

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL, CIVIC OFFICES, HOLTON ROAD, BARRY CF63 4RU

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** in accordance with sections 44 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, 'the Act', and the School Organisation Code 2018 that the Vale of Glamorgan Council, having consulted such persons as required, propose to make regulated alterations to the following schools by:

• establishing a specialist resource base at Gladstone primary school as a satellite of Ysgol Y Deri from September 2021;

• discontinuing Y Daith and establishing a new Centre for Learning and Wellbeing under the management of Ysgol Y Deri from September 2021; and

• constructing a new building for the Centre for Learning and Wellbeing pupils on the Court Road Depot site in Barry from January 2023.

The proposal is considered under section 2.3 of the School Organisation Code 2018 and the Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Management Committees etc.) (Wales) Regulations 2014. Section 2.3 of the School Organisation Code refers to Regulated Alterations of a school, which includes:

- increasing the capacity of a special school by at least 10% or 20 places;
- a change in the type of special education needs (SEN) for which a special school makes provision;
- the introduction or removal of SEN provision or any change in the type of such provision; and
- the transfer of any school to a new site or sites.

## **Proposal summary:**

The proposal concerns the following schools:

School name	Туре	Language	Age range	Capacity	Location
Gladstone primary school	Community	English	3 – 11	420	Barry
Y Daith	Pupil Referral Unit (PRU)	English	N/A	56	Barry / Cowbridge
Ysgol Y Deri	Special	English	3 – 19	205	Penarth

The proposal would result in 10 primary places at the specialist resource base and 60 secondary places at the Centre for Learning and Wellbeing for pupils with complex social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs. Admission to the Centre for Learning and Wellbeing and the specialist resource base would be via the Council's SEMH Panel.

It is proposed that the specialist resource base is formally established from September 2021 and utilises existing buildings upon the Gladstone Primary School site. Gladstone Primary School would continue to be a community school with its existing capacity.

It is proposed that the Centre for Learning and Wellbeing is established from September 2021 and Y Daith is discontinued. All staff and pupils would transfer to Ysgol Y Deri from

September 2021 but the existing Y Daith buildings would continue to be utilised. Construction of the new school building for the Centre of Learning and Wellbeing on the Court Road Depot site in Barry would commence by December 2021 and be completed by January 2023. Y Daith would no longer be a PRU and the Centre for Learning and Wellbeing would form part of Ysgol Y Deri, the Council's special school.

The Council has a statutory duty to provide free school transport for pupils of statutory school age who reside beyond walking distance to the nearest appropriate school. In accordance with 'The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008'.

There are no transport implications associated with the specialist resource base as it would remain on the Gladstone Primary School site. Pupils who are eligible for free learner transport are able to apply to the Council's School Transport Team.

Y Daith is currently served by 2 minibuses and 6 taxis. This proposal would result in an overall reduction in learner travel. This is due to the proposed location being in a more central location within the Vale of Glamorgan. 60% of the existing pupils being transported to the PRU currently reside in Barry. These journeys would be considerably reduced by the proposal.

## **Consultation:**

The Vale of Glamorgan 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 proposer's responses and the views of Estyn is available to view on The Vale of Glamorgan website at the following address:

www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/centreforlearningandwellbeing

## Submitting objections:

In accordance with section 49 of 'the Act', any person may object to the proposal before the end of 28 days beginning with the day on which the proposals were published, that is to say by the end of **22 December 2020.** 

Objections should be sent to 21stcenturyschools@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or:

Paula Ham, Director of Learning and Skills, The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU

The Council will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, at the time of notification to stakeholders of the determination of the proposal.

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Paula Ham, Director of Learning and Skills 25 November 2020