

21st Century Schools Summary Document 2021

PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH
ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS

EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING PROVISION FOR
LEARNERS AGED 11 - 19

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A full version of the consultation document is available at www.cardiff.gov.uk/ALNSchoolproposals
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Please contact us on **029 2087 2720** to arrange this.



Background

Cardiff's 2030 vision for education and learning in Cardiff sets a goal of A Learning Entitlement, in which all children and young people are able to:

- access appropriate routes into education and learning opportunities
- thrive and fulfil their potential
- realise their individual dreams and ambitions

This booklet contains summarised information about proposals to improve access to education in line with the above principles of inclusion.

This is your chance to ask questions and make comments. We want to know your views because this helps us to make sure any proposal that goes forward really works for children, young people and the community local to Cardiff West Community High School and Eastern High.

What are we proposing to do?

To meet the demand for specialist resource base places for learners aged 11 – 19 with emotional and wellbeing needs we are proposing to:

- establish a 20-place Specialist Resource Base at Cardiff West Community High School from September 2022
- establish a 20-place Specialist Resource Base at Eastern High from September 2022

Where can I find more information?

- Full details can be found in the Consultation Document on the Council website at www.cardiff.gov.uk/ALNSchoolproposals
- If you are unable to access the document on-line, printed copies of this consultation document will be available by post on request. You may request a copy by telephoning 02920 872720.
- We have organised an online meeting and drop-in sessions that you can attend if you would like us to explain the suggested changes to you. You can also ask us questions. If you would like to attend an online meeting, please contact us by e-mailing schoolresponses@cardiff.gov.uk and tell us which meeting you would like to attend. We will then provide a link and instructions for attending the meeting.

The dates of the public consultation meeting and drop-in sessions are set out below:

Table 1: Consultation Meeting Dates

Nature of consultation	Date/Time	Venue
Online Public meeting	Wednesday 12 January 2022, 5:30pm	Online via Microsoft Teams
Drop-in sessions	On request by emailing schoolresponses@cardiff.gov.uk	Online via Microsoft Teams

Separate meetings have been arranged for staff and governors.

The views of children and young people are key to the way education is delivered. We will consult with pupils in both schools and include their feedback in the final consultation report.

How can I give my views?

- You can attend the public meeting or a drop-in session
- You can provide your views at www.cardiff.gov.uk/ALNSchoolproposals
- You can fill in the response form on pages 11-14 of this booklet.

The closing date for responses to this consultation is 1 February 2022.

Why are we proposing these changes?

School places - All councils in Wales must provide enough school places for pupils of all ages. School places must meet the needs of all pupils and must be suitable for any Additional Learning Needs.

Why are more places needed?

Sufficiency in the Special Sector

A Specialist Resource Base enables learners with learning difficulties to succeed in a mainstream school environment. This can include pupils with Emotional Health & Wellbeing Needs.

Pupils in a Specialist Resource Base are taught in a small class by specialist staff and benefit from a specialist curriculum. They also benefit from the full range of education opportunities available to all pupils at the school.

The number of pupils who need a place in a special school or specialist resource base has continued to grow.

At the end of March 2021, there were 2,265 children in Cardiff with a statement of Special Education Needs. As the population grows, so will the number of children and young people with significant and complex Additional Learning Needs.

In 2020/21

- a total of 1,116 places in specialist resource bases or special schools were funded by Cardiff Council
- 48 temporary places for learners were available at Wellbeing Class and Speech and Language Classes
- 90 places were available in the Pupil Referral Unit (PRU)

Whilst there are a number of existing specialist settings across Cardiff, there are not enough places available. The number of children who would benefit from a specialist place is projected to increase over coming years.

Demand for places

In 2021/22 there are a total of 172 (11 – 16) specialist Emotional Health and Wellbeing places for learners aged 11-16 funded by Cardiff Council. These were in maintained schools in Cardiff and in other establishments commissioned by the Council. The total demand for places is estimated to be approximately 322 in 2021/22, projected to rise to 348 by 2025/26.

Allowing for some surplus to support flexibility, sufficient capacity would be to provide 354 places in 2021/22, and 383 places by 2025/26.

In summary, there is an estimated shortfall of 182 places for learners aged 11-16 in 2021/22, rising to 211 by 2025/26.

Ideally, specialist provision should support the majority of learners to stay on until they are 18 or 19. Cardiff West Community High School and Eastern High each have provision for learners to study on-site after the age of 16.

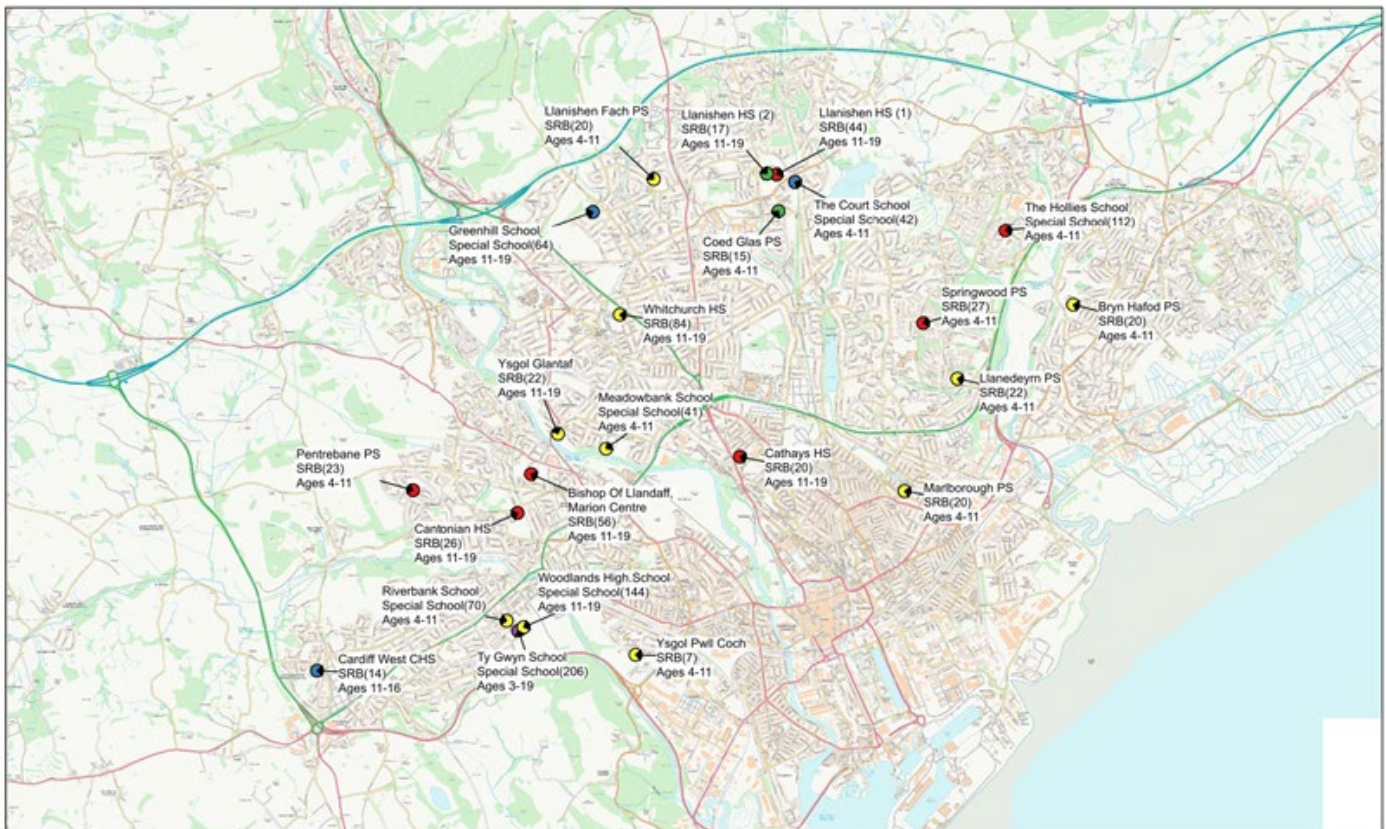
Geographical distribution of specialist provision

The location of specialist resource bases and Wellbeing Classes is not well distributed across the city.

A map showing location of existing specialist provision can be seen below.

The lack of specialist resource bases in some localities can disadvantage learners living in those areas. Some families are unfamiliar with the areas where provision is located. Parents or carers may lack the means to travel easily to those areas.

A better distribution of specialist resource bases across the city would improve access for pupils. It would reduce travel times for many pupils, as well as increasing the number of places available.



Special schools & SRBs: Type & Capacity

Autism	(7)
Behavioural, Emotional & Social Needs	(3)
Hearing Impairment	(2)
Profound & Multiple Learning Disabilities, Medical Needs, Autism	(1)
Severe Learning Disabilities, Medical Needs, Speech and Language, Autism	(10)

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Proposals for Cardiff West Community High School

Cardiff West Community High School is an English medium 11-18 high school located at Penally Road, Caerau.

The school moved to new build accommodation in April 2019.

The current capacity of Cardiff West Community High School is 1500 places and the school had 893 pupils on roll in April 2021.



To meet the increasing demand for secondary specialist resource places for learners with emotional health and wellbeing needs it is proposed to:

- establish a 20-place Special Resource Base at Cardiff West Community High School from September 2022.

It is proposed that the newly established base would be accommodated within the existing school buildings.

Proposals for Specialist Resource Base provision at Eastern High

Eastern High is an English-medium community high school for pupils aged 11-16. The school is co-located with Cardiff & Vale College post-16 provision in new build accommodation at Trowbridge Road, Trowbridge.

The current capacity of Cardiff West Community High School is 1200 places and the school had 1095 pupils on roll in April 2021.



To meet the increasing demand for secondary specialist resource places for learners with emotional health and wellbeing needs it is proposed to:

- establish a 20 place Specialist Resource Base for emotional health and wellbeing needs at Eastern High from September 2022.

It is proposed that the newly established base would initially be accommodated within the existing buildings shared by Eastern High and Cardiff and Vale College. Later works would be undertaken to provide additional accommodation and facilities.

Information Relevant to both Proposals

Condition and Suitability of School Buildings

All school properties in Cardiff have been assessed for the condition of their buildings. All have been rated from A to D, with schools rated D in the poorest condition. This process helps us to prioritise which schools need improvements to their buildings and which need investment.

Cardiff West Community High School is rated as a A category for condition. This means the buildings are Good and operating efficiently. The school buildings have also been rated as A (good) for their suitability.

Eastern High is rated as a A category for condition. This means the buildings are Good and operating efficiently. The school buildings have also been rated as A (good) for their suitability for teaching and learning.

Further details on the ratings can be found in the consultation document at:

www.cardiff.gov.uk/ALNSchoolproposals

Quality and Standards

Every school in Wales is inspected by Estyn.

Estyn ensures that schools are providing a good quality of education to their pupils and that all children, are supported to learn by excellent teaching and learning staff.

Schools are also placed in one of the four colour-coded support categories (green, yellow, amber and red) as part of the Welsh Government's National School Categorisation System. Amber and Red schools are those that require the most support.

Details of standards at Cardiff West High School and Eastern High as set out in each school's most recent Estyn report are outlined in the table below.

The colours used show the most recent categorisation using the Welsh Government's Categorisation in January 2020

When deciding which is the nearest suitable school, the Council must consider any disability a child has and any special educational needs (SEN).

School	Inspection Date	Standards	Progress
Cardiff West Community High School	November 2018	Adequate and needs improvement	
Eastern High	December 2014	Unsatisfactory – required monitoring	Removed from monitoring November 2017

Further details on quality and standards can be found in the consultation document on the Council website at www.cardiff.gov.uk/ALNproposals

How would support for pupils be affected?

Both schools would continue to provide support that is appropriate to the individual needs of each pupil.

There is no information to suggest that the needs of any of the below groups would be negatively affected by the proposed changes:

- pupils with Additional Learning Needs
- pupils with English as an Additional Language
- pupils receiving Free School Meals
- Minority Ethnic pupils

What are the benefits of the proposed changes?

- The proposals would increase the number of specialist resource places for secondary aged learners with emotional health and wellbeing needs and would contribute towards meeting projected demand
- The opportunity to employ specialist staff and to work more closely with specialist services in Cardiff would enhance the schools' inclusive teaching. This would benefit all pupils in the schools
- The proposal would allow pupils living in the west / east of the city to travel shorter distances to access specialist provision
- The new buildings are fully accessible and compliant with the Equality Act 2010

Potential disadvantages of the proposed changes

- Some pupils with additional learning needs can find change difficult. They may find changes to buildings unsettling. We know they will need carefully planned support to adapt to the changes. However, there would be sufficient time to plan and support such a transition
- There is potential for increased traffic congestion around both school sites at the start and end of the day. The Council would work with the Governing Bodies of the schools to develop a Travel Plan to minimise any potential disruption

How would staff be affected?

The Council will work with the Governing Bodies of each school to address the HR implications arising from the establishment of a Specialist Resource Base at the school. There would be a need for additional staffing.

Where the Governing Body has adopted the Council's School Redeployment and Redundancy Policy, any new vacancies arising as a consequence of the establishment of the Specialist Resource Base will provide opportunities for school-based staff on the school redeployment register.

Transport matters

The proposals are expected to increase the demand for Learner Transport at Cardiff West Community High School. Suitable improved and / or expanded facilities for drop-off and pick-up may be required within the site to accommodate the appropriate numbers of vehicles. Additional parking restrictions along Penally Road around school start and finish times would reduce congestion and parking issues and improve safety for pupils.

The proposals are expected to increase the demand for Learner Transport at Eastern High. The site would be assessed to ensure there is suitable facilities for drop-off and pick-up to accommodate the appropriate numbers of vehicles. Measures to improve traffic issues outside the school may include additional parking restrictions. Consideration could be given to a School Street around school start and finish times to reduce congestion and parking issues and improve safety for pupils.

What happens next?

The Council will collect and summarise the feedback from this consultation. Council officers will then report this to the Council's Cabinet. This will help the elected members understand stakeholders' views and will give them information to help make their decision. We expect to report on the outcome of the consultation in March 2021.

If the Cabinet decides to continue with the changes, it must publish a document called a 'statutory notice'. The statutory notice sets out the details of the proposals and asks anyone who wants to object to do so. Objections must be written. They must be sent to the Council within the dates given on the notice.

The Cabinet may decide to approve or reject the proposal, or they may approve the proposal with some changes (modifications). The Cabinet would take any objections received in the Objection Period into account when making their decision.

Once a decision is made, we will let everyone affected by the proposal know. The decision will also be published on the Council's website.

Have Your Say!

CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

You can complete this response form online at www.cardiff.gov.uk/ALNSchoolproposals

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Your views matter, please tell us what you think about the proposal by:

- Completing and returning the accompanying questionnaire to the address given at the bottom of the form.
- Completing the online response form at www.cardiff.gov.uk/ALNSchoolproposals
- Or if you prefer you can e-mail your views to: schoolresponses@cardiff.gov.uk

The closing date for responses to this consultation is Tuesday 1 February 2022.
Unfortunately, no responses received after that date can be considered

1. Which of the following are you responding as?

- Parent
- Teacher – please specify your school
- School governor – please specify your school
- Other – please specify

2. Do you have a child/children enrolled at the following schools? (tick all that apply)

- Cardiff West Community High School
- Eastern High
- Other please specify
- N/A

3. Do you support the plans put forward to improve the provision for Children and Young People with additional learning needs?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

4. Do you support the proposal for each of the school sites?

School and proposal	Yes	No	Don't know
Cardiff West Community High School <ul style="list-style-type: none">• establish a 20 place Specialist Resource Base at Cardiff West Community High School from September 2022			
Eastern High <ul style="list-style-type: none">• establish a 20 place Specialist Resource Base at Eastern High School from September 2022			

5. Please explain why you do or do not support the proposal(s) below. Please make reference to the school involved

6. Would you like to suggest any changes or alternatives?

7. Additional comments

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

The closing date for responses to this consultation is 1 February 2022.

The Council is not able to consider any consultation responses received after this date.

Consultation responses will not be counted as objections to the proposal.

Objections can only be registered following publication of a statutory notice.

If you wish to be notified of publication of the Consultation report, please provide an email address.
If you do not provide an email address, we cannot keep you up to date

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Thank you for your comments

Please return this form to the School Organisation Planning Team, Room 401, County Hall, CF10 4UW
or by email to schoolresponses@cardiff.gov.uk by no later than 1 February 2022.

ABOUT YOU

Please provide your postcode below to allow us to more accurately pinpoint respondents' views and needs by area:-

What was your age on your last birthday?

- Under 16 25-34 45-54 65-74 Prefer not to say
 16-24 35-44 55-64 75+

Are you...?

- Female Male Other Prefer not to say

Do you identify as a disabled person?

- Yes No Prefer not to say

Please tick any of the following that apply to you:

- Deaf/ Deafened/ Hard of hearing Visual impairment Long-standing illness or health condition (e.g. cancer, diabetes, or asthma)
 Mental health difficulties Wheelchair user Prefer not to say
 Learning impairment / difficulties Mobility impairment Other

Please specify _____

What is your ethnic group?

Where the term 'British' is used, this refers to any of the four home nations of Wales, England, Northern Ireland and Scotland, or any combination of these.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> White - Welsh/English/Scottish/Northern Irish/British | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian Welsh/British - Bangladeshi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White - Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian Welsh/British - Indian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian Welsh/British - Any other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White - Any other white background | <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African/Caribbean/Black Welsh/British - African |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups - White & Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African/Caribbean/Black Welsh/British - Caribbean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups - White and Black Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African/Caribbean/Black Welsh/British - Any other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups - White and Black African | <input type="checkbox"/> Arab |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups - Any other | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other ethnic group (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian Welsh/British - Chinese | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian Welsh/British - Pakistani | Prefer not to say |

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