



## Statutory Notice

### Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

Notice is given in accordance with Section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code 2018 that Rhondda Cynon Taf, having consulted such persons as required, proposes to relocate the Learning Support Class (LSC) for pupils Academic Years 3-6 with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at Penywaun Primary School, Coed Glas, Penywaun, Aberdare, Rhondda Cynon Taf, CF44 9DR to Hirwaun Primary School, Glanant St, Hirwaun, Aberdare CF44 9NF. The schools are currently maintained by Rhondda Cynon Taf.

Rhondda Cynon Taf undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the proposers responses and the views of Estyn is available on [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolconsultations](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolconsultations)

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

The current number of pupils at the school is 181, the pupil capacity of the school is 253 and the proposed capacity once the proposal is implemented will be 253.

Pupils will be provided with transport in accordance with the Council's Learner Transport Policy.

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 any person may object to the proposals.

Objections should be sent to Director of Education and Inclusion Services, Access and Inclusion Service, Valleys Innovation Centre, Mountain Ash, CF45 4SN.

Rhondda Cynon Taf will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, within the period of 28 days after the end of the objection period.

Signed

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Director of Education and Inclusion Services, Rhondda Cynon Taf

Date – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025



## Explanatory Note

1. Improving the quality of education and raising standards is one of the Council's main priorities. It is considered that improving standards and educational outcomes for some of our most vulnerable learners will improve their life chances, access to the world of work and other education pathways. Ensuring that our support classes are well matched to the needs of learners is important in helping them to make progress.
2. Whilst the quality of LSCs in Rhondda Cynon Taf is good, there is a need to modernise and develop the type of LSCs to increase opportunities for mainstream inclusion and to further improve results for vulnerable groups of learners.
3. Hirwaun Primary School will host 2 LSCs which will provide enhanced provision to Primary Phase aged pupils with ASD. This will eliminate unnecessary transition for pupils needing specialist LSC provision throughout the Primary Phase, providing equity for them to remain in one setting until transition to secondary provision in line with mainstream peers.