

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
Education Directorate, Ty 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, propose to:

1. Discontinue the following schools currently maintained by RCTCBC:
 - Heol Y Celyn Primary School, Holly Street, Rhydyfelin, Pontypridd CF37 5DB
 - Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pont Sion Norton, Heol Pont Sion Norton, Pontypridd CF37 4ND
2. Establish a new Welsh Medium Community Primary School, to be maintained by RCTCBC in a new school building to be constructed for this purpose, to be located on the site of the current Heol Y Celyn Primary School, Holly Street, Rhydyfelin, Pontypridd for boys and girls aged 3-11 years.

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 on 1st September 2022.

It is proposed that a new school building be constructed to accommodate the children who will attend the new school, on the site of the current Heol Y Celyn Primary School, Holly Street, Rhydyfelin. It is proposed that pupils currently attending Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pont Sion Norton and those pupils currently attending the Welsh Medium stream of Heol Y Celyn Primary School should transfer to the new Welsh Medium Community Primary School in Rhydyfelin on 1st September 2022, subject to parental preference.

The proposed new school will be a Welsh 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 Welsh Medium Community Primary school shall be 540 pupil places, including 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 67.

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 suitable school.

It is proposed that those pupils currently attending the English Medium stream of Heol Y Celyn Primary School should transfer to the new 3-16 'all through' School at Hawthorn on 1st September 2022, subject to parental preference. (The proposed 3-16 'all-through' school at Hawthorn is the subject of another statutory notice).

Within a period of 28 days of the date on which these proposals were published, that is to say by May 31st 2019 any person may object to the proposals.

Objections should be sent to the Director of Education and Inclusion Services, 21st Century Schools, Ty Trevithick, Abercynon, Mountain Ash CF45 4UQ, e-mail 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:
Gaynor Davies
Director of Education and Inclusion Services
For Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Date: April 30th 2019

Explanatory Note of the Proposals

RCTCBC has recently undertaken a comprehensive consultation exercise in respect of the proposed reorganisation of school provision in the Pontypridd area of the County Borough as part of its proposals under the 21st Century Schools Programme.

RCTCBC's Cabinet have agreed to publish the following statutory notices:-

- The alteration of the age range of pupils that may be admitted to Cardinal Newman RC Comprehensive School, from 11–19 years to 11–16 years, resulting in the removal of the sixth form provision;
- The closure of Pontypridd High School and Cilfynydd Primary School and the creation of a new 3 – 16 'all through' School on the site of the current Pontypridd High School. There will be no sixth form provision at this school;
- The closure of Hawthorn High School and Hawthorn Primary School and the creation of a new 3 – 16 'all through' School on the site of the current Hawthorn High and Hawthorn Primary Schools, with the Local Authority designated ALN specialist class located in Hawthorn High School, as well as the current pupils receiving education through the medium of English at Heol Y Celyn Primary School transferring to the new school. There will be no sixth form provision at this school;
- The closure of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pont Sion Norton and Heol Y Celyn Primary School and the opening of a new Welsh Medium Community Primary School on the site of the current Heol Y Celyn Primary School.