

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education and Inclusion Services, Tŷ Trevithick, Abercynon CF45 4UQ

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

1. Discontinue the following schools currently maintained by RCTCBC:
 - Cefn Primary School, Greenfield Avenue, Glyn-coch, Pontypridd CF37 3BD
 - Craig yr Hesg Primary School, Cefn Lane, Glyn-coch, Pontypridd CF37 3BP
2. Establish a new English Medium Community Primary School, to be maintained by RCTCBC in a new school building to be constructed for this purpose. The new school building will be built on the existing Craig yr Hesg Primary School site and the land adjacent to it (the former site of the Tŷ Gwyn Pupil Referral Unit) for boys and girls aged 3-11 years.

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

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/GetInvolved/Consultations/CurrentConsultations/ProposaltoamalgamateCefnPrimaryandCraigyrHesgPrimarySchools.aspx>

It is proposed to implement the proposals by no later than 1st September 2026.

It is proposed that pupils currently attending Cefn Primary School and Craig yr Hesg Primary School should transfer to the new English Medium Community Primary School by 1st September 2026, subject to parental preference.

The proposed new school will be an English Medium Community Primary School.

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

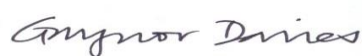
The proposed capacity of the new English Medium Community Primary school shall be 360 pupil places, plus nursery. The admission number for pupils aged 4 to the Reception Class at the new school in the first school year in which the proposals have been implemented is proposed to be 51.

Pupils will be provided with transport in accordance with RCTCBC's Transport Policy. RCTCBC provides free transport for pupils who attend their nearest suitable Primary, Infant or Junior School, if they reside beyond 1.5 miles walking distance to that school, or if there is no safe walking route. The term 'nearest suitable' school applies to the catchment area or nearest Welsh, English, dual language or voluntary aided (faith) mainstream school or special school/class as appropriate.

Within a period of 28 days of the date on which these proposals were published, that is to say by May 11th 2022, any person may object to the proposals. Objections should be sent to the Director of Education and Inclusion Services, 21st Century Schools, Tŷ Trevithick, Abercynon, Mountain Ash CF45 4UQ, or e-mail schoolplanning@rctcbc.gov.uk.

Where objections have been received, RCTCBC will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, within 7 days of the determination of the proposal.

Signed:



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For Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Date: 4th April 2022