

Consultation on the proposal to create a new Welsh Medium Specialist Resource Base at Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant for pupils aged 4-11 years with effect from September 2024.

- to support individual learners and improve the capacity of the home school to create a fully inclusive environment.
- Consultation period from 10 April to 22 May 2024



What is proposed?

- ▶ A Welsh medium Specialist Resource Base for up to 16 learners at Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant from September 2024
- ▶ Providing integrated provision for pupils with a diagnosis of an autism spectrum condition and significant social communication, interaction, or regulation difficulties.

Delivered by

- ▶ Specialist teacher (currently employed for pilot provision)
- ▶ higher level teaching assistant (HLTA)
- ▶ learning support assistant

Working with

- ▶ home school
- ▶ engagement service
- ▶ occupational therapists
- ▶ speech and language therapists, educational psychologists, and parents.

▶ Why is it proposed?

- ▶ Growth in ALN across all schools
- ▶ In 2022 - 88 pupils in WM primary schools identified as having SEN/ALN
- ▶ 2023 - 107 pupils in WM primary schools identified as having SEN/ALN
- ▶ all mainstream primary schools the number of pupils with SEN/ALN has risen from 1,227 in 2021 to 1,251 in 2023.
- ▶ clear increase in pupils with issues relating to their behavioural, emotional and social development.
- ▶ Review of Welsh Medium provision identified this as key area requiring specialist provision
- ▶ Builds on success of secondary WM provision

National and local context

- ▶ Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal Act 2018
- ▶ WESP - Outcome 6 requires the Council to increase the provision of Welsh-medium education for pupils with ALN
- ▶ positive impact on Welsh medium primary schools as it would provide an additional resource as well as opportunities for professional development of staff.

Funding

- No Capital funding required
- Revenue Costs £162k is committed centrally for staff
- £11k allocated via mainstream funding formula for resources
- Transport costs – variable

Admission arrangements

Clear entry and exit criteria

admissions determined by LA Placement Panel

2 terms, (part time) placements in first instance
pupils dual registered

IDP prepared and maintained centrally

Timescales

- ▶ Issue consultation document 10 April 2024
- ▶ Closing date for views on the proposals 22 May 2024
- ▶ Consultation report considered by Cabinet and published on Council's website June 2024
- ▶ Subject to Cabinet approval, Statutory notice issued, formal written objections will be invited June 2024
- ▶ End of Statutory Notice Period July 2024
- ▶ Determination by Cabinet with objection report. July 2024
- ▶ Decision notification July 2024
- ▶ Proposal implemented September 2024
- ▶ The proposed timetable may be subject to change.