



Statutory Notice

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

Notice is given in accordance with Section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code 2018 that Rhondda Cynon Taf, having consulted such persons as required, proposes to establish an Additional Learning Needs (ALN) provision at the new 3-16 all through school Ysgol Afon Wen School Lane, Hawthorn, Pontypridd, CF37 5AL by providing 14 places for Key Stage 3/4 pupils with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The school is currently maintained by Rhondda Cynon Taf.

Rhondda Cynon Taf undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the proposers responses and the views of Estyn is available on www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 1st September 2024.

At present it is not possible to project pupil numbers and forecast information for the new through school. The capacity of the school is 1260. Capacity has been built into the new building design to accommodate the proposed Learning Support Class (LSC).

Pupils will be provided with transport in accordance with the Council's Learner Transport Policy.

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by 6th November any person may object to the proposals.

Objections should be sent to Director of Education and Inclusion Services, Access and Inclusion Service, Ty Trevithick, Abercynon, Mountain Ash, CF45 4UQ.

Rhondda Cynon Taf will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, within the period of 28 days after the end of the objection period.

Signed

Director of Education and Inclusion Services, Rhondda Cynon Taf

Date – 10th October 2023



Explanatory Note

1. Improving the quality of education and raising standards is one of the Council's main priorities. It is considered that improving standards and educational outcomes for some of our most vulnerable learners will improve their life chances, access to the world of work and other education pathways. Ensuring that our support classes are well matched to the needs of learners is important in helping them to make progress.
2. Whilst the quality of LSCs in Rhondda Cynon Taf is good, there is a need to modernise and develop the type of LSCs to increase opportunities for mainstream inclusion and to further improve results for vulnerable groups of learners.
3. There is a need to expand Key Stage 3/4 ASD provision in the Local Authority.