

## **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Education and Inclusion Services Directorate, Ty Trevithick, Abercynon CF45 4UQ

Notice is given in accordance with sections 42 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:

Increase the capacity of Dolau Primary School and construct a new extension to the current school. School to continue to be maintained by RCTCBC, to be a dual language school for boys and girls aged 3-11 years:

Dolau Primary School, Bridgend Road, Llanharan, Pontyclun CF72 9RP

RCTCBC undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish these proposals. 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/SchoolConsultations/SchoolsConsultations.aspx>

It is proposed to implement the proposals by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

The current capacity of Dolau Primary School is 441 plus Nursery, and the increased capacity of Dolau Primary School will be 921 plus Nursery. The admission number for pupils aged 4 into the Reception Class at the new school, in the first school year in which the proposals have been implemented, will be 131. There will be 124 part time nursery places.

Pupils will be provided with transport in accordance with RCTCBC's Transport Policy. At present, RCTCBC provides free transport for pupils who attend their relevant Primary, Infant or Junior School, if they reside beyond 1.5 miles walking distance to that school. The relevant school is the catchment school or the nearest school.

Within a period of 28 days of the date on which these proposals were published, that is to say by March 20<sup>th</sup> 2019 any person may object to the proposals. Objections should be sent to the Director of Education and Inclusion Services, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools, Ty Trevithick, Abercynon, Mountain Ash CF45 4UQ, e-mail [schoolplanning@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:schoolplanning@rctcbc.gov.uk).

RCTCBC will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, within 7 days of the determination of the proposal.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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Director of Education and Inclusion Services  
For Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council  
Date: 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The construction of 1,850 dwellings is considered to be the first phase of what is likely to be a much larger development in forthcoming years for this area.

The new school building will form part of the education provision that will serve this wider area and its provision will be delivered under the management and guidance of Dolau Primary School. At a point in time, the Council will make an assessment of the requirements and demand for school places, including the likely language medium choices being expressed by parents, and will consider establishing the new school building as a new school in its own right.

The Headteacher of Dolau will be able to utilise the new building to accommodate classes between the two buildings as he sees fit to make the best use of all available resources. The school will then 'grow' as more houses are constructed.