primary education refers to nursery/infant/junior and primary schools. Children of compulsory school age (5 or over) will, at the appropriate time, attend these schools.

Attendance between the age of 3 to the date of a child's fifth birthday is optional (see paragraph C1 below).

By virtue of section 8 of the Education Act 1996, a child begins to be of compulsory school age when he or she attains the age of five years. A child, therefore, becomes of compulsory school age on one of three dates in the year following their fifth birthday. These dates (1st September, 1st January and 1st April) are prescribed by the Education (Start of Compulsory School Age) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998 No. 1607).

Therefore, for a child whose fifth birthday falls between:

- 1st April – 31st August, compulsory school age is 1st September
- 1st September – 31st December, compulsory school age is 1st January
- 1st January – 31st March, compulsory school age is 1st April
(e.g. a child born on 1st January would not be of compulsory school age until 1st April).

Children between the ages of 3-5 are recognised as pupils receiving primary education. However, in Rhondda Cynon Taf, primary education in this context may be provided in nursery schools or with registered education providers.

C. Admission to Infant Schools or Infant Departments within Primary Schools

1. All children must be in full time attendance by the commencement of the term following their fifth birthday.
2. Parents/Carers should notify the Head Teacher of their local infant school or primary school (well in advance if possible) that they have a child approaching compulsory school age. If a parent/ carer is unsure as to which school usually serves their address/locality then an officer in the School Admissions Team is available to offer advice (see page 2).
3. Pupils who are admitted to an Infant school, will not have an “automatic” right to continue their education at the junior or primary school that serves the same area. Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate these pupils, a formal application must be made for transfer to the junior/primary school at the appropriate time. Pupils admitted to a pre nursery or nursery class in a primary school must also make a formal application to transfer to the nursery class (upon transfer from pre nursery) / reception class at that school. There will be occasions when, due to over-subscription, it will not be possible for the transfer within the same local junior/primary school to take place. Should this be the case a place will be offered, in consultation with parents/carers, at an alternative school.

D. Transfer to Junior Schools or Junior Departments within Primary Schools

1. Children enter or transfer from Infant schools to Junior schools, or Junior departments in Primary schools, on the first day of the autumn term (on a given date in September) following their seventh birthday.
2. In Primary schools, the infant and junior sections are simply departments of the same school and children progress through the school from the infants to juniors without having to transfer elsewhere or make application between departments.

E. Changing Schools: Primary Education

1. Changing schools during primary education is a serious step for your child(ren) to take. In the case of moving the family home, such a decision may well be a necessity. You may wish to contact your local school or the School Admissions Team (see page 2) for advice at this time. If you decide that you would like your child to transfer from one school to another, please contact their present Head Teacher first to alert them of your decision. Should you wish to proceed with the transfer arrangements you should contact the School Admissions Team for advice in making your application to the new school.
2. Applications to any year group within a school will be judged against the relevant AN (Admission Number) for that year group and the overall capacity of the school.

3. Parents should note, however, that classes may include more than one age group and the Head Teacher has the responsibility (authority) for placing your child in the most appropriate provision. For all enquiries relating to preferred dress (school uniforms) please contact the school directly.

F. Admission to Secondary Schools

Children normally transfer from primary (junior) school to secondary school at the beginning of the school year (a given date in September) following their eleventh birthday. Although each primary school has a secondary school to which most of its pupils usually transfer, parents/carers are required, in all cases, to complete an application stating their preference as to which secondary school they wish their child(ren) to attend. This must be done while their child(ren) are in year 6 [the final year] of their attendance at junior or primary school.

A list indicating the secondary school to which each primary school is linked is given in Part 5 on pages 41-42. Being a registered pupil at an associated primary school does not guarantee or entitle your child to a place at a particular secondary school. Allocation of all secondary school places are subject to submission of an application and where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, places will be allocated strictly in accordance with our published oversubscription criteria (see page 5).

For all enquiries relating to school uniform please contact the school directly.
(For home to school transport see pages 34-40).

G. Changing Secondary Schools

Changing secondary schools is a serious step for your child(ren) to take. In the case of moving the family home, such a decision may well be a necessity and you may wish to contact your local school or the School Admissions Team (see page 2) for advice on this matter. If you decide that you would like your child(ren) to transfer from one secondary school to another, in the first instance, please contact the Head Teacher of the school that the child presently attends in order to discuss any issues. Should you still wish to proceed with the transfer arrangements you should contact the School Admissions Team for advice in making your application. In considering your request for transfer, the Authority will review the AN and the number of pupils in the year group relevant to your child(ren). If that particular year group has not reached the school's published limit, then your child will be admitted to the school. **Parents/Carers should note**, however, that curriculum option choices and examination syllabuses vary from school to school and it may not be possible for your child's choices to be met at a different school. This may prove particularly problematic for those pupils leading up to examinations such as those in Years 10/11, who are due to sit GCSEs and those taking AS/A Levels.

H. Admissions at Other Times

Application for admission to a primary or secondary school at other times, e.g. for those moving into the County Borough, should be made to the School Admissions Team (see page 2), where an officer will be able to advise on admission procedure and the availability of places.

I. Regular Attendance at School

Improving school attendance rates is a Council priority in Rhondda Cynon Taf. Regular school attendance is known to be a key factor in supporting the social, emotional and educational development and wellbeing of children and young people. For this reason poor attendance as a result of either truancy or absences condoned by parents are taken very seriously by the Local Authority.

Schools are responsible for tackling issues of poor or irregular school attendance in the first instance,

however if improvements are not made the school is encouraged to refer pupils to the Attendance and Wellbeing Service. Under section 7 of the Education Act 1996, parents have a legal duty to ensure their children receive efficient full time education that is suitable to their children's age, ability and aptitude, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise. Where there is sufficient evidence that parents are not fulfilling this legal duty, the Local Authority has a responsibility to institute court proceedings under Section 444 (1) of the Education Act 1996. In Rhondda Cynon Taf this responsibility is devolved to the Attendance and Wellbeing Service.

In accordance with The Education (Penalty Notices) (Wales) Regulations 2013, the local authority has introduced a new Code of Conduct for the issuing of fixed penalty notices for regular non-school attendance. All penalty notices issued for non-school attendance will be processed in line with this Code, a copy of which can be obtained from any RCT school or the Attendance and Wellbeing Service (aws@rctcbc.gov.uk). Furthermore, the Council has adopted a 'zero tolerance' approach to holidays in term time, resulting in holiday absences being unauthorised unless the family situation is considered to be an exceptional circumstance. Again, further details can be found on the Council's website or by contacting your local school.

J. Authority's policy on Food and Drink in schools

School Meals

A catering service is provided in all schools and meals are cooked and served by trained staff using quality products and ingredients that comply with all food safety legislation.

The recipes and menus comply with the Welsh Government's Food Standards, nutritional and allergen regulations in Primary and Secondary Schools.

There is consistent pricing across all schools and the service is tailored to meet the needs of the school. Special dietary requirements are catered for on request.

For further information please contact the in house Rhondda Cynon Taf Catering Services team
Tel: 01443 744155 • Email: cateringservices@rctcbc.gov.uk
Or visit our website: www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolcatering

Primary School Free Breakfast Initiative

A free breakfast is available from 8.00 a.m. and is provided to pupils in most of our Primary schools but please check with the Head teacher in the first instance.

School Milk

Free milk is provided daily to all Foundation Phase pupils.

K. Authority's policy on School Uniform

The wearing of a school uniform in Primary schools in Rhondda Cynon Taf is entirely voluntary. It is compulsory for all Secondary Schools.

Note: Individual schools also have their own policies in relation to food and drink and school uniform and should be contacted directly for full details.

L. Authority's policy on entering pupils for public exams

All Rhondda Cynon Taf secondary schools offer a full range of level 2 courses most of which are for GCSE qualifications. All also offer a variety of level 3 courses, in the main G.C.E. A level courses and the majority of our secondary schools offer the Welsh Baccalaureate. In addition, a number of schools offer a range of other courses at NVQ and GNVQ at a range of levels.

Individual pupils are entered by schools for examinations according to their subject choices and after careful consideration of the requirements of individual pupils by teachers, parents and the pupils themselves. In addition to advice given by schools, officers of Careers Wales will also provide advice. The School meets the costs of approved examination entries.

M. Welsh Language Policy

In accordance with the Education Reform Act 1988, Welsh is a core subject in Welsh medium schools. The Authority's policy, in accordance with the Education Reform Act, 1988 and its statutory requirements, is that every child should have the opportunity to learn and use the Welsh language effectively. Provision is made for this in the following ways:-

1. Primary Schools

In Welsh medium primary schools and the Welsh sections of dual language schools, Welsh is the language in which instruction is given in all subjects forming part of the curriculum of community primary schools. The priority for admission to nursery classes in Welsh medium schools must reflect the provision of nursery education for English medium schools within the recognised catchment areas. Welsh Second Language is statutory for all pupils in English medium primary schools. All eligible pupils from areas where nursery education is provided in English medium schools may be admitted to the Welsh medium nursery classes where places are available. After these admissions have been resolved, the remaining places will be allocated according to the criteria set out in Section C on page 5.

2. Secondary Schools

In Welsh medium secondary schools, Welsh is the language in which instruction is given in all subjects forming the majority of the curriculum. Welsh Second Language is a statutory requirement in English medium secondary schools for all pupils in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 of the National Curriculum.

School Admissions

Academic Year 2016-2017

Year	Age during academic Year	Date of Birth between	National Curriculum	Other names
Pre-Nursery	3	1.9.2013 – 31.8.2014		Foundation Phase
Nursery	4	1.9.2012 – 31.8.2013	Nursery	Foundation Phase
Reception	5	1.9.2011 – 31.8.2012	Reception	Foundation Phase
1	6	1.9.2010 – 31.8.2011	Key Stage 1	Foundation Phase
2	7	1.9.2009 – 31.8.2010	Key Stage 1	Foundation Phase
3	8	1.9.2008 – 31.8.2009	Key Stage 2	Juniors
4	9	1.9.2007 – 31.8.2008		
5	10	1.9.2006 – 31.8.2007		
6	11	1.9.2005 – 31.8.2006		
7	12	1.9.2004 – 31.8.2005	Key Stage 3	Form 1
8	13	1.9.2003 – 31.8.2004		Form 2
9	14	1.9.2002 – 31.8.2003		Form 3
10	15	1.9.2001 – 31.8.2002	Key Stage 4	Form 4
11	16	1.9.2000 – 31.8.2001		Form 5
12	17	1.9.1999 – 31.8.2000	Key Stage 5	Lower Sixth
13	18	1.9.1998 – 31.8.1999		Upper Sixth

Compulsory School Age

Date of 5 th birthday falls between:	Becomes of Compulsory School Age on:
1.4.2011 – 31.8.2011	1.9.2016
1.9.2011 – 31.12.2011	1.1.2017
1.1.2012 – 31.3.2012	1.4.2017

Leaving Age

The official school leaving age is legally defined as the last Friday in June in the school year in which a pupil attains the age of 16 [Year 11].

For the 2016-2017 school year, this date is 23rd June 2017.

No Year 11 student is legally able to leave school before this date even if they attain their 16th birthday on 1st September 2016.

Admission Timetable 2016-2017 Academic Year

Admission Cohort	Age of Pupil	Applications available from	Applications to be Returned by	Decision Notifications Issued
Secondary School Year 7	12 th birthday falls between: 1 st September 2016 and 31 st August 2017	1 st September 2015	23 rd October 2015	1 st March 2016
Primary School Year 3 (transfer from Infant to Junior or Primary School)	8 th birthday falls between: 1 st September 2016 and 31 st August 2017	1 st September 2015	20 th November 2015	15 th April 2016
Primary School Reception Class (i.e. Age 4 before 1 st Sept 2016)	5 th birthday falls between: 1 st September 2016 and 31 st August 2017	1 st September 2015	20 th November 2015	15 th April 2016
Primary School Nursery Class (i.e. Age 3 before 1 st Sept 2016)	4 th birthday falls between: 1 st September 2016 and 31 st August 2017	1 st September 2015	20 th November 2015	15 th April 2016
Pre-Nursery Admission from January 2017 (Spring Term)	3 rd birthday falls between: 1 st September 2016 and 31 st December 2016	1 st September 2016	7 th October 2016	25 th November 2016
Pre-Nursery Admission from April 2017 (Summer Term)	3 rd birthday falls between: 1 st January 2017 and 31 st March 2017	2 nd January 2017	17 th February 2017	17 th March 2017

Appeal Timetable – Year 7, Year 3 and Reception Only

Admission Cohort	Closing Date for Receipt of Appeals	Appeals Heard
Secondary School Year 7	24 th March 2016	Within 30 school days of the specified closing date for receipt of appeals.
Primary School Reception Class and Year 3 transfers from Infant Schools	6 th May 2016	Within 30 school days of the specified closing date for receipt of appeals.

(There are no appeals in respect of nursery and pre nursery admissions)

Admissions Policies - Voluntary Aided and Controlled (Church) Schools

Background

Within Rhondda Cynon Taf there are 8 voluntary aided (Church) schools which are financed largely by the LA but which are organised and run by either the Church in Wales or Roman Catholic (R.C.) Diocesan Education Authority in partnership with the Authority.

These are:

- Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary
- Cwmbach Church in Wales Primary
- Our Lady's R.C. Primary
- SS Gabriel and Raphael R.C. Primary
- St. Margaret's R.C. Primary
- St. Michael's R.C. Primary
- Cardinal Newman R.C. Comprehensive
- St John Baptist (Church in Wales) High School

The admission arrangements for these schools have been formulated by the schools governing bodies with the agreement of the Authority. Requests for admission to these schools are the responsibility of the relevant governing body. Details of the admissions policies for these schools are given below.

Appeals

Appeals against decisions in respect of admission(s) to Voluntary Aided (Church) Schools must be made directly to the governing body of the school concerned. This may be done by addressing the letter of appeal to the Chairperson of the governing body and forwarding it to the school.

Primary Schools Policies

Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Eglwys y Dref Aberdâr

Admissions Policy 2014

Aberdare Town Church Primary School is an English medium, voluntary-aided primary co-educational Church in Wales day school. Parents and carers should be aware that religious education and worship takes place according to the denominational teaching and practice of the Church in Wales. The Admissions Authority receives applications with the understanding that parents accept full participation in such denominational teaching and worship by their children. However, in law parents have a right to withdraw their children; the Governing Body on an individual basis will deal with such cases. The school currently caters for about 315 pupils. The Governors of the School are its Admissions Authority.

The statutory age for commencing full time education is 5 years. However, admission to the Nursery can be made as soon as possible after a child's third birthday. Parents should note that a place in Nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception and that parents should apply for admission to Reception. RCTCBC provides the school with an admission number that the governing body are able to admit to a year group in the school. The school's "admission number" is 34 children.

The children of Church in Wales parents, for whom the Town Church Primary School is the nearest Church Voluntary Aided School, receive free transport, paid for by the Local Authority, provided the school is further than one and a half miles from home, measured by the nearest walking route. This is administered fully by Home to School Transport at RCTCBC.

Parents wishing to enrol a child at Town Church Primary School should contact the school to arrange for their child's name to be entered onto the Admissions register. Letters offering a place at the school are sent out in the first half of the spring term for the following autumn entry and at the end of the summer term for the following spring entry (dependent on availability of places). Once positive confirmation of application requests have been received, parents are advised of dates available for a visit to the school. Any other appointments need to be arranged by mutual agreement. Please refer to Welsh Government's School Admission Code 005/2013 for current admissions procedures.

Arrangements for entry by older children should start with an enquiry of the Headteacher. Such entries depend upon the availability of room in the years and classes concerned. In practice, it has for a number of years been possible to balance a supply and demand in this respect. Strict statutory limitation of "Infant" classes to 30 pupils does however affect this situation.

Parents may register their interest for a child to attend the school at any time. The information will be kept on a waiting list until the child is eligible for admission. This will not give an automatic entitlement to a place. If the number of applications is less than the admissions number all applicants will be admitted to the school, however, if the school is oversubscribed the criteria described below will be adhered to.

Over subscription criteria

Where the number of applicants for admission exceeds the number of places available, places will be awarded under categories below in the following order of priority.

1. Looked After Children (in the care of the Local Authority)
2. Children who, and whose families are committed practising Anglicans (i.e. Church in Wales).
3. Children with siblings (brothers or sisters) already attending the School (This would include half and adoptive brothers or sisters)
4. (In deference to the Covenant for Church Unity in Wales) Children who, and whose families are committed practising members of other Christian Churches who are subscribers to, or in fundamental sympathy with the Covenant.
5. Other children whose families wish their child to be educated in a Church in Wales School

Admissions will not be determined on the basis of selection criteria involving the setting of tests, inspection of school reports, or interviews of pupils (with or without parents) for the purpose of assessing ability or aptitude; but may be directed to Church commitment. Appeals interviews may require the applicant to provide written evidence of religious commitment from their local priest.

The school has no specific 'catchment' area, however, it mainly admits pupils from Aberdare and District (i.e. covering the former Borough of Cynon Valley). In the event that there are excessive demands for places from 'Church' pupils resident in parishes other than Aberdare, available places will be allocated to those living nearest to the school. The closest distance, in this instance, being that between home and the school measured by the shortest, safest walking route.

Looked after children

The Governing body recognises the priority of providing an appropriate school place for a looked after child, and is committed to work with the local authority and other agencies to ensure that the needs of looked after children are met.

Late applications

Late applications will be considered only if places are available, and can be refused if the admissions number is exceeded. In such cases the admissions criteria as given above will apply.

Appeals procedure

Families whose application to the school has been unsuccessful have the right to appeal. When an application is refused, the right of appeal will exist to a specially constituted Appeals Committee. Arrangements will then be made for an independent panel to consider the appeal. The Llandaff Diocesan Board of Education, according to the Welsh Government's Code of Practice on School Admission Appeals, administers this. The Clerk to the Appeal Panel will provide notice not less than 10 working days to the appellants regarding the arrangements for hearing the appeal.

Enquiries relating specifically to the admissions process at Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary School should initially be made of the Headteacher (who may refer the enquiry to the Chair of Governors). See relevant details below.

Headteacher Mrs Clare Matthews	Chair of Governors Miss Susan Osborne	Rhondda Cynon Taff Education Department
Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary School Wind Street Aberdare CF44 7HF Tel: 01685 871520	c/o Aberdare Town Church Primary School	The Education Centre Ty Trevithick Abercynon Mountain Ash CF45 4UQ Tel: 01443 744000

Cwmbach Church In Wales Primary School

Admission Policy

Cwmbach Church in Wales Primary School is a voluntary aided school and one of its foremost aims is to provide a Christian education in accordance with the rites, ceremonies and doctrines of the Church in Wales. Cwmbach Church in Wales Primary is a small school in the village of Cwmbach on the outskirts of Aberdare. We aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum tailored to individual pupil needs, which will enable all children to achieve their maximum potential. We also strive to ensure that all pupils develop an enthusiasm for and a love of learning.

Admission Procedures

Pupils are admitted into Cwmbach Church School in the September after their third birthday. Pupils may also be admitted into school at any point throughout the year if the class appropriate to their age has room.

Parents who wish to send their children to Cwmbach School are sent an application form in the autumn term for children starting school the following September. Parents are asked to return the form by a given date and if the number of places required does not exceed the given number for that class, then all children are offered a place.

Late Applications

Applications received after the deadline date will not be considered until offers have been made to those applications made before the deadline, and the parents/carers' responses to these offers have been received. This means that if the school is over subscribed and a late application fulfils a higher criterion than that under which places have been offered to other applicants, they will still be unsuccessful.

Appeals

Parents/cares that are not offered a place for their child have the right to appeal to an independent appeal committee under the Education Acts. The appeal will be considered by an independent Admission Appeal Panel, administered by Llandaff Diocesan Board of Education, according to the Welsh Assembly Government's Code of Practice on School Admission Appeals.

Over Subscription Criteria

The Trust Deeds defines that the school was founded for the children in the Parish of Cwmbach with approximately 30 in each class. Once our maximum number of 30 is reached, the Admissions Policy is administered using the following criteria:-

- 'Looked After' children or children with a Statement of Educational Need, when the school is named as the most appropriate setting;
- Children who have a sibling who is a pupil registered at the school on the date when the applicant child is due to commence school (a sibling is defined as being a full or half brother/sister, adopted or fostered);
- Children of practising Christians or of other denominations;
- Children whose families wish them to be educated at a Church in Wales school;
- Children whose families wish them to be educated in a Church in Wales School. (Priority will be given to those living closest to the school, for whom Cwmbach CIW is the closest Church school.)
- Other children, at the discretion of the Governing Body acting on the guidance of the National Society.

When a child is admitted into the school, the Governors expect them to participate fully in Religious Education and Collective Worship. However, parents are able to exercise their right of withdrawal from R.E. and Collective Worship.

The friends of Cwmbach Church School hosts learning through play sessions and a coffee morning every Thursday at 9am – 10.30am, new parents are always welcome.

Prospective parents moving to the area and considering sending their children to Cwmbach Church School are very welcome to make an appointment with the Headteacher, who will arrange a tour.

St Margaret's Roman Catholic Primary School

Admissions Policy

St Margaret's Catholic School is a voluntary aided school functioning under the trusteeship of the Archdiocese of Cardiff.

Admission to St Margaret's School is normally for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years.

Part Time Nursery for pupils the term after they are 3. Full Time the term after they are 4.

The requests for admission from non-Catholic parents (because of the religious teaching and the Christian ethos of our school) are considered.

Parents may register their requirements for a child to attend the school. The information will be maintained on a waiting list until the child is eligible for admission. This will not give an automatic entitlement to a place. The admissions criteria as given below must be applied in all cases, where there are more applications than places available.

Admissions Level

The school's AN has been set at 21.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where the number of applications for admission exceeds the number of places available, places will be awarded in the under mentioned categories in the following order of priority.

1. The baptised children of Catholic parents living in the parishes of St Joseph, Aberdare, St Therese of Lisieux, Hirwaun and St John Kemble, Glyneath, a map of the area is available to view on request.
2. The baptised children of practising Catholic parents living in parishes adjoining the above parishes, with the permission of their parish priest.
3. Siblings of children already in the school.
4. Other baptised children.
5. Applications will also be considered from children who have special circumstances as identified by external agencies eg. Looked after Children, who will have a high priority.

In the event that there are excessive demands for places in one of the above categories, available places will be allocated to those living nearest the school as measured by recommended method.

Nursery pupils who wish to transfer to the infant department must apply to do so at the appropriate time. Application forms are available from, and must be returned to the school.

Late Applications

Late applications will be considered, but can be refused if the admission number is exceeded.

Appeals Procedure

Appeals against a decision not to admit a child should be addressed to:

The Chairperson of the School's Governing Body,
St Margaret's RC Primary School, Ty Fry, Aberdare, CF44 7PP.

Arrangements will then be made for an independent panel to consider the appeal.

Number of written applications for places at the school in September 2014- 17.

No appeals made to date.

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Admissions Policy

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School is a voluntary-aided Catholic School functioning under the trusteeship of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. The Governing Body has sole responsibility for admissions to the School and is charged with preserving its Catholic ethos. Our Lady's serves the academic, cultural, moral, social and spiritual needs of pupils in the Mountain Ash and Abercynon areas.

Governors warmly welcome applications from parents who want their children to be educated in a religious and moral setting.

Admissions Limit

The Indicated Admission Number (IAN) has been set at 17

Admission Control

The right to admission is controlled by the governors of the school.

Parents may register their requirement for a child to attend the school. The information will be maintained on a waiting list until the child is eligible for admission. This will not give an automatic entitlement to a place. The admissions criteria as given below must be applied in all cases.

The Governing Body will be offering full time Nursery places in the Academic Year 2015/16.

Admissions Criteria

Where the number of applications for admission exceeds the number of places available, places will be awarded in the under mentioned categories in the following order of priority. In all categories "Looked After Children" qualifying in each category shall have priority.

- Catholic pupils resident in the catchment areas for Our Lady's Catholic Primary
- Brothers and sisters of Catholic pupils who are already attending the school;
- Catholic pupils resident outside the catchment area.
- Other Christian denominations and siblings who are already attending the school
- Other pupils may be offered places if their parents or guardians request a Christian education for their children and the governors are satisfied that the religious and moral atmosphere and teaching of the school is the prime importance to those making the application

In the event that there are excessive demands for places from Catholic pupils resident outside the school's catchment area, available places will be allocated to those living nearest the school. The closest distance, in this instance, being that between the home and the main entrance of the school measured by the shortest, safest walking route.

Admissions Process

- Application forms are available from the school office.
- All forms must be returned to the school.
- Parents will be informed, in writing, of the outcome
- Mid term applications will be considered only if places are available, in such cases the admissions criteria as given above will apply or if the application(s) meet the Permissible Exceptions Criteria.
- Number of appeals prior to the start of the 2014/15 school year - 0

Appeals Procedure

Appeals against a decision, not to admit, should be addressed to:

The Chairperson of the School's Governing Body,
Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Miskin Road, Mountain Ash. CF45 3UA

Arrangements will then be made for an independent panel to consider the appeal.

St Michael's Roman Catholic Primary School

Admissions Policy

St. Michael's Catholic Primary School which is a voluntary-aided school founded by the Archdiocese of Cardiff. The Governing Body has sole responsibility for admissions to the School and must admit pupils to the school's admission number which is 30.

Applications must be made by completion of an application form available from the school office. **A copy of the child's birth certificate is required to verify the date of birth.**

Only the Governing Body may admit and no representation by any person including governor, staff member, clergy or anyone elected to or employed by the local authority can be regarded as an indication of offer or promise of a place. Only a written offer from the governing body can be accepted as an admission offer.

A place in the Nursery Class is not a guarantee of a place in the Reception Class and parents must apply for a place in Reception. Priority will not be given to parents of pupils that have attended the Nursery Class.

Admissions Limit

The Indicated Admission Number (IAN) has been set at 30.

When there are more than 30 applicants, admission will be made in accordance with the order of priority in the over-subscription criteria and procedure listed below.

If the governors are unable to admit all applicants within a particular category, priority will be given to those residing closest to the school as measured by the safest walking route from the front door of the child's residence to the main school gates.

Over-Subscriptions Criteria Order of Priority

1. Looked after children (children in public care) of the Catholic faith.
2. Looked after children (children in public care).
3. Children who are Baptised into the Roman Catholic Church and living in the designated catchment areas for St Michael's, these are :
 - Bedlinog, Trelewis and Edwardsville (Merthyr LA) ; Nelson (Caerphilly LA) ;
 - Cilfynydd, Pontypridd, Glyncoch, Ynysybwl, Church Village, Beddau, Llantrisant, Dolau, Pontyclun, Miskin, Talbot Green, Efail Isaf (RCT LA) ; Creigiau, Pentyrch, Gwaelod y Garth, Ty Rhiw and Tongwynlais (Cardiff LA). A map of the relevant area is available on request.Religious affiliation will need to be demonstrated by the child's baptismal certificate.
4. Baptised siblings of Roman Catholic pupils who are already attending the school.
5. Siblings of pupils of other Christian denominations who are already attending the school.
6. Siblings of children of other faiths who are already attending the school.
7. Catholic pupils resident outside the catchment area.
8. Other children

Definition of Sibling

A sibling is a child who is the brother/sister, half/brother/sister (children who share a common parent), step brother/sister where two children are related by marriage. This definition also includes adopted or fostered children living at the same address.

Multiple Births

If when applying the oversubscription criteria the last child to be admitted is one of a multiple birth eg twin or triplet, then the Governing Body will also admit the other sibling(s).

Admissions Process

- Application forms are available from the school office.
- All forms must be returned to the school.
- Parents will be informed in writing of the outcome of the application.

Appeals Procedure

Parents have a statutory right of appeal against a decision not to admit a pupil. Appeals should be addressed:

The Chairperson of St Michael's Governing Body

St Michael's R.C. Primary School, John Place Treforest, Pontypridd CF37 1SP

Arrangements will then be made for an independent panel to consider the appeal.

Details of the appeals process will be made available to parents when they are notified of a refusal of a place (or if they request such information from the Governing Body).

Waiting List

All applicants who have not been admitted will have their application, whenever made during the relevant year, retained on a waiting list until 30th September following receipt of the application. Applicants will be placed in order on the list according to the over-subscription priorities of the Admission Policy, not in date order. If a place becomes available it will be allocated to the applicant highest on the waiting list. Parents will be required to respond to the offer within 5 working days. Failure to respond for any reason will be treated as a rejection and the place will go to the next applicant on the list following the same process. After 30th September the waiting list will be abandoned and all applicants on the waiting list will be treated as not having applied and any future place which becomes available will be allocated to the next applicant for a place or, if more than one, by reference to the published criteria. Applicants must appreciate that the waiting list order of priority will alter as more applicants apply and circumstances change. If any applicant informs the governors in writing of any relevant material change of circumstances this will be considered by the governors and the position on the waiting list may be altered accordingly.

Policy Leader Mr M Chappel	Headteacher Mr M Chappel	Chair of Governors Mrs J Harris
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Mission Statement:

Together with Christ, Together We Love,
Together We Learn, Together We Live

Ss Gabriel and Raphael Catholic Primary School

Admissions Policy

Ss Gabriel and Raphael Catholic Primary School is a voluntary-aided Catholic School functioning under the trusteeship of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. The Governing Body are the admission authority for the School and consider applications for admission against the determined admission arrangements. Ss Gabriel and Raphael serves the academic, cultural, moral, social and spiritual needs of pupils in the Rhondda Fach, Rhondda Fawr, Tonyrefail and Gifach Goch.

Governors welcome applications from parents who want their children to be educated in a religious and moral setting.

Admissions Limit

The Admission Number has been set at 18

Admissions Control

The right to admission is controlled by the governors of the school.

Parents may register their requirement for a child to attend the school. The information will be maintained on a waiting list until the child is eligible for admission. This will not give an automatic entitlement to a place. The oversubscription criteria below will be applied to all cases where there are more applications than places available.

Over Subscription Criteria

Where the number of applications for admission exceeds the number of places available, places will be awarded in the under mentioned categories in the following order of priority. **In all categories “Looked After Children” qualifying in each category shall have priority.**

- Children who are baptised Catholic resident in the catchment areas for SS Gabriel and Raphael RC Primary
- Baptised Catholic brothers and sisters of baptised Catholic pupils who are already attending the school;
- Other Christian denominations and bothers and sisiters who are already attending the school
- Other pupils may be offered places if their parents or guardians request a Christian education for their children.

In the event that that there are excessive demands for places from Catholic pupils resident outside the school's catchment area, available places will be allocated to those living nearest the school. A catchment map is available on request. The closest distance, in this instance, being that between the home and the main entrance of the school measured by the shortest, safest route.

Admissions Process

- Application forms are available from the school office and the school's Moodle site.
All forms must be returned to the school.
- Parents will be informed, in writing, of the outcome.
- Applications are received throughout the school year.

Appeals Procedure

Appeals against a decision, not to admit, should be addressed to:

The Chairperson of the School's Governing Body,
Saints Gabriel and Raphael Catholic Primary School, Primrose Street, Tonypandy. CF40 1BJ

Arrangements will then be made for an independent panel to consider the appeal.

Secondary Schools Policies

Cardinal Newman Roman Catholic Comprehensive School

Admissions Policy

Cardinal Newman School is a Catholic Voluntary Aided School and the Governors have a responsibility, laid down by the law, to maintain the Catholic character of the school. Accordingly, the admission of pupils into Cardinal Newman School will be governed by the following criteria:

- Catholic Looked After Children
- Other Looked After Children
- The school has the responsibility to **serve its contributory schools and parishes** and Catholic children from these will be given **first priority**.

The contributory schools are St. Michael's, Treforest, St. Helen's Caerphilly, Our Lady's Mountain Ash and S.S. Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypany.

A list of parishes served by Cardinal Newman is attached.

- **Baptized Catholic children in the catchment area** will be given priority over other children wishing to be admitted. Parents/carers should submit a copy of the child's baptismal certificate
- **Baptized Catholic children from outside the school's catchment area** will be considered after the above. Parents/carers should submit a copy of the child's baptismal certificate
- **Siblings** of children already in the school will be given consideration next. Siblings include full or half brother/sister, adopted or fostered.
- Finally, **non-catholic children** may be offered places if the parents or carers of the children request a faith based education for their children and the Governors are satisfied that the religious and moral atmosphere and teaching of the school is of prime importance to those making the application.

If the admission number (120) of the school is not exceeded then all applicants will be admitted regardless of religious affiliation or the reason for the application.

Appeals Procedure

If a parent or carer has expressed a preference by applying for a place in the school and the Governors refuse the application, the parent or carer has the right to appeal. Appeals will be heard by an independent appeals panel. Appeals against the decision of the Governors not to admit a child to the school should be addressed to:

Mrs Kate Duffin, Clerk to the Governing Body

Cardinal Newman Catholic Comprehensive, Dynea Road, Rhydyfelin, Pontypridd. CF37 5DP

The Over subscription Criteria is as follows:

- **Baptized Catholic children in the catchment area** will be given priority over other children wishing to be admitted. Parents/carers should submit a copy of the child's baptismal certificate
- **Baptized Catholic children from outside the school's catchment area** will be considered after the above. Parents/carers should submit a copy of the child's baptismal certificate.
- **Siblings** of children already in the school will be given consideration next. Siblings include full or half brother/sister adopted or fostered.
- Finally, **non-catholic children** may be offered places if the parents or carers of the children request a faith based education for their children and the Governors are satisfied that the religious and moral atmosphere and teaching of the school is of prime importance to those making the application.

When safest, shortest distance between home and school is being used as a tie-breaker, the school will use the same procedure as the Local Authority to determine the distance.

Cardinal Newman Roman Catholic Comprehensive School (continued)

Multiple Birth Children (e.g, twins or triplets)

If when applying the oversubscription criteria the last child to be admitted is one of a multiple birth, then the Governing Body will also admit the other sibling(s).

The school will hold a waiting list. The applications on the waiting list will be prioritized in line with the oversubscription criteria and not date order. The list will be maintained until the 30th September. Thereafter, parents/carers must make a fresh application for admission (by completing a further application form) and/or provide a written request to remain on the waiting list.

Contributory Parishes

- St Dyfrig's Treforest
- Our Lady's Mountain Ash
- SS Gabriel & Raphael Tonypandy
- St. Peter's Bargoed
- All Hallows Llantrisant
- St. Thomas' Abercynon
- St. Mary Magdalene Ynyshir
- St. Helen's Caerphilly

Parents/carers who wish further details of the school's catchment are welcome to contact the school for further clarification.

Application forms should be returned in accordance with the common dates agreed with the LA. This also applies to notification letters and appeals.

St John Baptist (Church In Wales) High School

Admission to School

Initial Entry Arrangements

St John Baptist CiW High School admits children from Aberdare, the Cynon Valley, adjoining areas of Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough and nearer parts of the County Boroughs of Neath and Port Talbot, Merthyr Tydfil, Caerphilly and the County of Powys.

Since its constitution as a Comprehensive School, there have, each year, been more applications for admission than there have been places available in Year 7. Places, in these circumstances, were and are awarded by the Governors to applicants who meet the under mentioned categories, in the following order of priority:

1. Children who, and whose families, are committed practising Anglicans (i.e. regularly attend Anglican Church Services) and are pupils at an Anglican Primary School;
2. Anglican children, as in criteria 1, who are pupils at a County Primary School;
3. Other pupils at an Anglican Primary School;
4. Children who, and whose parents, are committed practising members of another Christian Church who are subscribers to, or in fundamental sympathy with, the Covenant, but who otherwise satisfy the conditions for admission to the school.
5. Children having a sibling, i.e. brother or sister or half-brother/sister, adopted or fostered already at the school (multiple births are included here).
6. Other pupils at a County Primary School.

The school recognises the priority of providing an appropriate school place for a looked after child and is committed to work with the local authority and other agencies to ensure that the needs of looked after children are met. Priority is given to Looked After Children who are practising Christians in categories 1,2,3 and 4 and to Looked After Children in categories 5 & 6. Looked after children are first in the over subscription criteria. Previously looked after children were treated in the same way.

In those cases where Church adherence is claimed, the Parish Clergy concerned are invited to support applications before they are determined. Vacancies are filled in line with the subscription criteria. A waiting list is kept for pupils who have not been able to access a place at the school, for instance if pupils move into the area and the school is full. Applications will be prioritised in line with the over subscription criteria and are kept on file for one academic year.

Before the closing date for applications for entry to Year 7, an Open Evening is held at the school specifically for the benefit of pupils and parents who are considering sending their child(ren) to the school. An application form for next Septembers' intake is included in the initial application information, the terms of the Initial Entry Arrangements should be carefully considered before completion and returned to the school by the stated closing date. Parents are asked to note that applications received after the closing deadline cannot be accepted, but parents who have missed the normal deadline will have the right to appeal against the refusal of a place. Copies of the blank application form are always available from the school, or the school web site.

Admissions statistics indicate that the school is normally able to offer places to all applicants from within category (1) and (2) and the majority of (3). There have been occasions where places could be offered from category (4). However this is only a guideline and depends on the mix of applications received each year.

The parents of any child, whose application for admission to the school is refused, may appeal against the decision. Any such appeal must be made in writing addressed to the Clerk to the Governors at the school, within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. The appeal will then be referred to an Independent Appeal Panel, where parent(s) and/or carer will have the opportunity to appeal against the decision. The Clerk to the Appeal Panel will provide notice not less than 14 days (10 working days) to the appellants regarding the arrangements for the hearing of the appeal.

Following completion of the admission process all parents of children who have been offered places for entry into Year 7 in the September will be invited to attend a meeting prior to the start of the new academic year, during which relevant information will be supplied. The children themselves will visit the school, about the same time as the meeting as part of the transitional process from Primary to Secondary school. This will enable them to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings prior to their first day at their new school. Those with Additional Learning Needs will have support.

For pupils in Years 8-11, if the year group is not full, then applications are received in line with the over subscription. The Governing Body considers all preferences for admission expressed, by parents. If the admission number is not exceeded then applicants will be admitted.

The school adheres to the common dates in line with the Local Authority Admissions Timetable.

The same criteria for entry apply at any stage of entry to the school.

Special Educational Needs

Rhondda Cynon Taf Education Authority Provision for Special Needs

A. The Policy

It is the Authority's policy that all children, as far as is possible within the terms of the Education Act 1996 (amended by the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001), should be educated in mainstream schools within their local communities. The Special Educational Needs (SEN) Code of Practice for Wales 2002 provides practical advice to professionals regarding their roles and responsibilities and further guidance is provided within the Equality Act 2010. Within the context of this statement of policy, the Authority is committed to the following general principles for children with special educational needs.

- A commitment to the principle of inclusion in so far as it is compatible with the child receiving the special education provision required, the provision of efficient education for the other children with whom the child is to be educated and the efficient use of resources.
- The special educational needs of children, including those of pre-school age, will be identified, recorded, assessed and met as early as possible and they will be reviewed regularly.
- Parents and carers are encouraged to participate in the process of the identification and assessment of their child's special educational needs. Decisions about how and where a child's special educational needs might be met will involve parents/carers and, where appropriate, will take into account the child's own views. The participatory process includes guidance to the parents/carers of children with special educational needs about their statutory rights, the drafting of parent/carer representation and ways in which they can work in partnership with their child's school.
- The provision of quality educational opportunities for all children and young people and the recognition of their entitlement to a broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum. The principle will apply regardless of gender, race, special educational need or disability.
- An acknowledgement that a child may, at any time, have educational needs that will require special provision.
- The maintenance of a flexible continuum of provision designed to meet the special educational needs of individual pupils. The majority of children with special educational needs will have their needs met in their local school from the school's resources. However, it is also recognised that there are children whose needs will require additional resources.
- The maintenance of a range of central support services to assist with assessment and advise on provision for children with special educational needs.
- The importance of effective liaison with agencies, both statutory and voluntary, is recognised in determining the nature of a child's special educational needs and the provision necessary to respond to those needs by working in partnership.
- Recognition of the duty on the Authority in its strategic planning role, to monitor and review regularly the provision of special education. Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council has a service for identifying the special educational needs of any learners, as fully and promptly as possible.
- Any additional support identified is provided without undue delay. The quality of the provision and the deployment of specialist staff across the County Borough is reviewed regularly.
- The provision of guidance, support and training for Governors, Head Teachers and staff in relation to their duties and responsibilities for children with additional educational needs, including special needs.

The progress of each child with special educational needs is closely monitored and reviewed at least annually.

B. Access and Inclusion Service

1. Educational Psychology Service (EPS)

The Educational and Psychology Service aims to promote the positive development of children and young people, families and organisations through the application of psychology. The service works with children and young people between 0-19, usually in early years or school settings. Educational settings receive regular visits from the Educational Psychologist on a time allocated basis. Parents or carers who wish to access the service are required to contact the relevant educational setting in the first instance.

Psychologists aim to bring about change through collaborative working with children, young people, families/carers and a range of professionals (eg Local Health Board, Children's Services, Early Years Services staff etc) This is achieved through consultation, assessment, advice, therapeutic work, training, project and research work. The service assists the Local Authority to carry out its statutory duties, particularly in relation to meeting the special educational needs of children and young people. This can include learners who have significant difficulties in relation to: cognition and learning, social, emotional and behavioural difficulties; speech; language and communication difficulties; and sensory and physical difficulties. Distinctive interventions and support can also be provided during times of school and community crises (eg in response to a critical incident).

Access and Inclusion Services are currently under consultation regarding the Educational Psychology Service becoming a traded service. This would involve schools purchasing traded Educational Psychology Services from the LA under the terms of a Service Level Agreement between the LA and schools on an individual basis.

2. Learner Support Service

The Learner Support Service works in partnership with children and young people, families, schools and professionals from other agencies in supporting pupils with special educational needs. These include visual impairment, hearing impairment, autistic spectrum disorders, speech and language difficulties, complex learning difficulties and specific learning difficulties (Dyslexia). The Service employs both specialist teachers and a range of support staff to provide peripatetic support into schools.

The Service plays an important role in supporting schools to identify, assess and make provision for children and young people with a range of additional learning needs, including those for whom English is an additional language.

The Learner Support Service aims to build the capacity of mainstream schools to include learners with additional needs successfully. Opportunities for targeted professional development are available through the Learner Support Service as part of the Access and Inclusion Training Schedule, which is updated annually.

The Service also supports schools by providing an advisory and consultative service on a range of additional learning needs. The Service works in partnership with those schools that host specialist classes, under the terms of a School/LA agreement.

3. Behaviour Support Team

Role of the Service

The Behaviour Support Team is a traded service with the Learner Support Service that works in partnership with those schools that have opted to purchase traded Behaviour Support Team from the LA under the terms of a Service Level Agreement between the LA and schools on an individual basis.

Core services that the service can provide include consultation, advice and guidance for schools in supporting a wide range of pupils with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties (SEBD) at a whole-school, group and individual level, assessment and identification of learner needs, responses to individual referrals, bespoke packages of training for professional development.

The service facilitates working in partnership with children and young people, families, schools, educational psychologists and other external agencies to support pupils through a range of interventions and educational placements.

The Team works in partnership with those schools that host specialist SEBD classes under the terms of a School / LA agreement. The Team also has an integral role in the management of the Pupil Referral Units and close links with the Education Other than at School Service.

4. Provision

The Education Service has the following provision to support pupils with special educational needs.

- i. A Portage Home Advisory Service for pre-school children, with special needs, and their families.
- ii. Learning Support Classes for primary and secondary aged pupils who have a severe speech and language disorders, communication disorder, autistic disorders, complex learning difficulties and severe/profound hearing impairments.
- iii. Three special schools that cater for pupils across the key stages, who have severe and complex difficulties:
 - Park Lane – Cynon Valley
 - Ysgol Hen Felin – Rhondda
 - Ysgol Tŷ Coch – Taff Ely
- iv. Maesgwyn in the Cynon Valley caters for pupils at KS 3, 4 and 5 with moderate and severe learning difficulties plus additional social, emotional and behavioural difficulties.
- v. Visually impaired pupils are supported within mainstream classes by Braille support assistants and specialist peripatetic teachers. Pupils with hearing impairment may also be supported in mainstream classes by qualified Teachers of the Deaf and Learning Support Assistants.
- vi. Pupil Referral Units (PRU). The Authority has two PRUs and each provide both long and short term provision for pupils at risk of exclusion from school. Tai Education Centre caters for primary aged children and also houses a Year 7 transition class. Tŷ Gwyn Education Centre caters for secondary age children from Year 7-11. Tŷ Gwyn also provides Education Other Than at School (EOTAS) provision. This provision meets the needs of learners who, for a variety of reasons, cannot access mainstream schools. This provision consists of home or group tuition and discrete provision within Tŷ Gwyn.
- vii. The Authority maintains two nurture classes in primary schools. These classes provide a nurturing environment for young children with social and emotional development needs.
- viii. The authority maintains five SEBD classes within primary schools to support pupils, on a medium term basis, in small groups strategically placed around the County Borough. There is also one SEBD class hosted within a secondary school.

5. Advice

If parents/carers feel that their child may have special educational needs they should, in the first instance, arrange to discuss their child's difficulties with the Head Teacher of the child's current school. Further information, concerning the provision available in the County Borough, for meeting special educational needs can be obtained from Tŷ Trevithick (Tel: 01443 744356). Professional advice can also be obtained from all teams within the Access and Inclusion Service which includes:-

- **Access and Inclusion**
Tel: 01443 744357
- **Special Educational Needs Administrative Service**
Tel: 01443 744344

Part 3

Appeals Process

Process

- a. Parents/Carers will be notified, in writing, of the outcome of their application including the means of appealing against the decision where there is recourse to appeal.
- b. On the application parents/carers are required to enter a first, second and third choice of school. If, having applied the admissions criteria (see page 5), it has not been possible to admit the child(ren) to their first choice school, arrangements will be made for admission to the second choice. If parents/carers are unhappy with this outcome, they may lodge an appeal against the decision.*
- c. Where parents/carers have not stated a second or third choice, they will be contacted and asked whether, given the circumstances, they wish to:
 - i. Make a second choice of their own.
 - ii. Accept an alternative school which can be offered by the Authority.
 - iii. Appeal against the decision not to admit the child(ren) to the first choice school.

* Not applicable for applications for entry to nursery schools or classes, or pre nursery provision.

Appeals Procedure

Parents/Carers wishing to appeal against the outcome of their application for the admission of their child(ren) to a school (other than a Voluntary Aided Church school) **must**;

- a. Give the LA written notice of their appeal within 14 calendar days (10 working days) of the admission(s) decision.
- b. Forward the letter of appeal to;
The Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, Tŷ Trevithick, Abercynon, Mountain Ash, CF45 4UQ.
- c. State in the letter, the name and date of birth of the child(ren) on whose behalf the appeal is being made. The name of the first choice school and the grounds for the appeal.
- d. The LA's admissions officer will arrange for any appeals to be heard by an independent panel. Appeals will be heard within 30 school days of the closing date for the receipt of appeals (see a above).
- e. Parents/Carers will be given at least 14 days, from the date of posting i.e. 10 working days, written notice of the date on which the appeal will be heard. A shorter timescale may be operated with the agreement of both parties.
- f. Parents/Carers may attend the hearing and make representation to the panel (written and/or verbal) should they so wish.
- g. If parents/carers choose to attend the hearing, they may be accompanied or represented by a friend, adviser, interpreter or signer who will be present in a supportive capacity only, unless the parents/carers elects that the friend/representative speaks on their behalf. If parents/carers intend to be accompanied they should inform the LA in advance.
- h. Should parents/carers choose to be represented by a solicitor, the Authority must be notified in writing at least 7 days before the date of the hearing (address as above).
- i. **Parents/Carers must not be accompanied by a member of the County Borough Council, a Local Authority Officer or local politician as this may lead to a conflict of interest.**

- j. Parents/Carers may choose not to attend the hearing, the outcome will then be decided on the content of the original letter (and any additional written supportive information) forwarded by the parents/carers.
- k. Parents/Carers will be notified of the outcome of the appeal, in writing, within 5 working days of the conclusion of the appeal hearing.
- l. Acceptance of a second choice offer does not prevent parents/carers lodging an appeal against the decision not to admit the child(ren) to the first choice school.

This appeals process does not apply to the refusal to admit nursery or pre-nursery age children. (Nursery / pre nursery age - those children who are/will continue to be below statutory school age at the time the parent/carer is seeking their admission to school).

Voluntary Aided (Church) Schools

Appeals against decisions in respect of admission(s) to Voluntary Aided (Church) Schools must be made directly to the governing body of the school concerned. This may be done by addressing the letter of appeal to the Chairperson of the governing body and forwarding it to the school.

Appeals

Nursery Aged Children (age under 5)

There is currently no recourse to appeal the refusal to admit nursery aged children (on either a full-time or part-time basis) to a school. Please see pages 7-8 for further details of the educational entitlements relating to this age group. This also applies to the pre nursery age group, or children who attain their 3rd birthday during the academic year for which provision is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed.

Basis of Appeal

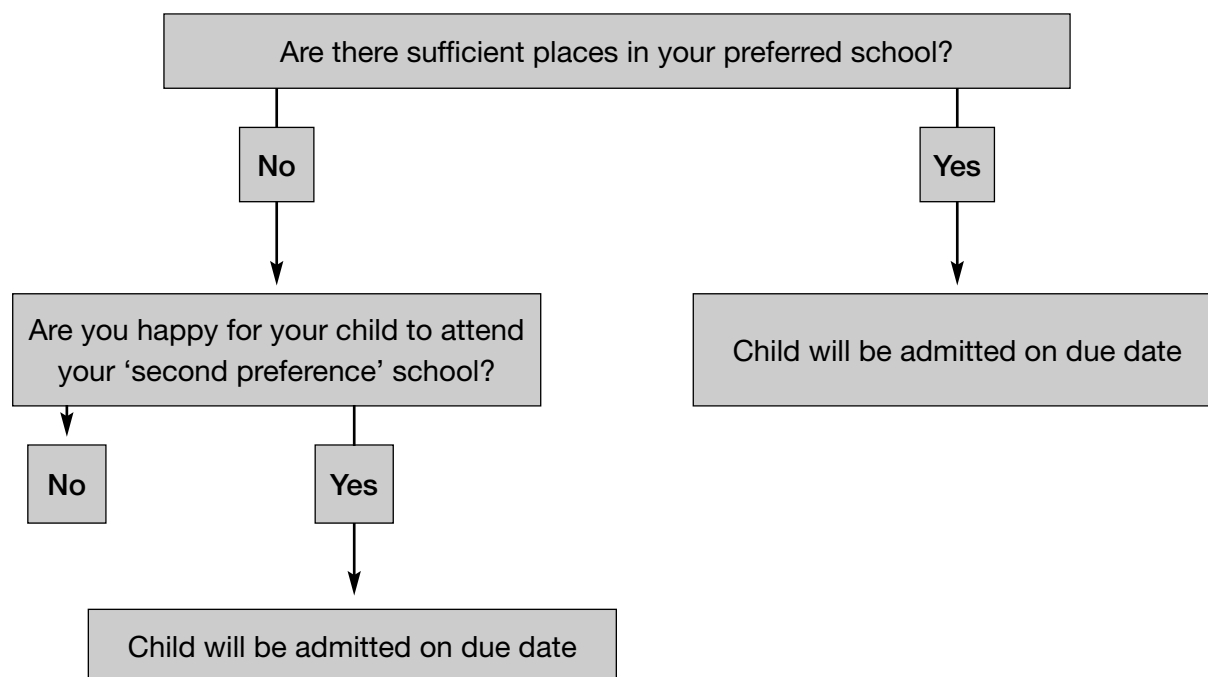
All permissible appeals will be considered in light of the Authority's admissions criteria to determine whether the correct process has been followed in applying this criteria. (for criteria see page 5).

The take-up of places in relation to the capacity of the school (whether the school is full).

If it is found that the school is full, consideration will then be given to the strength of the parent's/ carer's case to determine whether the child(ren) should still be admitted to that school. In respect of admissions to reception classes, year 1 or year 2 that are affected by the class size limit of 30 (as directed by the government) in dealing with the appeal, the panel must only look at whether the admissions criteria were applied correctly when the application was dealt with and whether, on this basis, it was unreasonable to turn down the application.

Admissions – allocating places to meet parental preferences

NB: The Admission criteria on page 5 will be applied when allocating places



You may appeal against the outcome of your application for your child to attend your 'first preference' school. Please see pages 31-32 for more details on the appeals process

NB: Only when places have been allocated to children whose parents/carers have completed/ returned applications by the appropriate date (please see page 14 for return dates) can consideration be given to other requests for admission.

Appeals 2014-2015

During the Academic Year 2014-2015, the Authority received 16 appeals from parents/carers whose applications for children to attend community schools had been unsuccessful. Of these 16 appeals the outcome was:-

- **Successful** **9**
- **Unsuccessful** **5**
- **Appeal withdrawn** **2**

During the Academic Year 2014-2015, there were no appeals from parents/carers whose applications for children to attend voluntary-aided (church) schools had been unsuccessful.

Part 4

Provision of Home to School/College Transport

Learner Travel Policy, Information and Arrangements

This document has been produced by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council to comply with the requirements of the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 to make available information about its policies and the arrangements it puts in place for transporting learners.

At the time of printing this publication, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (the Council) is reviewing its Learner Travel Policy for the 2016/17 academic year, and in particular how it chooses to exercise the discretionary powers, in respect of the provision of Home to School Transport, afforded to it under the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008.

Following completion of this review, full details of amendments (if any) to the Council's existing Learner Travel Policy (as set out below) will be published by 1 October 2015. In accordance with statutory requirements any amended policy will be distributed to parents and learners. Copies will also be obtainable from the Council's main offices, schools, colleges and libraries within Rhondda Cynon Taf, and published on the Council's web site www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schooltransport

It is the intention of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council to provide a system of transportation that will seek to carry learners safely, comfortably and without unreasonable levels of stress.

1. Statutory Provision of Free Transport

There is a statutory duty placed upon the local authority (LA) to provide learners with free transport to their nearest suitable school if they reside beyond safe "walking distance" to that school. The term suitable school applies to the catchment area English, Welsh or dual language mainstream school or special school/class as appropriate.

The law relating to safe "walking distance" is defined as two miles for learners of compulsory school age receiving primary education and three miles for learners of compulsory school age receiving secondary education.

2. Discretionary Provision of Free Transport

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council has exercised the discretionary powers afforded to it under the provisions of the Measure to make a more generous provision to learners as set out below:

- The eligibility criterion for walking distance for learners receiving compulsory primary education at their nearest suitable school has been set at 1½ miles, instead of 2 miles as required by the Measure.
- Free transport to their nearest suitable school, where places are available, is provided to children who meet the 1½ mile eligibility criterion from the start of the Foundation Phase (the start of the school term after their third birthday), rather than from the start of compulsory education (the start of the school term after their fifth birthday) as required by the Measure.
- The eligibility criterion for walking distance for learners receiving compulsory secondary education at their nearest suitable school has been set at 2 miles instead of 3 miles as required by the Measure.
- Free transport is provided to post 16 learners who meet the 2 mile eligibility criterion for two years after the end of compulsory education, rather than until the end of compulsory education (the last Friday in June of the school year in which a learner reaches the age of 16) as required by the Measure. This provision applies to full time attendance at the nearest school or college to the learner's home at which the approved course of study that they wish to pursue is offered.

- Free transport to their nearest suitable school is provided to learners (as set out above) in accordance with their preferred religious denomination.

The term suitable school applies to the catchment area English, Welsh, dual language or voluntary aided (faith) mainstream school or special school/class as appropriate.

The discretionary elements of the Council's policy are subject to review and may be discontinued. Any proposed changes will be subject to consultation with learners and parents and, if agreed, will usually apply from the start of a school year and will have regard to the Learner Travel Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance - June 2014.

3. Transport Provision

The provision of free school transport will be arranged to coincide with the start and end of the normal school day only, not at lunchtimes, and shall be provided during the school term time.

Where the LA has arranged for a learner to attend an out of county residential school, transport will only be provided at the start and end of each half term.

Transport, except for learners with Special Educational Needs (SEN), will normally be provided from pick-up points at approved bus stops on the nearest public transport route to the learner's home.

Where a learner has to walk an unreasonably long distance to the bus stop, special transport arrangements may be made. Such arrangements will not involve the transport provided operating onto private land or farm access tracks.

4. Looked After Children

The same age and distance criteria apply to 'looked after' children as to children who are not looked after. If the LA determines that a looked after child should attend a school other than the nearest suitable school then transport will be provided upon request by the child's social worker in accordance with the LA's agreed policy on walking distance and safe routes (as set out above).

5. Parental Preference

Should any parent(s) choose to place their child(ren) in a school other than the local catchment area school (as determined by the LA) then those parents are totally liable to organise and pay for the cost of transport to the chosen school, unless that school is nearer to the learner's home than the designated catchment school.

6. Cross Border Arrangements

Transport may be provided to eligible learners attending courses of study outside the County Borough where such attendance is consistent with the LA's admission policy e.g Pencoed Comprehensive School for learners living in Bryncae, Llanharan and Brynna.

Learners residing in Rhondda Cynon Taf who attend the Bishop Hedley Roman Catholic High School, (Merthyr Tydfil) and the Bishop of Llandaff Church in Wales High School, (Cardiff) may also receive transport in accordance with the 'nearest suitable school' criterion (as set out above).

7. Over Subscribed Schools

If a learner cannot be admitted to the nearest suitable school and, as a result, has to attend another school beyond the walking distance from their home then transport will be provided to the next nearest suitable school. In such circumstances, consideration will be given to transporting siblings to the same school.

8. Protected Provision – Catchment Area Variations

Where the Authority decides to vary the catchment area for a school, existing transport arrangements will be protected for the learners living in the areas affected for the duration of their attendance at the school or until they reach the end of that phase. In exceptional circumstances, consideration may be given to transporting siblings to the same school.

9. Special Arrangements - Hazardous Routes

A route is considered to be available if it is safe for a child to walk alone or, if appropriate for the age of the child, with an accompanying adult. It is recognised that occasions will arise when routes may become hazardous. In these circumstances, the LA reserves the right to provide free school transport over distances below the discretionary limits if this is recommended by appropriate officers in the interests of the safety of the relevant learners.

In determining the comparative safety of a walking route, the local authority will conduct an assessment of the risks that escorting parents and children might encounter along the route between home and school. The assessment of a route will take place at the time of the day and on the days of the week that learners would be expected to use the route. It will take a road safety perspective and follow the Welsh Government Statutory Guidance on Risk Assessing Walked Routes to School.

As a matter of policy, these routes will be reviewed biennially and discretionary provision may be withdrawn where the identified hazard has been mitigated and the route identified as available to walk in safety. Parents will be given at least one term advance notice of the withdrawal of such discretionary transport.

10. Children with Special Educational Needs/Disabilities

Free transport for learners who attend special schools, pupil referral units and learning support classes is provided in accordance with the LA's agreed policy on walking distance and safe routes (as set out above) and must be supported by appropriate evidence and be confirmed by the LA's Access and Inclusion SEN Panel.

Learners with disabilities (as defined by the Equality Act 2010) may be entitled to assistance with transport from home to an appropriate school/college even though the LA's agreed criteria on safe walking distance (as set out above) are not met. Assistance may include transport from after school provision. Such provision is subject to referral to, and approval by, the LA's Access and Inclusion SEN Panel. Any such referrals must be supported by appropriate evidence and each case will be considered on the basis of individual need.

11. Transport on Medical Grounds

Transport to and from school may be provided for short periods on the recommendation of an appropriate Health/Medical Officer and will be subject to confirmation by the LA. Where agreed this provision will be subject to regular review.

12. Transport to Welsh Medium and Dual Language Schools

There is no statutory requirement to provide transport to Welsh medium and dual language schools. Rhondda Cynon Taf LA's current policy is that learners attending the nearest Welsh medium or dual language school receive free transport in accordance with the LA's agreed policy on walking distance and safe routes (as set out above).

13. Transport to Voluntary Aided (Faith) Schools

There is no statutory requirement to provide transport to voluntary aided (faith) schools. Rhondda Cynon Taf LA's current policy is that learners attending the nearest voluntary aided school of the parent's denomination receive free transport in accordance with the LA's agreed discretionary policy on walking distance and safe routes (as set out above).

14. Provision for Learners Aged 16 to 19

There is no statutory requirement to provide transport for post 16 learners.

Rhondda Cynon Taf LA's current policy is that learners who meet the 2-mile distance eligibility criterion in respect of secondary learners of statutory school age, and who enrol for approved study courses within the appropriate 14-19 area timetabled provision, will be eligible for free transport.

The area timetabled provision excludes higher education courses.

Learners within the 2-mile distance are expected to make their own travel arrangements. Transport provision may be made for learners pursuing approved full time educational programmes at Bridgend, Merthyr Tydfil, Neath Port Talbot and Coleg Y Cymoed (Ystrad Mynach). Details of the approved educational programmes are available from the

School Improvement Team at Education and Lifelong Learning Department,
Tŷ Trevithick, Abercynon, Mountain Ash, CF45 4UQ.

Learners who wish to pursue a study course other than within their area timetabled provision will be responsible for their own transport arrangements, except where the location at which the course is available is closer to the learner's home than the school or college offering the area timetabled provision.

No transport will be provided for mainstream learners beyond the second academic year after the end of compulsory education.

This transport policy covers school 6th form and college further education courses only and does not extend to higher education courses funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW). (The one year Foundation Art & Design course at the University of South Wales is not funded by HEFCW and transport may be provided to learners pursuing this course subject to the age and distance criteria set out above).

Details of learners who wish to continue their courses of study at school after year 11 (GCSE or equivalent) are formally provided to the Integrated Transport Unit by the school. Learners who wish to pursue a College course are required to complete an application form and supply three passport approved photographs to the College.

Bus passes, for use on either contracted services or the local public transport network are then provided to all eligible learners. Information including travel times, pick up and drop off points etc is available on the Council's web site www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schooltransport Where learners do not take up an offer of, or withdraw from, a school 6th form or college further education course, passes should be returned to the Integrated Transport Unit. Failure to do so will result in the cost of transport being reclaimed.

For learners with special educational needs, transport may be made available until the end of the academic year in which they attain their 19th birthday. Travel arrangements in respect of any subsequent attendance are at the discretion of the learning provider.

No provision will be made by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council for learners with special educational needs following the academic year that any such learner attains their 19th birthday. Where the course continues into subsequent years, the learner will be entirely responsible for arranging and funding their transport needs for continued attendance.

15. Eligibility

There is no means testing to assess whether or not a learner is eligible for the provision of transport. The only eligibility criteria are the 1½ or 2 mile qualifying distances from home to the school gate or route safety assessment (as set out above). Learners are assessed in accordance with these eligibility criteria and eligible learners or their parents/guardians are notified of the arrangements in advance of the provision commencing. In cases where distances are disputed, the Council will determine the most appropriate method of measuring the distances. This may be by foot, in a vehicle, by another method deemed appropriate or by a combination of methods. The measurement undertaken by the Council will be the final and definitive distance and will be used to assess transport eligibility. Where it is found that the Council has provided free transport in error, the parent or guardian will be informed of this, with notice given that transport will be withdrawn at the end of the school term.

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council takes very seriously any attempt to gain an advantage by giving false information, and will investigate fraudulent claims. If school transport is offered and it is then discovered that the offer was made on fraudulent or misleading information e.g. a false claim to living at an address, that offer will be withdrawn and the cost of transport will be reclaimed. This could cause considerable distress, particularly for the child involved.

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council will process the information you have provided in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and any amendments to that act. Any personal information will be held in confidence, with only the necessary people able to see or use it. Please note that the information provided may be given to any organisation, including other Council departments, legitimately investigating allegations of fraud, other criminal offences or child protection. In addition, it may also be crosschecked and verified against information held by other Council departments.

16. Bus Passes

Bus passes are issued to all entitled secondary school learners at the start of year 7. They remain valid for the duration of their time at their mainstream secondary school. College students are issued with passes at the start of their course and will be valid for one academic year only. If a student leaves college before the end of the academic year, the pass is to be returned. If a college student returns for a second year, they must re-apply for a bus pass.

Bus passes for use on contracted services are colour coded to correspond with the coloured sign, which is located at the front of each school bus. Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council applies a no pass no travel policy. Learners are expected to produce their passes for inspection by the driver on every journey undertaken. No exception is made and parents must ensure that learners do not leave home without a valid bus pass. Lost passes can be replaced at a nominal cost, with the charge being reviewed annually. Details are available from the Council's web site www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schooltransport

All issues relating to the operation of the no pass no travel policy, either by the operators or the schools, must be taken up with the Council's Integrated Transport Unit. Please do not approach the driver or contact the transport operator.

17. Mode of Transport

In all cases, the efficient use of resources will dictate the mode of transport provided (subject to any special needs requirements). Transport may be provided by means of contracted school transport services or existing public transport services which, together with the size and type of transport (bus, minibus, train, taxi, etc.) will be dictated by cost effectiveness. In exceptional cases, learner or parental reimbursement will be offered where this is the most cost effective method of providing transport. The provisions of Section 88 of the Transport Act 1985 place a duty on LAs to secure, in the interests of its local residents, the best value for money from expenditure on public passenger transport as a whole. The LA will therefore be mindful of its duty to provide socially necessary (public transport) bus services when arranging transport provision for learners. In some exceptional cases, where no other arrangements are viable or cost effective, petrol costs may be reimbursed to learners or their parents/guardians.

18. Journey Times

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council does not specify a time limit for journeys. However, journey times should be reasonable, taking into account the age and individual needs of the learners, and the nature, purpose and circumstances of each journey. Where parents express preferences for their children to attend voluntary aided (faith) schools or Welsh/dual language schools that are some distance away from their homes, journeys may generally be longer. This will also apply to some SEN journeys.

19. Other Transport Provision

Some learning providers operate, or contract, their own transport provision – in addition to that which is legally required – for which a charge is made. Parents / learners should be aware that this is not part of the statutory or discretionary functions carried out by the Council and are private arrangements between parents / learners and the transport providers.

Careers Wales may be able to offer assistance to clients in its Youth Gateway programme if transport is a barrier to accessing education, employment or training. Such provision is assessed on an individual needs basis.

20. Fare Paying Passengers

The LA will reserve the right, using appropriate powers, to make spare capacity available on an existing contracted school transport route to learners who do not meet the eligibility criteria for free transport. When places on a vehicle are made available under this provision, they will be charged at a flat rate per learner per term. The payment is required in advance, with the level of charging being assessed annually. Refunds are only made when the seat is no longer available or when, because of a change to the learner's address, the seat is no longer required.

It is not possible to allocate spare seats at the start of the new academic year, as the LA must assess available capacity. This does not just include changes in demand due to new starters but also post 16 learners who decide whether or not to stay on in school or to attend college after receiving their examination results toward the end of August. In addition, seats also become available during the first few weeks of term as some learners who are entitled to free travel decline the seat offered and do not travel on the vehicles provided. Once all these factors are taken into account, any spare seats are released for sale.

21. Change of Family Home - Transport Arrangements

Learners in receipt of free transport whose families move to an address outside the local area of the school to which transport has been provided will be assessed in accordance with the eligibility criteria.

Families need to be mindful of this fact when they are considering moving home, especially in the years when learners have commenced formal examination courses (years 10 and 11 for GCSE or equivalent and years 12 and 13 for AS and A level or equivalent).

22. Monitoring

All vehicles will be available for random checks by DVSA or other appropriate body, when required. Any complaints received by the LA concerning services or vehicles will be immediately investigated. In the event of the complaint being upheld, the necessary and appropriate steps will be taken in accordance with the contract or as a matter of urgency. The LA will undertake random checks on contracts, to ensure that the contracts are being operated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract. As part of the monitoring exercise, checks will be made to include; punctuality, adherence to route, size of vehicle, licences, use of DBS cleared staff and the checking of bus passes, all of which are designed to ensure safe and stress free travel.

23. The Travel Behaviour Code – Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008

The Welsh Government has introduced an initiative called “The Travel Behaviour Code” to promote safe travel for all children and young people, by setting out the standards of behaviour required when travelling between home and school. The Code encourages schools and local authorities to work proactively with learners, their parents and the community to promote positive behaviour. If learners misbehave whilst travelling on school transport and do not follow the Travel Behaviour Code, action may be taken and the right to transport may be removed for a specified period depending on the severity of the incident.

24. Work Experience

Where, as part of a course of study, learners follow a work experience placement they are normally required to make their own transport arrangements. **No provision will be made by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.**

25. Availability and Accessibility of this Policy Statement

The school transport policy statement is available on the Council's web site www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schooltransport The policy is also made available to learners, and their parents/guardians, prior to admission to school.

26. Feedback

The Council is committed to using any feedback received to improve service quality. If you have any comments on the content of this document, please contact:

The Integrated Transport Unit

Tel: 01443 425001 • Email: HomeToSchoolTransport@rctcbc.gov.uk

27. Further Information and Points of Contact for Learners Seeking Transport Support

Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions and details of contracted bus routes and pick-up points can be found on the Council's web site. www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schooltransport

Contacts:

Coleg y Cymoedd Student Services

Tel: 01443 662800 • www.morgannwg.ac.uk

Rhondda Cynon Taf Education & Lifelong Learning Directorate

School Admissions: 01443 744232

Email: schooladmissions@rctcbc.gov.uk

Rhondda Cynon Taf Environmental Services Group (Integrated Transport Unit)

Tel: 01443 425001

Email: HomeToSchoolTransport@rctcbc.gov.uk

Other Sources of Information

- Careers Wales
www.careerswales.com
- Individual School/College – prospectuses
- Information about public transport services for the Rhondda Cynon Taf area are available from:
 - Traveline Cymru: 0871 200 2233
 - www.traveline-cymru.info
- Welsh Government - Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 - Travel Behaviour Code
www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2008/2/crossheading/travel-behaviour-code
- Welsh Government - Learner Travel Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance - June 2014

Part 5

Associated Primary / Secondary Schools

Please note that being a registered pupil at an associated primary school does not guarantee or entitle your child to a place at a particular secondary school.

1. New Aberdare Community School

- Abernant Primary
- Aberdare Park Primary
- Blaengwawr Primary
- Capcoch Primary
- Caradog Primary
- Cwmaman Infants
- Cwmbach Primary
- Cwmdar Primary
- Glynhafod Junior
- Hirwaun Primary
- Llwydcoed Primary
- Oaklands Primary
- Penywaun Primary
- Penderyn Community Primary (including Welsh Medium provision*)
- Rhigos Primary

2. Bryncelynnog Comprehensive

- Gwauncelyn Primary
- Gwaunmeisgyn Primary
- Llanilltud Faerdref Primary
- Llwynocrwn Primary
- Maesybryn Primary
- Llantrisant Primary
- Penygawsi Primary

3. Ferndale Community School

- Darran Park Primary
- Ferndale Infants
- Maerdy Community Primary
- Penrhys Primary
- Tylorstown Primary

4. Hawthorn High

- Coedpenmaen Primary
- Ffynnon Taf Primary
- Hawthorn Primary
- Heolycelyn Primary (including Welsh Medium provision*)
- Parclewis Primary
- Trallwng Infants
- Maesycoed Primary (children living on the Graig only)

5. Mountain Ash Comprehensive

- Abercynon Primary
- Caegarw Primary
- Darrenlas Primary
- Glen-boi Primary
- Miskin Primary
- Pengeulan Primary
- Penrhiwceiber Primary
- Perthcelyn Community Primary
- Ynys-boeth Primary

6. Pontypridd High

- Cefn Primary
- Cilfynydd Primary
- Coedylan Primary
- Craigrheshg Primary
- Maesycoed Primary (dependent on home address)
- Trehopcyn Primary
- Trerobart Primary

7. Porth County Community School

- Alaw Primary
- Cymmer Infants
- Cymmer Juniors
- Hafod Primary
- Llwynycelyn Infants
- Pontygwaith Primary
- Porth Infants
- Porth Junior
- Trealaw Primary
- Ynyshir Primary

8. Tonypandy Community College

- Bodringallt Primary
- Cwmclydach Primary
- Gelli Primary (dependent on home address)
- Llwynypia Primary
- Penygraig Infants
- Penygraig Junior
- Pontrhondda Primary
- Tonypandy Primary
- Williamstown Primary (dependent on home address)
- Ysgol yr Eos

9. Tonyrefail School

- Cwmlai Primary
- Hendreforgan Primary
- Tonyrefail Primary
- Trefyrhyg Primary
- Williamstown Primary (dependent on home address)

10. Treorchy Comprehensive

- Gelli Primary (dependent on home address)
- Parc Primary
- Penpych Community Primary
- Penyreglyn Community Primary
- Ton Pentre Infants
- Ton Pentre Junior
- Treorchy Primary

11. Y Pant Comprehensive

- Brynnau Primary
- Dolau Primary (including Welsh Medium provision)*
- Llanhari Primary
- Llanharan Primary
- Pontyclun Primary
- Tonysguboriau Primary

12. Ysgol Gyfun Y Cymer Rhondda

- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bodringallt
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bronllwyn
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llwyncelyn
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llyn-y-Forwyn
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Ynyswen

13. Ysgol Gyfun Garth Olwg

- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Castellau
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Evan James
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gartholwg
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pont Sion Norton
- Heolycelyn Primary (Welsh Unit) *

14. Ysgol Llanhari

- Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Gymraeg Llantrisant
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Tonyrefail
- Dolau Primary (Welsh Unit)*

With effect from 1st September 2012, Ysgol Llanhari has been re-classified as a Middle School with an age range of pupils of 3 – 19 years. Children attending the Primary Department of Llanhari will automatically transfer to its Secondary Department subject to parental preference

15. Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun

- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Abercynon
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Aberdar
- Penderyn Primary School (Welsh Unit)*

* Pupils attending Welsh units may transfer to Welsh Medium Secondary provision, if they so wish

16. Cardinal Newman R.C. Comprehensive

- Our Ladys R.C. Primary
- SS Gabriel & Raphael R.C. Primary
- St Michael's R.C. Primary

17. St John Baptist C.I.W. High

- Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary
- Cwmbach Church in Wales Primary
- Cross Border Arrangement (see page 33)

18. Pencoed Comprehensive – Bridgend

- Brynnau Primary
- Dolau Primary
- Llanharan Primary

19. Bishop Hedley R.C. Comprehensive – Merthyr Tydfil

- St Margaret's R.C. Primary

Footnotes

Re: Provision of Educational Places

Transfer to Secondary Provision

1. Catchment areas of certain schools in Rhondda and Tonyrefail are under review.
 2. Pupils living in the main catchment area of Williamstown Primary school, excluding Penrhiwfer, Edmondstown and the new estate of Dinas Isaf would ordinary transfer to Tonypandy Community College for secondary education. *
 3. Pupils living in Penrhiwfer, Edmondstown and the new estate of Dinas Isaf would ordinary transfer to Tonyrefail School for secondary education. *
 4. Pupils living in the Graig area of Pontypridd attending Maesycoed Primary are in the catchment area of Hawthorn High School.
 5. The catchment areas of Treorchy Comprehensive, Ferndale Community School, Porth County Community School, Tonypandy Comprehensive School and Tonyrefail School are currently under review.
- * Please note that the catchment of the above (Points 2 and 3) are under review.

Welsh Medium Provision

6. Pupils who attend the Welsh Medium Provision at Dolau Primary School will be expected to transfer to Ysgol Llanhari.
7. Pupils who attend the Welsh Medium Provision at Heolycelyn Primary School will be expected to transfer to Ysgol Gyfun Garth Olwg.
8. Pupils who attend the Welsh Medium Provision at Penderyn Community Primary School will be expected to transfer to Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun.
9. Hirwaun is in the catchment area of Penderyn Community Primary School's Welsh Unit. Children living in Hirwaun who require Welsh medium education will therefore be expected to attend Penderyn Community Primary School's Welsh Unit.
10. With effect from 1st September 2012, Ysgol Llanhari has been re-classified as a Middle School with an age range of pupils of 3 to 19 years. Children attending the Primary Department of Llanhari will automatically transfer to its Secondary Department subject to parental preference. The catchment areas of YGGG Llantrisant and Dolau Primary (Welsh Unit) have been amended, to allow the new Primary Section of Ysgol Llanhari to have its own distinct catchment area. The admission number for the Primary provision of this new school is 30.

Arrangements with other Local Authorities

11. Arrangements exist for pupils living in adjoining LA's to continue to attend schools, in the area of Rhondda Cynon Taf Authority, that they have traditionally attended. These arrangements are subject to review each year. Rhondda Cynon Taf Authority has made the following arrangements with other Local Authorities.
Arrangements with the Bridgend Authority for:
 - Pupils living within the area of Brynnau, Dolau and Llanharan Primary Schools who wish to receive secondary education through the medium of English to attend Pencoed Comprehensive School **should they choose to do so.**
 - Pupils living in Gilfach Goch to attend Abercerdin Primary School to receive primary education through the medium of English **should they choose to do so.**
12. A large percentage of pupils attending Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun live in Merthyr Tydfil County Borough.
13. Rhondda Cynon Taf Authority has no arrangements for the provision of education at
 - schools in Cardiff, the Vale of Glamorgan, Caerphilly, Neath Port Talbot or Swansea
 - schools not maintained by a Local Authority.

Catchment Areas

14. Catchment areas are subject to review. The outcome of a review may result in the alteration of the primary/secondary links (as given on pages 41-42).

The catchment areas of schools within Rhondda Cynon Taf end at the boundary of the county borough in respect of those schools located in proximity to the boundary.

15. It has become necessary to define that the catchment area of Heol y Celyn Primary School Welsh Unit includes Trefforest Estate, Nantgarw and Taffs Well (to the county boundary).

16. Following a review of the provision of Welsh medium education in the Taff Ely area the catchment areas for Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Castellau and Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Garth Olwg were revised with effect from September 2010.

The area of Crown Hill and Chandlers Reach (incorporating Acer Avenue, Aspen Way, Clos Cefn Glas, Ffordd Glas y Dorlan, Holm Wood, Malus Avenue, Redwood Drive and Vibernum Rise) have, since September 2010, formed part of the catchment area of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Castellau.

17. The age range of Ysgol Gyfun Llanhari was extended from September 2012. The school is classed as a 'middle' school, catering for children 3 to 19 years of age. The catchment areas of YGGG Llantrisant and Dolau Primary Welsh Unit were amended from September 2012. This enables the new primary department of YG Llanhari to have its own distinct catchment area. The catchment areas of the three primary provisions the refore comprise of the following electoral wards : -

- YGGG Llantrisant – Llantrisant Town, and part of Pontyclun (north of the railway line).
- Dolau Primary Welsh Unit – Brynna and Llanharan.
- Llanhari Primary Department – Llanharry, Talbot Green and part of Pontyclun (south of the railway line).

The catchment area of the Secondary department of YG Llanhari is unchanged.

18. The new Aberdare Community School building opened in April 2015. The admission arrangements for the new school will be exactly the same as the current schools, and the catchment area of the new school will be that of the three existing schools, combined.

19. Following consultation on revisions to changes to the catchment areas of Parc Lewis Primary School and Heol Y Celyn Primary School, no comments were received in relation to the catchment changes proposed, therefore, the catchment area changes were implemented from September 2014.

20. The catchment areas of Y Pant and Bryncelynnog Comprehensive Schools have been reviewed following consultation; most of the areas that fall into the catchments of two associated Primary schools, namely Llantrisant and Penygawsi Primary Schools shall transfer from the Y Pant catchment to Bryncelynnog with effect from 1st September 2015. This change primarily affects children resident in the communities of Llantrisant Old Town, Cross Inn and Penygawsi. Any child living in the areas which transferred to the Bryncelynnog catchment area, who has an older sibling still attending Y Pant in September 2016 will have their application considered as if they still resided in the Y Pant catchment area, i.e. their application will fall in to Category 2 of the Authority's published admissions criteria and not Category 4. This protection will continue until all older siblings have left the school.

21. Minor amendments have been made to the adjacent catchments of Dolau Primary (English Unit only), Llanharan Primary and Brynnau Primary, again from September 2015. Details can be viewed on the Council website using the facility detailed below.

22. The part of Trehafod that falls in to the Rhondda electoral ward shall transfer to the catchment area of Ysgol Gyfun y Cymer for Welsh Medium Secondary education provision from September 2015. It was previously part of the Ysgol Gyfun Garth Olwg catchment.

23. To assist in locating your catchment school, there is a Find a School Facility on the Council's website www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schooladmissions, or contact the **School Admissions Team, Tŷ Trevithick, Tel: 01443 744232.**

Please refer to the Council's website for details of the school term and holiday published dates Academic Year 2016 - 2017.

Dechrau'r Ysgol Starting School

2016 - 2017

**Rhestr o'r Ysgolion a Meithrinfeydd
sy'n annibynnol o'r Cyngor**

**List of Schools and Non Council
Nursery Settings**



YSGOL CYMUNEDOL ABERDARE
ABERDARE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Centre Canolfan	Address Cyfeiriad	Centre Head Enw'r Pennaeth	Telephone Ffôn
Non Council Nursery Settings - Registered Education Providers in the Non Maintained Sector Darparwyr Addysg Feithrin nad ydyn nhw'n cael eu cynnal gan yr Awdurdod Addysg			
Cylch Meithrin Aberdâr	Urdd Centre / Canolfan yr Urdd. Wind Street, Aberdare/Aberdâr CF44 7ES	Claire Jones	07751 523729
Cylch Meithrin Nant Dyrys	YGG Ynyswen. Clinic Road, Ynys-wen, Treorchy/Treorci CF42 6ED	Helen Biggs	07855 043356
Cylch Meithrin Tynewydd	Treherbert Social Club, Dumfries Street, Tynewydd, CF42 5PN	Cerys Warren	07989 721603
Cylch Meithrin Pentre'r Eglwys	Parish Hall, Main Road, Church Village CF38 1PY	Kirsty Jones Catherine Hibbert	07805 893229
Cylch Meithrin Y Porth	St Paul's Church. Birchgrove Street, (Y) Porth CF39 9UU	Andrea Jones	07811 072296
Cylch Meithrin Ynysir / Wattstown	Wattstown Pavilion. Wattstown Park / Parc Aberllechau Wattstown/Aberllechau CF39 0RA	Carol Davey	01443 732414
Cylch Meithrin Ynysybwl	Glyn Street Church Vestry. Glyn Street, Ynysybwl CF37 3DS	Ayesha Walker	01443 791111
Cylch Meithrin Rhydyfelin	Holly Street, Rhydyfelin, Pontypridd CF37 5DB	Danielle Jones	07507 537606
Little Inspirations Llantrisant Meithrinfa Oriau Dydd	Llantrisant Business Park / Parc Busnes. Llantrisant, Llantrisant, CF72 8YW	Gina Davies	01443 222660
'Little Folk' Playgroup Cylch Chwarae	Bethel Chapel. Main Road, Church Village/Pentre'r Eglwys CF38 1PN	Allyson Harding	07718 907465
Little Stars Playgroup Cylch Chwarae	Scout & Guide Hall / Neuadd y Sgowtiaid a'r Geidiau. Crown Hill, Llantwit Fardre/Llanilltud Faerdref CF38 2NA	Suzanne Stephens	07927 514403
St. Paul's Church Day Nursery Meithrinfa Oriau Dydd Eglwys Pawl	Llantrisant Road Pont-y-clun CF72 9DQ	Sue Wilmington	07973 658426
Talbot Green Playgroup Cylch Chwarae Tonysguboriau	The Pavilion / Y Pafiliwn. Lanelay Road, Talbot Green/Tonysguboriau CF72 8HY	Claire Watkins	01443 203716
University of South Wales Playcentre / Canolfan Chwarae Prifysgol De Cymru	University of South Wales / Prifysgol De Cymru Trefforest, Pontypridd CF37 1DL	Karen Parker	01443 482089
Cylch Meithrin Efail Isaf	Efail Isaf Community Hall / Neuadd y Pentref. Heol Y Parc, Efail Isaf, Pontypridd CF38 1AN	Sarah Davies	07585 003062
Genesis Day Nursery Tonyrefail Tonyrefail Meithrinfa Oriau Dydd	Tonyrefail Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Tonyrefail. St Martins Crescent, Tonyrefail CF39 8ND	Mrs J Jervis	01443 675619
Giggles Playgroup Cylch Chwarae	Gwaunmiskin Road, (Y) Beddau, Pontypridd CF38 2AU	Sam Hastings	07882 302628
Garth Olwg Day Nursery Meithrinfa Garth Olwg	Campws Garth Olwg Community Campus. St Iltyd's Road, Church Village/Pentre'r Eglwys, Pontypridd CF38 1RQ	Donna Joseph	01443 209120

Cylch Meithrin Bronllwyn	Bronllwyn Youth Centre, Colwyn Road, Gelli, CF41 7NW		01443 434474
Cylch Meithrin Seren Fach	Ty Harri Webb, Duffryn Road, Mountain Ash, CF45 4DA	Donna Davies	07751 523729
Cylch Meithrin Thomastown	Thomastown Community Centre / Canolfan Cymuned Thomastown. The Square, Thomastown, Tonyrefail CF39 8ED	Angharad Spooner	07757 633249
Cylch Meithrin Treorci	Hermon Chapel, Regent Street, Treorchy, CF42 6PW		07783 758757
Little Inspirations Rhydyfelin	Rhydyfelin Children's Centre, Holly Street, Pontypridd, CF37 5DB	Angharad Jones	01443 406097
Once Upon a Time Nursery	Heol Y Beddau, Beddau, Pontypridd, CF38 2AG	Donna Rix	01443 206640

School Enw'r Ysgol	Address Cyfeiriad	Head Teacher & Contact Details Enw'r Pennaeth a Manylion Cyswllt	No. on Roll Nifer ar y llyfrau	AN ND
English Medium Nursery Schools Ysgolion Meithrin Saesneg				
Ynyscynon Early Years Centre Canolfan Addysg y Blynnyddoedd Cynnar Ynyscynon	Church Street, Llwynypia, Tonypandy CF40 2ND	Mrs R Rees (Acting Headteacher/Pennaeth Gweithredol) ☎ 01443 424900 ✉ admin.ynyscynoneyc@rctednet.net	34	

School Enw'r Ysgol	Address Cyfeiriad	Head Teacher, Contact Details, Age Range Enw'r Pennaeth, Manylion Cyswllt, Amrediad Oedran	No. on Roll Nifer ar y llyfrau	AN / ND	Capacity Capasiti	Written applications Reception Sept 2014 Ceisiadau ar bapur Dosbarth Derbyn Medi 2014
English Medium Primary Schools Ysgolion Cynradd Saesneg						
Abercynon Community Primary Ysgol Gynradd Cymuned Abercynon	Ynysmeurig Road Abercynon CF45 4SU	Mr D Jewitt ☎ 01443 743060 ☎ 01443 742296 ✉ admin.abercynonprimary @rctednet.net Age range/Amr. oedran: 3-11	252	46	325	46
Aberdare Park Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Parc Aberdâr	Hirwaun Road Trecynon Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 8LU	Mrs J Evans ☎ 01685 874026 ☎ 01685 871246 ✉ admin.aberdareparkpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	244	51	360	55
Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary Ysgol Gynradd Aberdâr yr Eglwys yng Nghymru	Wind Street Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 7HF	Mrs C Matthews ☎ 01685 871520 ☎ 01685 871520 ✉ admin.aberdareciw@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	254	36	252	38
Abernant Primary Ysgol Gynradd Abernant	Richmond Terrace Abernant Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 0SF	Mrs J Kucia ☎ 01685 871597 ☎ 01685 871597 ✉ admin.abernantpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	87	16	118	16

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Alaw Primary Ysgol Gynradd Alaw	Egypt Street Trealaw Tonypandy CF40 2UU	To be appointed/Pennaeth i'w benodi ☎ 01443 432350 ☎ 01443 436285 ✉ admin.alawpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	166	32	226	32
Blaengwawr Primary Ysgol Gynradd Blaengwawr	Gwawr St Aberaman Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 6YP	Mrs I Baker ☎ 01685 871064 ☎ 01685 882556 ✉ admin.blaengwawrpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	182	29	204	25
Bodringallt Primary Ysgol Gynradd Bodringallt	Bodringallt Terrace Ystrad / Ystradyfodwg Rhondda CF41 7QE	Miss J Thomas ☎ 01443 434292 ☎ 01443 421865 ✉ admin.bodringalltpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	68	19	137	7
Brynnau Primary Ysgol Gynradd Brynnau	William Street Brynnau Llanharan CF72 9QJ	Mrs V McCarthy ☎ 01443 237828 ☎ 01443 222152 ✉ admin.brynnaupri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	190	33	232	39
Caegarw Primary Ysgol Gynradd Caegarw	Troed-Y-Rhiw Road Caegarw Mountain Ash / Aberpennar CF45 4BH	Mr H Griffiths ☎ 01443 473730 ☎ 01443 473730 ✉ admin.caegarwpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	161	27	189	20
Capcoch Primary Ysgol Gynradd Capcoch	School Street Abercwmbóï Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 6AD	Mr S Gardner ☎ 01443 472746 ☎ 01443 472880 ✉ admin.capcochpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	101	24	170	24
Caradog Primary Ysgol Gynradd Caradog	Clifton Street Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 7PB	Mrs K Tuck (Acting Headteacher/Pennaeth Gweithredol) ☎ 01685 874715 ☎ 01685 874715 ✉ admin.caradogpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	158	28	200	21
Cefn Primary Ysgol Gynradd Cefn	Greenfield Avenue Glyncoch Pontypridd CF37 3BD	Mr A Manley ☎ 01443 486826 ☎ 01443 493730 ✉ admin.cefnpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	85	20	141	20
Cilfynydd Primary Ysgol Gynradd Cilfynydd	Ann Street Cilfynydd Pontypridd CF37 4EN	Mrs S Oldfield ☎ 01443 486827 ☎ 01443 493590 ✉ admin.cilfynyddpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	118	26	186	24

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Coedpenmaen Primary Ysgol Gynradd Coedpenmaen	Coedpenmaen Close Pontypridd CF37 4LE	Mrs J Loveridge ☎ 01443 486828 ☎ 01443 486828 ✉ admin.coedpenmaenpri @rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	253	I/B: 25 J/I: 49	270	28
Coedylan Primary Ysgol Gynradd Coedylan	Tyfica Road Graigwen Pontypridd CF37 2DB	Mr R James ☎ 01443 486829 ☎ 01443 486829 ✉ admin.coedylanpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	92	18	127	12
Craig-yr-Hesg Primary Ysgol Gynradd Craigyrhesg	Cefn Lane Glyn-coch Pontypridd CF37 3BP	Mr A Manley ☎ 01443 486830 ☎ 01443 493427 ✉ admin.craigyrhesgpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	119	18	128	16
Cwmaman Infants Ysgol Babanod Cwmaman	Fforchaman Road Cwmaman Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 6NS	Mrs L Rees ☎ 01685 875862 ☎ 01685 875862 ✉ admin.cwmamaninf@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-7	97	43	129	32
Cwmbach Church in Wales Primary Ysgol Gynradd Cwm-bach yr Eglwys yng Nghymru	Tirfounder Road Cwmbach Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 0AT	Mr S R L Thomas ☎ 01685 873336 ☎ 01685 873336 ✉ admin.cwmbachciw@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	66	45	92	12
Cwmbach Primary Ysgol Gynradd Cwmbach	Llangorse Road Cwmbach Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 0HS	Mrs E King ☎ 01685 876115 ☎ 01685 879983 ✉ admin.cwmbachpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	229	38	272	33
Cwmclydach Primary Ysgol Gynradd Cwmclydach	Wern St Cwm Clydach Vale Tonypanyd CF40 2BQ	Mr G Dacey ☎ 01443 433005 ☎ 01443 433165 ✉ admin.cwmclydachpri @rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	196	34	240	29
Cwmdâr Primary Ysgol Gynradd Cwmdâr	The Square / Y Sgwâr Cwmdâr Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 8UA	Mr P Davies ☎ 01685 871198 ☎ 01685 871499 ✉ admin.cwmdarpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	251	37	261	33

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Cwmlai Primary Ysgol Gynradd Cwmlai	Penygarreg Road Tonyrefail (Y) Porth CF39 8AS	Mrs J Rees ☎ 01443 670356 ☎ 01443 670356 ✉ admin.cwmlaipri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	272	57	404	59
Cymmer Infants Ysgol Babanod y Cymer	Graigwen Road Cymmer / Y Cymer (Y) Porth CF39 9HA	Mrs I Elliott (Acting Headteacher/Pennaeth Gweithredol) ☎ 01443 682481 ☎ 01443 682481 ✉ admin.cymmerinf@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-7	98	41	125	39
Cymmer Junior Ysgol Iau'r Cymer	High Street Cymmer / Y Cymer (Y) Porth CF39 9EY	Mrs I Elliott ☎ 01443 682168 ☎ 01443 682260 ✉ admin.cymmerjun@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 7-11	119	54	217	N/a
Darran Park Primary Ysgol Gynradd Parc y Darren	Brook Street Ferndale / Glynrhedynog CF43 4LE	Mr C Coole ☎ 01443 730450 ☎ 01443 730450 ✉ admin.darranparkpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	247	I/B: 35 J/I: 52	315	30
Darrenlas Primary Ysgol Gynradd y Darrenlas	Kingcraft Street Darren-las Mountain Ash / Aberpennar CF45 3LT	Mrs G Jones ☎ 01443 473291 ☎ 01443 473291 ✉ admin.darrenlaspri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	210	35	248	21
Ferndale Infants Ysgol Babanod Glynrhedynog	North Road Ferndale / Glynrhedynog CF43 4PS	Mrs R Rees ☎ 01443 755858 ☎ 01443 755858 ✉ admin.ferndaleinf@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-7	40	25	75	12
Ffynnon Taf Primary Ysgol Gynradd Ffynnon Taf	Cardiff Road Taffs Well / Ffynnon Taf Cardiff / Caerdydd CF15 7PR	Mr M Worth ☎ 02920 810452 ☎ 02920 810452 ✉ admin.ffynnontafpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	168	27	194	40
Gelli Primary Ysgol Gynradd Gelli	Ystrad Road Ystrad / Ystradyfodwg Pentre Rhondda CF41 7PX	Mr D Cynan-Jones ☎ 01443 435311 ☎ 01443 423090 ✉ admin.gellipri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	194	29	204	24

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Glenbói Community Primary Ysgol Gynradd Cymuned Glenbói	Abercwmbol Isaf Road Glenbói Mountain Ash / Aberpennar CF45 3DW	Mr A Llewellyn (Acting Headteacher/Pennaeth Gweithredol) ☎ 01443 473747 ☎ 01443 473798 ✉ admin.glenboipri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	89	16	113	11
Glynhafod Junior Ysgol Iau Glynhafod	Glynhafod Street Cwmaman Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 6LD	Mrs L Rees (Acting Headteacher/Pennaeth Gweithredol) ☎ 01685 873335 ☎ 01685 886547 ✉ admin.glynhafodjun@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 7-11	102	27	109	N/a
Gwauncelyn Primary Ysgol Gynradd Gwauncelyn	Heol Deg Tonteg Pontypridd CF38 1EU	Mrs S Little ☎ 01443 204376 ☎ 01443 209347 ✉ admin.gwauncelynpri @rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	350	53	373	56
Gwaunmeisgyn Primary Ysgol Gynradd Gwaunmeisgyn	Woodland Road Beddau Pontypridd CF38 2DH	Mrs J Morgan ☎ 01443 203079 ☎ 01443 203079 ✉ admin.gwaunmeisgynpri @rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	240	41	289	37
Hafod Primary Ysgol Gynradd Hafod	Wayne Street Trehafod Pontypridd CF37 2NL	Miss E Bradley (Acting Headteacher/Pennaeth Gweithredol) ☎ 01443 682234 ☎ 01443 682234 ✉ admin.hafodpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	83	16	113	12
Hawthorn Primary Ysgol Gynradd y Ddraenen Wen	School Lane Hawthorn / Y Ddraenen Wen Pontypridd CF37 5AL	Mrs L Noble ☎ 01443 841230 ☎ 01443 841230 ✉ admin.hawthornpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	223	34	240	33
Hendreforgan Community Primary Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned Hendreforgan	Hendreforgan Gilfach-goch CF39 8UH	Mr K Stroud ☎ 01443 672394 ☎ 01443 675076 ✉ admin.hendreforganpri @rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	160	35	246	26
Hirwaun Primary Ysgol Gynradd Hirwaun	Glannant St Hirwaun Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 9NF	Mrs B Hill ☎ 01685 811619 ☎ 01685 811619 ✉ admin.hirwaunpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	201	37	265	20
Llanharan Primary Ysgol Gynradd Llanharan	Llwynybrain Terrace, Llanharan Pontyclun CF72 9PW	Mrs B Price ☎ 01443 237831 ☎ 01443 237831 ✉ admin.llanharanpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	107	19	135	23

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Llanhari Primary Ysgol Gynradd Llanhari	Aelfryn Llanhari / Llanhari Pontyclun CF72 9LQ	Mrs E Coates ☎ 01443 237832 ☎ 01443 237832 ✉ admin.llanharipri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	155	28	200	17
Llanilltud Faerdref Primary Ysgol Gynradd Llanilltud Faerdref	St Illtyd's Road Church Village / Pentre'r Eglwys Pontypridd CF38 1DB	Mr M Wakeley ☎ 01443 204626 ☎ 01443 209340 ✉ admin.llanilltudfaerdrefpri @rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	194	32	227	26
Llantrisant Primary Ysgol Gynradd Llantrisant	Coed yr Esgob Llantrisant CF72 8EL	Mrs L Davies (Acting Headteacher/Pennaeth Gweithredol) ☎ 01443 237829 ☎ 01443 237829 ✉ admin.llantrisantpri@rctednet.net Age range/Amr. oedran: 3-11	107	22	159	13
Llwydcoed Primary Ysgol Gynradd Llwydcoed	Corner House Street Llwydcoed / Llwydcoed Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 0YA	Mr A Wilkinson ☎ 01685 871110 ☎ 01685 871110 ✉ admin.llwydcoedpri@rctednet.net Age range/Amr. oedran: 3-11	77	15	108	9
Llwyncelyn Infants Ysgol Babanod Llwyncelyn	Off Heather Way Llwyncelyn (Y) Porth CF39 9TL	Mrs. E. Decaro (Acting Headteacher/Pennaeth Gweithredol) ☎ 01443 684321 ☎ 01443 684321 ✉ admin.llwyncelyninf@rctednet.net Age range/Amr. oedran: 3-7	56	27	81	17
Llwyn-crwn Primary Ysgol Gynradd Llwyn-crwn	Llwyn-crwn Road Beddau Pontypridd CF38 2BE	Mr S Phillips ☎ 01443 203557 ☎ 01443 203557 ✉ admin.llwyncrwnpri@rctednet.net Age range/Amr. oedran: 3-11	256	54	380	36
Llwynypïa Primary Ysgol Gynradd Llwynypïa	School Terrace Llwynypïa Tonypany CF40 2HL	Mrs K Emanuelli ☎ 01443 432354 ☎ 01443 442489 ✉ admin.llwynypïapi@rctednet.net Age range/Amr. oedran: 3-11	187	31	218	27
Maerdy Community Primary Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned y Maerdy	Graigwen Maerdy Rhondda CF43 4TW	Mrs S Belcher ☎ 01443 755227 ☎ 01443 731419 ✉ admin.maerdypri@rctednet.net Age range/Amr. oedran: 3-11	195	37	260	24
Maesybryn Primary Ysgol Gynradd Maesybryn	Lancaster Drive Yst. Crownhill Est. Llantwit Fardre / Llanilltud Faerdref CF38 2NS	Mr S Roberts ☎ 01443 202928 ☎ 01443 202928 ✉ admin.maesybrynpri@rctednet.net Age range/Amr. oedran: 3-11	330	56	393	60

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Maesycod Primary Ysgol Gynradd Maesycod	Lanwern Road Maesycod Pontypridd CF37 1EQ	Mrs E Jarrold ☎ 01443 486835 ☎ 01443 406579 ✉ admin.maesycodpri@rctednet.net Age range/Amr. oedran: 3-11	263	38	272	41
Miskin Primary Ysgol Gynradd Meisgyn	York Street Miskin / Meisgyn Mountain Ash / Aberpennar CF45 3BG	Mrs F. Davies ☎ 01443 476426 ☎ 01443 476531 ✉ admin.miskinpri@rctednet.net Age range/Amr. oedran: 3-11	111	22	160	15
Oaklands Primary Ysgol Gynradd Oaklands	Maes y Deri Aberaman Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 6TF	Mrs C Wright ☎ 01685 882577 ☎ 01685 886010 ✉ admin.oaklandspri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	191	32	229	20
Our Lady's R.C. Primary Ysgol Mair Forwyn Eglwys Gatholig Rhufain	Miskin Road Miskin / Meisgyn Mountain Ash / Aberpennar CF45 3UA	Mr F Fulgoni ☎ 01443 472230 ✉ admin.ourladysrc@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	107	17	120	10
Parc Primary Ysgol Gynradd y Parc	Tallis St Cwmparc CF42 6LY	Mr D Williams ☎ 01443 776601 ☎ 01443 771773 ✉ admin.parcpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	169	30	213	30
Parc Lewis Primary Ysgol Gynradd Parc Lewis	Broadway Pontypridd CF37 1BE	Mr A Roberts ☎ 01443 486836 ☎ 01443 401071 ✉ admin.parclewispri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	182	31	217	34
Pengeulan Primary Ysgol Gynradd Pengeulan	Penrhiwceiber Road Miskin / Meisgyn Mountain Ash / Aberpennar CF45 3UW	Mr P Morgan ☎ 01443 473365 ☎ 01443 472849 ✉ admin.pengeulanpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	132	22	154	19
Pen-Pych Community Primary Ysgol Gynradd Cymuned Pen-Pych	Blaenrhondda Road Tynewydd Treorchy / Treorci CF42 5SD	Miss P Price (Acting Headteacher/Pennaeth Gweithredol) ☎ 01443 771434 ☎ 01443 776911 ✉ admin.penpsychcom@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	141	28	198	21
Penrhiwceibr Primary Ysgol Gynradd Penrhiwceibr	Church Street Penrhiwceibr Mountain Ash / Aberpennar CF45 3TR	Mr R Makin ☎ 01443 472247 ✉ admin.penrhiwceibrpri @rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	122	18	130	14
Penrhys Primary Ysgol Gynradd Penrhys	Penrhys Tylorstown Ferndale / Glynrhedynog CF43 3PL	Mrs R Porcher ☎ 01443 730037 ☎ 01443 732951 ✉ admin.penrhyspri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	131	18	131	14

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Penygawsi Primary Ysgol Gynradd Penygawsi	Chartist Road Llantrisant CF72 8DU	Mr J Davies ☎ 01443 237834 ☎ 01443 237834 ✉ admin.penygawsipri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	234	35	248	35
Pen-y-graig Infants Ysgol Babanod Pen-y-graig	Hendrecapn Road Penygraig Tonypanyd CF40 1LJ	Mrs P Vaughan ☎ 01443 432236 ☎ 01443 432236 ✉ admin.penygraiginf@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-7	107	48	144	46
Pen-y-graig Junior Ysgol Iau Pen-y-graig	Hendrecapn Road Penygraig Tonypanyd CF40 1LW	Mrs P Vaughan ☎ 01443 432072 ☎ 01443 432072 ✉ admin.penygraigjun@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 7-11	108	34	138	N/a
Penyreglyn Community Primary Ysgol Gymuned Penyreglyn	Baglan Street Treherbert CF42 5AW	Mrs C Trevelyan (Acting Headteacher/Pennaeth Gweithredol) ☎ 01443 772433 ☎ 01443 773510 ✉ admin.penyreglyncompri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	225	35	246	38
Penywaun Primary Ysgol Gynradd Penywaun	Coed Glas Penywaun Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 9DR	Mr C L Prichard ☎ 01685 811216 ☎ 01685 813860 ✉ admin.penywaunpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	186	36	253	27
Perthcelyn Community Primary Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned Perthcelyn	Glamorgan Street Perthcelyn Mountain Ash / Aberpennar CF45 3RJ	Mr A James ☎ 01443 473296 ☎ 01443 473296 ✉ admin.perthcelyncom@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	109	21	151	12
Pontrhondda Primary Ysgol Gynradd Pontrhondda	Pontrhondda Road Llwynypia CF40 2SZ	Mrs R Rees ☎ 01443 433004 ☎ 01443 433004 ✉ admin.pontrhonddapri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 4-11	137	21	153	27
Pontyclun Primary Ysgol Gynradd Pontyclun	Palalwyf Avenue Pontyclun CF72 9EG	Mr H Roberts ☎ 01443 237833 ☎ 01443 237833 ✉ admin.pontyclunpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	462	72	505	68

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Pontygwaith Primary Ysgol Gynradd Pontygwaith	Graig Street Pontygwaith CF43 3LY	Mrs C Davies ☎ 01443 730471 ☎ 01443 735900 ✉ admin.pontygwaithpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	143	26	188	29
Porth Infants Ysgol Babanod y Porth	Mary Street (Y) Porth CF39 9UH	Mrs P Morgan ☎ 01443 682261 ☎ 01443 682261 ✉ admin.porthinf@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-7	56	23	71	21
Porth Junior Ysgol Iau'r Porth	End of Primrose Terrace Llwyncelyn (Y) Porth CF39 9TU	Mrs N Griffiths ☎ 01443 683623 ☎ 01443 683623 ✉ admin.porthjun@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 7-11	117	34	138	N/a
Rhigos Primary Ysgol Gynradd y Rhigos	Heol-y-graig Rhigos Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 9YY	Miss E Evans (Acting Headteacher/Pennaeth Gweithredol) ☎ 01685 811253 ☎ 01685 811253 ✉ admin.rhigospri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	53	9	67	6
SS Gabriel & Raphael R.C. Primary Ysgol Gynradd y Seintiau Gabriel a Raphael Eglwys Gatholig Rhufain	Primrose Street Tonypandy CF40 1BJ	Mrs W Lavagna ☎ 01443 433094 ☎ 01443 440664 ✉ admin.ssgabrielraphaelrc @rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	105	18	129	15
St Margaret's Catholic Primary Ysgol Gynradd y Santes Fferid Eglwys Gatholig	Tŷ Fry Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 7PP	Mrs. J. Taylor (Acting Headteacher/Pennaeth Gweithredol) ☎ 01685 876072 ☎ 01685 876279 ✉ admin.stmargaretsrc@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	112	17	123	17
St Michaels Primary Ysgol Gynradd Mihangel Sant Eglwys Gatholig Rhufain	John Place Trefforest Pontypridd CF37 1SP	Mr Mark Chappel ☎ 01443 486840 ☎ 01443 493909 ✉ admin.stmichaelsrc@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	213	31	212	40
Ton Pentre Infants Ysgol Babanod Ton Pentre	School Street Ton Pentre Pentre CF41 7LS	Mrs S Williams ☎ 01443 435438 ☎ 01443 435428 ✉ admin.toninf@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-7	145	51	155	39

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Ton Pentre Junior Ysgol Iau Ton Pentre	Bailey Street Tonpentre CF41 7EL	Mr I Evans ☎ 01443 435436 ☎ 01443 435700 ✉ admin.tonpentrejun@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 7-11	150	37	152	N/a
Tonypandy Primary Ysgol Gynradd Tonypandy	Primrose Street Tonypandy CF40 1BQ	Mr S Scammell ☎ 01443 433006 ☎ 01443 421803 ✉ admin.tonypandypri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	108	27	195	22
Tonyrefail Primary Ysgol Gynradd Tonyrefail	Martin Crescent Tonyrefail (Y) Porth CF39 8NT	Mrs C Tynan ☎ 01443 673966 ☎ 01443 675988 ✉ admin.tonyrefailpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	239	47	330	50
Tonysguboriau Primary Ysgol Gynradd Tonysguboriau	Stuart Street Talbot Green / Tonysguboriau Pontyclun CF72 8AA	Mrs L Bailey ☎ 01443 237836 ☎ 01443 237836 ✉ admin.tonysguboriaupri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	204	34	243	31
Trallwng Infants Ysgol Babanod Trallwng	Bonvilston Road Trallwn Pontypridd CF37 4RD	Mrs N Poole (Acting Headteacher/Pennaeth Gweithredol) ☎ 01443 486842 ☎ 01443 486842 ✉ admin.trallwnginf@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-7	94	37	113	34
Trealaw Primary Ysgol Gynradd Trealaw	Trealaw Rhondda CF40 2QW	Mrs C James ☎ 01443 432217 ☎ 01443 430633 ✉ admin.trealawpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	122	23	167	25
Tref-y-rhyg Primary Ysgol Gynradd Tref-y-rhyg	The Avenue Tonyrefail (Y) Porth CF39 8PR	Mrs C Leese (Acting Headteacher/Pennaeth Gweithredol) ☎ 01443 670306 ☎ 01443 671850 ✉ admin.trefyrhygpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	81	22	157	15
Trehopcyn Primary Ysgol Gynradd Trehopcyn	Plymouth Road Hopkinstown / Trehopcyn Pontypridd CF37 2RH	Mr G L Williams ☎ 01443 486844 ☎ 01443 486844 ✉ admin.trehopcynpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	89	22	159	14
Treorchy Primary Ysgol Gynradd Treorci	Glyncoli Road Treorchy / Treorci CF42 6SA	Mrs L Reynolds ☎ 01443 773084 ☎ 01443 777658 ✉ admin.treorchypri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	303	45	318	55

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English Medium Primary Schools Ysgolion Cynradd Saesneg						
Trerobart Primary Ysgol Gynradd Trerobart	Crawshay Street Ynys-y-bwl Pontypridd CF37 3EF	Mr R Devereux ☎ 01443 790233 ☎ 01443 791960 ✉ admin.trerobartpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	191	33	236	25
Tylorstown Primary Ysgol Gynradd Tylorstown	Edmund Street Tylorstown CF43 3HH	Mrs J Lewis ☎ 01443 730396 ☎ 01443 732966 ✉ admin.tylorstownpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	126	29	205	23
Williamstown Primary Ysgol Gynradd Williamstown	Campws Cymuned Penrhiwfer Community Campus Gorllewin Dinas Isaf West, Williamstown Tonypandy CF40 1AG	Mrs A Hall ☎ 01443 432186 ☎ 01443 434259 ✉ admin.williamstownpri @rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	257	46	327	46
Ynysboeth Primary Ysgol Gynradd Ynys-boeth	Main Road Ynys-boeth Abercynon CF45 4LJ	Mrs D Todd ☎ 01443 749040 ☎ 01443 749042 ✉ admin.ynysboethpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	146	30	216	23
Ynyshir Primary Ysgol Gynradd Ynys-hir	Llanwonno Road Ynys-hir (Y) Porth CF39 0HU	Miss P Phillips ☎ 01443 685208 ☎ 684603 ✉ admin.ynyshirpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	206	38	270	37
Ysgol yr Eos	Bishop St Pen-y-graig Tonypandy CF40 1PQ	Mrs M Borland ☎ 01443 433209 / 433263 ☎ 01443 435094 ✉ admin.ysgolyreos@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	87	19	139	15

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Dual Language Primary Schools Ysgolion Cynradd Ffrwd Ddeuol						
Dolau Primary Ysgol Gynradd Dolau Including Welsh Medium Provision / gan gynnwys Uned Cyfrwng Cymraeg	Bridgend Road Llanharan Pontyclun CF72 9RP	Mr G D Evans ☎ 01443 237830 📠 01443 237830 ✉ admin.dolaupri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	406	63	442	65
Heol y Celyn Primary Ysgol Gynradd Heol y Celyn Including Welsh Medium Provision / gan gynnwys Uned Cyfrwng Cymraeg	Holly Street Rhydyfelin Pontypridd CF37 5DB	Mrs C Jones (Acting Headteacher/ Pennaeth Gweithredol) ☎ 01443 490750 📠 01443 490754 ✉ admin.heolycelynpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	286	59	414	48
Penderyn Community Primary / Ysgol Gynradd Cymuned Penderyn Including Welsh Medium Provision / gan gynnwys Uned Cyfrwng Cymraeg	Pontprenllwyd Penderyn Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 9JW	Mr A Wood ☎ 01685 811259 📠 01685 814125 ✉ admin.penderynpri@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	205	33	231	26

* Nursery Admission Numbers for Dual Language Schools

The Nursery Admission Numbers for the Dual Language Schools will change as follows :-

Nursery Admission Number	English	Welsh
Dolau Primary School	30	30
Heol Y Celyn Primary School	29	29
Penderyn Primary School	16	16

There will be a separate admission number for the English and Welsh Departments at these schools for nursery entry only.

We will process applications for the above schools up to the published admission number.

Should the number of applications received for nursery places in a specific language department exceed the nursery admission number and there are spaces available in the other language department, these available places will be allocated to these children. For example, if 25 English applications are received for nursery places at one of the schools and 35 Welsh applications are received for the Welsh Department, the spare places in the English Department would then be allocated to accommodate the extra places required for the Welsh children.

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Welsh Medium Primary Schools

Ysgolion Cynradd Cymraeg

Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Abercynon (including y Gorlan Early Years Centre/gan gynnwys Canolfan Blynnyddoedd Cynnar y Gorlan Fach)	Greenfield Terrace Abercynon Mountain Ash / Aberpennar CF45 4TH	To be appointed/ Pennaeth i'w benodi ☎ 01443 740239 📠 01443 740808 ✉ admin.yggabercynon@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	300	50	355	42
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Aberdâr	Laburnum Drive Cwmdare / Cwmdâr Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 8RT	Mr D Davies ☎ 01685 872939 📠 01685 883339 ✉ admin.yggaberdar@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	370	54	378	56
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bodringallt	Bryn Terrace Ystradyfodwg CF41 7RX	Dr N Pike ☎ 01443 434096 📠 01443 434048 ✉ admin.yggbodringallt@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	136	24	171	11
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bronllwyn	Colwyn Road Gelli CF41 7NW	Mrs N Gould ☎ 01443 435294 📠 01443 441547 ✉ admin.yggbronllwyn@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	212	34	242	35
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Castellau	Ffordd Castellau Beddau Pontypridd CF38 2AA	Mr D Davies ☎ 01443 208700 📠 01443 209616 ✉ admin.yggcastellau@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	218	37	265	36
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Evan James	Ffordd Y Rhondda Pontypridd CF37 1HQ	Mr R Carbis ☎ 01443 486813 📠 01443 403129 ✉ admin.yggevanjames@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	287	49	347	40
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Garth Olwg	Campws Cymuned Garth Olgw St Iltyds Rd, Church Village / Pentre'r Eglwys Pontypridd, CF38 1RQ	Mr H Gruffydd ☎ 01443 202585 📠 01443 217785 ✉ admin.ygggartholwg@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	286	45	315	46

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Welsh Medium Primary Schools Ysgolion Cynradd Cymraeg						
Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Gymraeg Llantrisant	Ffordd Cefn yr Hendy Miskin / Y Meisgyn Pontyclun CF72 8TL	Mr R O'Neil ☎ 01443 237837 📠 01443 449576 ✉ admin.yggllantrisant@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	325	47	334	38
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llwyncelyn	Heather Way Llwyncelyn (Y) Porth CF39 9TL	Mr D M Rees ☎ 01443 682491 📠 01443 688167 ✉ admin.yggllwyncelyn@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	274	38	267	31
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llyn-y-forwyn	Darren Terrace Ferndale / Glynrhedynog CF43 4LG	Mrs P Davies ☎ 01443 730278 📠 01443 732504 ✉ admin.yggllynyforwyn@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	160	28	198	27
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pont Siôn Norton	Heol Pont Siôn Norton Pontypridd CF37 4ND	Mr D Evans ☎ 01443 486838 📠 01443 480404 ✉ admin.yggpionsionnorton@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	231	43	301	44
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Tonyrefail	Stryd yr Ysgol Tonyrefail (Y) Porth CF39 8LE	Miss N Downes ☎ 01443 670319 📠 01443 676095 ✉ admin.yggtonyrefail@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	218	39	273	24
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Ynyswen	Ffordd y Clinig Ynyswen Treorci CF42 6ED	Miss C Roberts ☎ 01443 772432 📠 01443 775726 ✉ admin.yggynyswen@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-11	233	46	326	36

Middle Schools
Ysgolion Canol

Ysgol Llanhari	Llanhari Pontyclun CF72 9XE	Mrs Rhian Phillips ☎ 01443 237824 📠 01443 227365 ✉ admin.ygllanhari@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 3-19	435	S: 147 P: 27	S: 937 P: 210	33 (Derbyn) 94 (Blwyddyn 7)
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English Medium Secondary Schools Ysgolion Uwchradd Saesneg						
New Aberdare Community School Ysgol Gymuned Newydd Aberdâr	Ynys Site, Aberdare, CF44 7RP Ynys, Aberdâr, CF44 7RP	Mrs S Davies ☎ 01685 872460 ✉ Admin.aberdarecommunity@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 11-19	1325	278	1620	257
Bryncelynnog Comprehensive Ysgol Gyfun Bryncelynnog	Penycoedcae Road (Y) Beddau Pontypridd CF38 2AE	Mrs D Baldock ☎ 01443 203411 ☎ 01443 219619 ✉ admin.bryncelynnogcomp@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 11-19	1033	235	1420	188
Cardinal Newman R.C. Comprehensive Ysgol Gyfun y Cardinal Newman Eglwys Gatholig Rhufain	Dynea Road Rhydyfelin Pontypridd CF37 5DP	Mr J O'Sullivan ☎ 01443 494110 ☎ 01443 494112 ✉ admin.newmanrc@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 11-19	761	132	856	129
Ferndale Community School Ysgol Cymuned Glynrhedynog	Excelsior Terrace Y Maerdy CF43 4AR	Mrs H Nicholas ☎ 01443 755337/755657 ☎ 01443 756810 ✉ admin.ferndalecomp@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 11-19	626	160	974	102
Hawthorn High Ysgol Uwchradd y Ddraenen Wen	School Lane Hawthorn / Y Ddraenen Wen Pontypridd CF37 5AL	Mr J Hicks ☎ 01443 841228 ☎ 01443 846464 ✉ admin.hawthornhigh@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 11-19	801	196	1151	116
Mountain Ash Comprehensive Ysgol Gyfun Aberpennar	New Road Mountain Ash / Aberpennar CF45 4DG	Mr H Lloyd ☎ 01443 479199 ☎ 01443 473412 ✉ admin.mountainashcomp@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 11-19	837	243	1421	159

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English Medium Secondary Schools Ysgolion Uwchradd Saesneg						
Pontypridd High Ysgol Uwchradd Pontypridd	Albion Community Campus/ Campws Cymunedol Parc Hen Lofa'r Albion Cilfynydd, Pontypridd CF37 4SF	Mr H Cripps ☎ 01443 486133 📠 01443 480512 ✉ admin.pontypriddhigh@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 11-19	1031	229	1320	166
Porth County Community School Ysgol Sirol Cymuned y Porth County	Cemetery Road (Y) Porth CF39 0BS	Mrs A Francis ☎ 01443 682137 📠 01443 682076 ✉ admin.porthcomp@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 11-19	925	227	1387	133
St John Baptist C.I.W. High Ysgol Uwchradd Ioan Fedyddiwr yr Eglwys yng Nghymru	Glan Road Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 8BW	Dr S Mitchell ☎ 01685 875414 📠 01685 881582 ✉ admin.stjohnbaptistciw @rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 11-19	1010	136	876	166
Tonypandy Community College Coleg Cymuned Tonypandy	Llewellyn Street Penygraig CF40 1HQ	Mrs H O'Sullivan ☎ 01443 436171 📠 01443 430918 ✉ admin.tonypandycomp @rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 11-19	744	166	1031	117
Tonyrefail School Ysgol Uwchradd Tonyrefail	Gilfach Road Tonyrefail CF39 8HG	Mrs E Keeble ☎ 01443 670647 📠 01443 671780 ✉ admin.tonyrefailcomp @rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 11-19	931	234	1390	148
Treorchy Comprehensive Ysgol Gyfun Treorci	Pengelli Treorchy / Treorci CF42 6UL	Mr R Jones ☎ 01443 773128 📠 01443 776658 ✉ admin.treorchycomp@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 11-19	1630	265	1692	262
Y Pant Comprehensive Ysgol Gyfun Y Pant	Cowbridge Road Pontyclun CF72 8YQ	Mr M Powell ☎ 01443 237701 📠 01443 229248 ✉ admin.ypantcomp@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 11-19	1302	214	1305	261

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Welsh Medium Secondary Schools Ysgolion Uwchradd Cymraeg						
Ysgol Gyfun Garth Olwg	Campws Cymuned Garth Olwg St Illtyds Rd, Church Village / Pentre'r Eglwys Pontypridd, CF38 1RQ	Mr T Edwards ☎ 01443 219580 📠 01443 219596 ✉ admin.yggartholwg@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 11-19	801	182	1114	152
Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun	Rhodfa Lawrence Penywaun Hirwaun CF44 9ES	Mr H Price ☎ 01685 813500 📠 01685 812208 ✉ admin.ygrhydywaun@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 11-19	998	164	1022	168
Ysgol Gyfun y Cymer	Heol Graigwen Cymer (Y) Porth CF39 9HA	Ms R Ellis ☎ 01443 680800 📠 01443 680810 ✉ admin.ygycymer@rctednet.net Age range / Amr. oedran: 11-19	759	162	1025	113
Special Educational Needs Provision Ysgolion Arbennig						
Maesgwyn Special Ysgol Arbennig Maesgwyn	Cwmdare Road Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 8RG	Mr S K Morgan ☎ 01685 873933 📠 01685 873933 ✉ admin.maesgwynspe@rctednet.net				
Park Lane Special Ysgol Arbennig Park Lane	Park Lane, Trecynon Aberdare / Aberdâr CF44 8HN	Miss M Hopkin ☎ 01685 874489 📠 01685 883207 ✉ admin.parklanespe@rctednet.net				
Ysgol Hen Felin	Gelligaled Park Ystrad CF41 7SZ	Mr A Henderson ☎ 01443 431571 📠 01443 439361 ✉ admin.ysgolhenfelin@rctednet.net				
Ysgol Tŷ Coch	Lansdale Drive Tonteg Pontypridd CF38 1PG Buarth-y-Capel Ynysybwl, Pontypridd CF37 3PA	Mr D Jenkins ☎ 01443 203471 📠 01443 206828 ✉ admin.ysgoltycoch@rctednet.net ☎ 01443 791424 ✉ admin.buarthycapel@rctednet.net				
EBD and Pupil Referral Units Unedau Atgyfeirio Disgyblion AEY						
Tŷ Gwyn*	Cefn Lane Glyncoch Pontypridd CF37 3BP	Mr D Williams ☎ 01443 403657 ✉ admin.tygwyn@rctednet.net				
Tai Education Centre Canolfan Addysg y Tai	Grovefield Terrace Penygraig Tonypandy CF40 1HL	Dr A Clark ☎ 01443 422666 📠 01443 436487 ✉ admin.taicentre@rctednet.net				

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