



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

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** in accordance with section 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 school by increasing the capacity of Ysgol Y Deri to accommodate an additional 150 pupils and constructing a new building on the preferred site located in Cosmeston, Penarth for September 2023, which would operate as an additional site under the management of Ysgol Y Deri.

This proposal is considered under section 2.3 of the School Organisation Code (2018). Section 2.3 of the School Organisation Code refers to Regulated Alterations of a community special school, which includes an increase in the number of pupils for whom the school makes provision.

**Proposal summary:**

The proposal concerns Ysgol Y Deri which is an English medium special school maintained by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. It caters for learners between 3 – 19 and has capacity for 205 pupils. There are currently 277 pupils on roll. It is located at: Penarth Learning Community, Sully Rd, Penarth CF64 2TP

The proposal would mean specialist educational provision at Ysgol Y Deri would be increased to accommodate an additional 150 pupils (355 pupil places in total). All admissions to Ysgol Y Deri would be via the Local Authority Panel in consultation with Ysgol Y Deri and the Council's Engagement Service. This is based on an assessment of the needs of individual pupils.

In order to accommodate this increased capacity, a new school building would be constructed on a new site, which would operate under the management of Ysgol Y Deri. The Council has identified a preferred site which is located next to the proposed 'Land at Upper Cosmeston Farm, Lavernock' development which has been allocated as part of the Council's adopted Local Development Plan (LDP) 2011-26. This area provides sufficient space to construct the proposed new school building and is approximately 3 miles from the existing Ysgol Y Deri site. The new school building would primarily accommodate primary-aged pupils. However, the school would operate a need-based approach to determine the split of pupils across the two sites. This would reduce the need to duplicate all facilities currently available at Ysgol Y Deri.

It is proposed that the new building would be constructed for September 2023. Temporary measures will be put in place at Ysgol Y Deri to manage oversubscription in the interim.

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'.

Additional Learning Needs (ALN) pupils will be eligible for free transport if they are assessed as having severe and/ or complex difficulties and are attending a special school which is 2 miles or further (primary aged pupils) and 3 miles or further (secondary aged pupils) from the parental home address as measured by the shortest available walking route.

ALN pupils with specific travel requirements which cannot be met with reasonable adjustment on mainstream transport will have their eligibility determined by the ALN Team

### **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/ysgolyderiexpansion](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/ysgolyderiexpansion)

### **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 **22 March 2021**.

Objections should be sent to [21stcenturyschools@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:21stcenturyschools@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk) or:

Paula Ham,  
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The Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
Civic Offices,  
Holton Road,  
Barry  
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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.

Signed:



Paula Ham, Director of Learning and Skills  
22 February 2021