



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024/2025**

**MEMBER RESEARCH REQUEST RESPONSE**

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**1. Research Request**

- a) How many primary schools are there in Rhondda Cynon Taf?
- b) How many of those schools used mixed-age classrooms? E.g. where groups from different school years are in the same classroom.

**2. Data Source**

Data was requested from the Education and Inclusion Service of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, who have to schools data via PLASC (Pupil Level Annual School Census) from the Welsh Government.

The latest data release from PLASC is from January 2024. The answers given here are from that data release, though staff from the Education and Inclusion Service did state that due to school closures since January 2024 the total number of primary schools is known to have changed.

**3. Response**

The response received indicates that:

- a) As of January 2024, there were 92 primary schools in Rhondda Cynon Taf. Due to school closures this year, there are now (as of October 2024) 88 primary schools in Rhondda Cynon Taf.
- b) As of January 2024, there were 82 primary schools in Rhondda Cynon Taf using mixed-age classrooms. Class data is not available outside of PLASC, so we cannot state how this number may have changed due to school closures since January 2024.