

June 2024

Dear Stakeholder

Provision for children and young people with additional learning needs (ALN)

I am writing to update you on proposed changes to provide high quality primary and secondary specialist school places for children and young people with Additional Learning Needs as set out below:

- establish an 8 place Specialist Resource Base for emotional health and wellbeing at Baden Powell Primary School from September 2024, within the existing buildings.
- establish an 8 place Specialist Resource Base for emotional health and wellbeing at Fairwater Primary School from September 2024, within the existing buildings. This would replace the existing Wellbeing Class.
- establish a 16 place Specialist Resource Base for emotional health and wellbeing at Herbert Thompson Primary School from September 2025, within the existing buildings or new building.
- establish a 16 place Specialist Resource Base for emotional health and wellbeing at Lakeside Primary School from September 2024, within the existing buildings. This would replace the existing Wellbeing Class.
- establish an 8 place Specialist Resource Base for emotional health and wellbeing at Springwood Primary School from September 2024, within the existing buildings. This would replace the existing Wellbeing Class.
- establish a 20 place Specialist Resource Base for learners with Emotional Health and Wellbeing Needs at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr from September 2024, within the existing buildings.
- establish a 20 place Specialist Resource Base for Autism at Coed Glas Primary School from September 2024, within the existing buildings.
- establish a 20 place Specialist Resource Base for Complex Learning Needs and /or Autism at Greenway Primary School from September 2024, within the existing buildings.

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Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg, Saesneg neu'n ddwyieithog. Byddwn yn cyfathrebu â chi yn ôl eich dewis, dim ond i chi roi gwybod i ni pa un sydd well gennych. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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- establish a 20 place Specialist Resource Base for Complex Learning Needs and/or Autism at Severn Primary School from September 2024, within the existing buildings.

One formal objection was received relating to the proposal to establish an 8-place specialist resource base at Fairwater Primary School.

At its meeting on 20 June 2024, the Council's Cabinet considered the proposals, the statutory objection submitted and the Local Authority response to the issues raised.

The concerns raised are summarised in the objection report together with the Council's response. It was considered that the responses made by the Council answered the issues raised.

The objection report is available to view on the Council website:

[Agenda for Cabinet on Thursday, 20th June, 2024, 2.00 pm : Cardiff Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk/agenda/cabinet/2024/06/20/2024-06-20-2-00-pm-cardiff-council)

The Cabinet approved the proposals as set out above without modification.

The Council was satisfied that the proposals will:

- support a holistic, vocational and therapeutic curriculum including life skills.
- provide a mix of revolving door assessment places and long-term placements.
- reduce reliance on independent school places, and possible out of county placements.
- ensure capacity to support children looked after in Cardiff schools, in line with the 'Closer to Home' strategy.
- establish gender-inclusive approaches to all specialist provision in Cardiff.
- increase the opportunities for primary aged learners to access specialist provision on a mainstream school site.
- further develop support for pupils to maintain links with and return to mainstream education where possible.
- create strong links between mainstream and special schools to support dual placements and a richer learning experience.
- improve the range of post-16 opportunities, including supported pathways to employment.

Referral of Local Authority Decision to the Welsh Ministers

Under section 54 of the 2013 Act where proposals have been approved by a local authority the following bodies may before the end of 28 days beginning with the day of the decision, refer the proposal to the Welsh Ministers for consideration;

- Another local authority affected by the proposals;*
- The appropriate religious body for any school affected;*

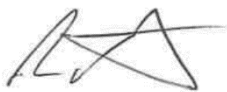
- iii. The Governing Body of a voluntary or foundation school subject to the proposals;*
- iv. A trust holding property on behalf of a voluntary or foundation school subject to the proposals; and*
- v. A further education institution affected by the proposals*

The decision is subject to the call-in procedures as set out in the Council's constitution which allows decisions taken by Cabinet to be reviewed. Should a call-in of the decision take place, all stakeholders would be informed.

If you have any queries or require additional information, please contact the School Organisation Planning Team on 029 2087 2720 or via email to:

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Yours faithfully



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