

CARDIFF COUNCIL

SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013

ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS PROVISION

MEADOWBANK SPECIAL SCHOOL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Section 42 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 alter Meadowbank Special School, Colwill Road, Gabalfa, CF14 2QQ as follows:

- increase the designated number of Meadowbank Special School from 98 to 110.

It is proposed to implement the proposal from January 2027.

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 on the proposed change is available to view at:

[Agenda for Cabinet on Thursday, 28th May, 2026, 2.00 pm : Cardiff Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

The current school capacity is 98 places for children aged 4-11. The current number of pupils at the school is 98.

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

Admissions to the school would be managed by the local authority and be subject to an Individual Development Plan (IDP).

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 of the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by 13 July 2026, 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 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The Authority will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, before the end of 7 days beginning with the day the proposal is determined.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 16 June 2026

Signed: Debbie Marles
Director of Governance and Legal Services

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Meadowbank is a special school located at Colwill Road in Gabalfa. The school admits pupils from across Cardiff.

The school is designated to provide 98 places for learners aged 4-11 with speech and language difficulties and communication needs and complex learning needs.

To meet the demand for specialist provision for learners with complex learning needs it is proposed to increase the designated number of places at Meadowbank Special School from 98 to 110 from January 2027.

In addition to the proposal for Meadowbank Special School, the proposed expansions of Tŷ Gwyn Special School which provides Complex Learning Needs places for primary and secondary aged pupils and Woodlands High School which provides Complex Learning Needs places for secondary aged pupils are also being progressed. Proposals to establish Complex Learning Needs specialist resource base provision for primary age pupils at Adamsdown Primary School, Pencaerau Primary School and Peter Lea Primary School are being progressed.

In relation to Autism/Social Communication Needs, proposals to establish specialist resource base provision for primary age pupils at Hywel Dda Primary School, Radnor Primary School and Welsh-medium specialist resource base provision at Ysgol Glan Morfa are being progressed. For secondary age pupils, proposals to establish a specialist resource base at Fitzalan High School and Welsh-medium



specialist resource base provision at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Eder are being progressed.

In relation to Emotional Health and Wellbeing Needs, proposals to establish a Welsh-medium specialist resource base at Ysgol Gymraeg Coed-Y-Gof and to increase the designated number of places at specialist resource base provision for primary age pupils at Baden Powell Primary School and Fairwater Primary School are being progressed. The proposed expansion of Greenhill Special School, which provides Emotional Health and Wellbeing places for secondary aged pupils is also being progressed.

Details of these proposals and copies of the statutory notices can be found at:

[Proposals and Consultations \(cardiff.gov.uk\)](https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/proposals-and-consultations)