

CARDIFF COUNCIL

SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013

ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS PROVISION

THE HOLLIES 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 Hollies Special School, Brynheulog, Pentwyn, Cardiff, CF23 7XG by:

- Increasing the designated number of The Hollies Special School from 90 to 119 from September 2022
- Further increasing the designated number of The Hollies Special School from 119 to 150 from September 2023

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 view of Estyn is available to view at:

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

The current pupil capacity of the school is 90. The current number of pupils is 115.

The proposed capacity once the proposal is implemented in full will be 150.

The school will continue to provide places for learners with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) aged 4-11.

Children are taught in mixed age classes and the numbers per age group may vary however the overall number would not exceed 150.

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)

The Hollies is a special school located at Bryn Heulog in Pentwyn. The school admits pupils from across Cardiff.

The school is designated to provide 90 places for learners aged 4-11 with Autism Spectrum Condition.

To meet the demand for specialist provision for learners with autism spectrum condition it is proposed to increase the designated number of places at The Hollies Special School from 90 to 119 from September 2022 and further increase the designated number from 119 to 150 from September 2023.

The number of pupils at the school is 115 with additional pupils being accommodated within the existing accommodation.

It is proposed that the school buildings would be extended to provide additional classrooms, in addition to works that are currently underway to improve current facilities and to establish additional classrooms in the existing accommodation. This would allow for up to 150 children to be accommodated.

This proposal is part of a range of proposals for increasing the number of places available for pupils with complex learning needs and autism spectrum condition at a



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number of schools within the local authority. Details of these proposals and copies of the statutory notices can be seen at [Complex Learning Needs/Autism Spectrum Condition provision \(cardiff.gov.uk\)](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/Complex-Learning-Needs-Autism-Spectrum-Condition-provision)