

Bridgend County Borough Council

Notice is given in accordance with section 44 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code 2018 that Bridgend County Borough Council, having consulted such persons as required, proposes to alter Ysgol Cynwyd Sant, Pen-Yr-Ysgol, Maesteg CF34 9NS by:

- opening a moderate learning difficulty (MLD) learning resource centre (LRC) for a maximum of fifteen pupils at the school.
- It is proposed that the MLD LRC would open in the autumn term 2022.

The school is currently maintained by Bridgend County Borough Council.

The current number of pupils at the school is 254, the pupil capacity at the school is 315 and the proposed capacity once the proposal is implemented will be 254.

Under this proposal, the LRC would be an integrated part of the mainstream school, providing an appropriate environment in which pupils can develop and thrive within their peer group and have normal access to mainstream curriculum, where appropriate. The LRC would provide specialist learning facilities within the school and provide expertise and advice to all staff.

Bridgend County Borough Council will be the admission authority. All admissions to the LRC would be decided upon through an admissions panel.

Bridgend 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 the consultees, the proposer's responses and Estyn's full response is available on Bridgend County Borough Council's website:

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/my-council/equalities-and-engagement/consultations/closed-consultations/ysgol-cynwyd-sant-consultation/>

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The arrangements for school transport will in accordance with Bridgend County Borough Council's current Home-to-School/College Transport Policy:

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/media/5632/home-to-school-or-college-transport-policy-v2.pdf>

Within a period of one 28 days of the date on which the proposal was published, that is to say by 27 July 2022 any person may object to the proposals.

Objections must be made in writing to:

Lindsay Iorwerth Harvey (Mr)

C/o Education and Family Support Directorate Support Unit

Corporate Director – Education and Family Support

Bridgend County Borough Council

Civic Offices

Angel Street

CF31 4WB

Or sent via e-mail to: edsu@bridgend.gov.uk

Bridgend County Borough Council will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their response thereon, before the end of seven days beginning with the day of its determination of the proposal.

Signed:

Lindsay Iorwerth Harvey (Mr)

Corporate Director – Education and Family Support

30 June 2022

Explanatory Note

The effect of the above proposals would be that the learning resource centre (LRC) for fifteen pupils with moderate learning difficulty (MLD) at Ysgol Cynwyd Sant would open in the autumn term 2022.

The proposal to open a MLD LRC at Ysgol Cynwyd Sant would afford those children with a diagnosis of MLD to be part of the mainstream school, providing an appropriate environment in which pupils can develop and thrive within their peer group and have normal access to mainstream curriculum, where appropriate.

The published admission number for Ysgol Cynwyd Sant is 45. The published admission number for a school is the minimum number of pupils in the “relevant age group” (ie the age group to which children are normally admitted) that the school would be required to admit on demand. More children than this number can be admitted to the school (subject to the provisions of the local authority’s admissions policy) if the local authority considers that there is sufficient accommodation available at the particular time and provided that to do so would not prejudice the efficient use of education resources.