



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 that Rhondda Cynon Taf, having consulted such persons as required, proposes to discontinue the Foundation Phase SEN provisions at Penrhys Primary School, Penrhys, Tylorstown, Ferndale, CF43 3PL, so that there remain two Learning Support Classes for pupils with Complex Learning Difficulties at the School. 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 31st August 2019.

The current number of pupils at the school is 94, the pupil capacity of the school is 130 and the proposed capacity once the proposal is implemented will be 130.

Should local children require a Foundation Phase Complex Learning Difficulties Class the nearest is at Maerdy Community Primary School. Alternatively, a supported mainstream placement could be explored if this was in accordance with the child's needs and parental wishes.

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 15th March 2019 any person may object to the proposals.

Objections should be sent to Director of Education and Inclusion Service, 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Rhondda Cynon Taf will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, within the period of 28 days after the end of the objection period.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 Service, Rhondda Cynon Taf

Date – 13th February 2019

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 LSC classes in Rhondda Cynon Taf is good, there is a need to modernise and develop the type of LSC classes to increase opportunities for mainstream inclusion and to further improve results for vulnerable groups of learners.
3. Penrhys Primary currently has a 2 Foundation Phase and 2 Key Stage 2 Learning Support Classes for pupils with Complex Learning Difficulties.
4. There is currently 1 pupil attending the 2 Foundation Phase LSC's provision.
5. For those pupils affected by this proposal suitable arrangements will be put in place in consultation with all involved to ensure appropriate provision is made.