

CARDIFF COUNCIL

SCHOOLS STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013

ENGLISH MEDIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Section 44 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code, that Cardiff Council (herein after “the Authority”), having consulted such persons as appeared to them to be appropriate, propose to:

- Increase the capacity of Ty Gwyn Special School, Vincent Road, Caerau, Cardiff, CF5 5AQ from 150 places to 198 places

It is proposed to implement the proposal in September 2018.

The school is currently maintained by Cardiff Council.

The Authority undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees and the Authority’s responses and the views of Estyn is available to view at:

www.cardiff.gov.uk/21stCenturySchools

The current number of pupils at Ty Gwyn Special School is 174 (3-19), the pupil capacity of the school is 150 and the proposed capacity once the proposal is implemented will be 198.

Children are taught in mixed classes and the numbers per age group may vary however the overall number would not exceed 198.

The school will continue to provide places for learners with complex learning disabilities and autism spectrum conditions (ASC).

Admissions to the school are managed by the local authority. Placements are subject to a statement of Special Education Need in accordance with the Special Education Code of Practice for Wales 2002 and the new Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018.

There are no plans to change the Council’s policy on the admission of children to schools as a result of these proposals.

Any arrangements for the transport of pupils will be made in accordance with the Authority’s existing policies on school transport.

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by 29 May 2018 any person may object to these proposals.

Objections should be sent to the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, Cardiff Council, County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff CF10 4UW.

Objections may also be sent to the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, Cardiff Council using the following e-mail address: SchoolResponses@cardiff.gov.uk

Please note that any such objection sent by e-mail must contain the full name and postal address of the objector.

The Authority will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, before the end of 7 days beginning with the day the proposal is determined.

Dated this 02 day of May 2018

Signed: Davina Fiore
Director of Legal, Governance and Monitoring Officer
For the Council of the City and County of Cardiff

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This does not form part of the Notice but is intended to explain its general meanings)

Ty Gwyn is a special school providing special school places for learners aged 3-19 with complex learning disabilities and autism spectrum conditions (ASC).

The school is located in Caerau and admits pupils from across the authority.

From 08 January 2018 the school has been federated with Riverbank and Woodlands Special Schools, as the Western Learning Campus Federation.

It is proposed to adapt part of the Trelai Youth Centre building to provide three new classrooms for Ty Gwyn School and to connect the school and youth centre buildings via an enclosed corridor or covered walkway.

The scheme would form part of a multiagency project which has been established under the Disability Futures Programme, to redevelop the Trelai Youth Centre building as a multi-agency resource attached to the Western Learning Campus Federation. The project is exploring the potential to develop one side of the building as a hub for regional multi-agency services, and to increase the use of the existing sports and play facilities for children and young people with complex needs, in school hours, for holiday and after school provision.

Additional Learning Needs provision has a city-wide catchment and therefore pupils may not live in the immediate vicinity of the site. Therefore, walking, cycle routes, bus services or rail services may not be suitable due to either distance or pupil needs. Furthermore, whilst some pupils are able to travel independently with support it is acknowledged that others are not and therefore Schools Transport will work with pupils, schools and parents/carers to look at the most appropriate form of transport for the pupil and their needs.

