

CARDIFF COUNCIL

SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013

ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS PROVISION

CARDIFF WEST COMMUNITY HIGH 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 Cardiff West Community High School, Penally Road, Caerau, Cardiff, CF5 5XP as follows:

- establish a 20-place Specialist Resource Base (SRB) at Cardiff West Community High School for secondary aged pupils with emotional health and wellbeing needs.

It is proposed to implement the proposal from September 2022.

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, 10th March, 2022, 2.00 pm : City of Cardiff Council \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

The current school capacity is 1500 places including sixth form. The current number of pupils at the school is 955 (11-16) and 68 (sixth form).

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

Admissions to the specialist resource base would be separate to admission to the main school and would be in addition to the Published Admission Number (PAN).

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 learners 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 resource provision across the city. This would improve access for pupils, and reduce travel times for many learners, as well as increasing the number of places available. A number of other expansions, and new provision at other schools city-wide, are also being progressed.

In addition to the proposal for Cardiff West Community High School, proposals to establish specialist resource base provision for secondary age pupils at Eastern High and the proposed expansion of The Court Special School which provides places for primary aged pupils 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.