

CARDIFF COUNCIL

SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013

ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS PROVISION

GREENHILL 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 Greenhill Special School, Heol Brynglas, Rhiwbina, CF14 6UJ as follows:

- increase the capacity of Greenhill Special School from 64 places to 128 places.
- The school would be accommodated across two sites utilising temporary accommodation at the vacated site of The Court School in Llanishen.

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 \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk/agenda/2026/05/28/cabinet)

The current school capacity is 64 places for children aged 11-19. The current number of pupils at the school is 76.

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The Authority will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, before the end of 7 days beginning with the day the proposal is determined.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

Greenhill is a special school located at Heol Brynglas in Rhiwbina. The school admits pupils from across Cardiff.

The school is designated to provide 64 places for learners aged 11-19 with emotional health and wellbeing needs (the PLASC designation is Behaviour Emotional and Social Difficulties – BESD).

To meet the demand for specialist provision for secondary age learners with emotional health and wellbeing needs it is proposed to increase the capacity of Greenhill Special School from 64 to 128 from January 2027.

The number of pupils at the school is 76 with the additional children being accommodated within the existing accommodation.

It is proposed that the school would be accommodated across two sites utilising temporary accommodation at the vacated site of The Court School in Llanishen.

In addition to the proposal for Greenhill Special School, proposals 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 and to establish a Welsh-medium specialist resource base for primary age pupils at Ysgol Gymraeg Coed-Y-Gof and 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 Complex Learning Needs, proposals to establish specialist resource bases at Adamsdown Primary School, Pencaerau Primary School and Peter Lea Primary School are being progressed. The proposed expansions of Meadowbank Special School, which provides Complex Learning Needs places for primary aged pupils, 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.

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

[Proposals and Consultations \(cardiff.gov.uk\)](http://cardiff.gov.uk)