

This Statutory Notice is published by Caerphilly County Borough Council

NOTICE is given in accordance with Section 42 and 43 of the School Standards and Organisation Act (Wales) 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Caerphilly County Borough Council having consulted such persons as required, propose to:

1. Extend the age range of Rhymney Comprehensive School, Mill Field, Abertysswg, Rhymney NP22 5XF from 11 – 18 to 3 – 18.
2. Discontinue the new Abertysswg/Pontlottyn Primary School, Mill Field, Abertysswg, Rhymney NP22 5XF.

The schools are currently maintained by Caerphilly County Borough Council.

Caerphilly County Borough Council undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the Council's response to these queries and the views of Estyn are available at <http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Services/Schools-and-learning/21st-Century-Schools>

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 1st January 2018.

Caerphilly County Borough Council will be the admission authority. It is not proposed that the admission arrangements to the school will make any provision for selection by aptitude or ability. The admission number for Reception to Year 6 when the proposal has been implemented will be 34 and for year 7 to 13 when the proposal has been implemented will be 209.

At primary phase, the school will have capacity for 240 full-time pupils plus nursery. At secondary phase the school will have capacity to provide for 1185 pupils.

Admission to the school will be via automatic transfer for full-time pupils on roll as at January 2018 at Rhymney Comprehensive and Abertysswg/Pontlottyn Primary (subject to parental preference). All other admissions will be via the Council's School Admission Policy.

The catchment areas for the Rhymney 3 -18 school will be the same catchment area as the current Rhymney Comprehensive and Abertysswg/Pontlottyn School.

Transport arrangements will be in line with Caerphilly County Borough Council's Home to School Travel Policy.

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of this proposal, that is to say by the **5th June, 2017**, any person may object to the proposal.

Objections should be sent to the The Chief Education Officer, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Ty Penallta, Tredomen Parc, Ystrad Mynach, CF82 7PG or email rhymney3-18school@caerphilly.gov.uk Support of the proposal can also be sent to the above address or email.

Signed: Keri Cole, Chief Education Officer. Dated: 8th May, 2017.

Explanatory Notes:

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

(i) It is intended to establish a Rhymney 3-18 school by extending the age range of Rhymney Comprehensive School from 11-18 to 3-18. The new school will incorporate the new Abertysswg/Pontlottyn Primary School. All pupils on roll at the 2 schools (Rhymney Comprehensive and Abertysswg/Pontlottyn Primary) as at 1st January 2018 will be guaranteed a place at the school (subject to any parental preference).

(ii) Prospective pupils (including nursery pupils transferring to full-time education) will need to apply for a place at the new school in line with the Council's Admission Policy. The Council's most current School Admissions Policy can be viewed on the Council's website:

<http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Services/Schools-and-learning/Admissions-and-appeals/Starting-school-booklet>

(iii) It is intended that the new school will open on 1st January 2018.

(iv) The reasons for the proposal are set out in the consultation document which is available on the Council's website: <http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/involved/Consultations/Abertysswg-and-Pontlottyn-replacement-school-consu>

(v) The Authority's School Transport policy is available from the Council's website:

<http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Services/Schools-and-learning/Admissions-and-appeals/Starting-school-booklet>

(vi) Hard copies or alternative versions of all documentation may be obtained upon request from School Admissions, Ty Penallta, Tredomen House, Ystrad Mynach CF82 7PG.