

CARDIFF COUNCIL

SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013

EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING PROVISION FOR PRIMARY AGED PUPILS

THE COURT SPECIAL SCHOOL

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 alter The Court Special School, Station Rd, Llanishen, Cardiff CF14 5UX as follows:

- Increase the capacity of The Court Special School from 42 to 72 places.
- Transfer The Court Special School to new build accommodation across two sites at Fairwater Primary School, Wellright Road, Cardiff, CF5 3ED and the current St Mellons, Church in Wales Primary School site, Dunster Road, Llanrumney, Cardiff, CF3 5TP with 36 pupils on each site.

It is proposed to implement the proposal in September 2025.

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 changes is available to view at:

[Agenda for Cabinet on Thursday, 10th March, 2022, 2.00 pm : City of Cardiff Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

The current school capacity is 42 places. The current number of pupils at the school is 40.

Children are taught in mixed classes and the numbers per age group may vary however the overall number would not exceed 72.

The school will continue to provide places for primary aged learners with emotional health and wellbeing needs.

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 are managed by the local authority and subject to a statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or Individual Development Plan (IDP) as appropriate.

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 02 June 2022, 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 this 06 day of May 2022

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Cardiff Council is committed to the principles of inclusion. The majority of learners with Additional Learning Needs (ALN) attend a local mainstream school, and benefit from effective Additional Learning Provision (ALP). These learners do not need to attend a special school or specialist resource base. However, the number of pupils with severe and complex needs, who need a place in a special school or specialist resource base has continued to grow.

The Council is seeking to provide a better distribution of specialist provision across the city. This would improve access for learners, and reduce travel times for many pupils, as well as increasing the number of places available.

All pupils enrolled at The Court Special School have a statement of Special Educational Needs. The statutory assessment process for these young people has identified that their additional learning needs cannot be met in a less specialised environment. The purpose of The Court Special School is to provide a specialist learning environment and curriculum, where learners can fulfil their potential.

It is proposed that The Court School is expanded from 42 to 72 places and that the school transfers to new build accommodation across two sites at Fairwater Primary School in Fairwater and the current St Mellons Church in Wales Primary School site in Llanrumney with 36 pupils on each site. St Mellons Church is Wales Primary School is transferring to new build premises on the new housing development at St Edeyrn's, Bridge Road, Cardiff, CF3 6UZ.

A number of other expansions, and new provision at other schools city-wide, are also being progressed.

In addition to the proposal for The Court Special School, proposals to establish specialist resource base provision for secondary age pupils at Cardiff West Community High School and Eastern High are being progressed. Details of these proposals and copies of the statutory notices can be found at [Emotional Health & Wellbeing provision \(cardiff.gov.uk\)](https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/emotional-health-wellbeing-provision)

Proposals to expand provision at Greenhill Special School are not being progressed at this time with further work being undertaken to develop proposals for the provision of secondary English-medium and Welsh-medium emotional health and wellbeing special school places.