

This Statutory Notice is published by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, Civic Centre, Port Talbot. SA13 1PJ

NOTICE is given in accordance with Section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation Act (Wales) 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council having consulted such persons as required, propose to:

Close the Learning Support Centre for pupils with visual impairment (VI) at Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School, Afan Valley Road, Cimla, Neath, SA11 3TA.

Neath Port Talbot 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 consultees, the Council's response to these issues and the views of Estyn are available at [XXX](#) (web address to be added when published).

It is proposed to implement the proposal on **1st September 2025**.

There are currently 2 planned places for the VI LSC but 0 pupils are attending. Additionally, no teachers or support staff are currently employed within the VI LSC. All mainstream schools and settings are provided with advice for Inclusive Learning Provision (ILP) and ALP, which further details how to include pupils with a visual impairment.

Through the successful implementation of IDPs, schools are increasingly supporting young people with a range of additional specific learning needs including VI. There are currently 11 secondary age pupils in receipt of a Local Authority Maintained IDP in Neath Port Talbot, none of whom attend the VI LSC at Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School (PLASC 2024).

Transport arrangements will be in line with Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's Home to School Travel Policy.

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of this proposal, that is to say by the **31st March 2025**, any person may object to the proposal. Objections should be sent to: Andrew Thomas, Director of Education Leisure and Lifelong Learning, (marked for the attention of the SSIP Team), Civic Centre, Port Talbot SA13 1PJ or e-mail to: SSIP@npt.gov.uk.

Signed:



Andrew Thomas, Director of Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning

Dated: 4th March 2025

Explanatory Notes:

(This note does not form part of the Notice but is intended to explain its general meaning)

- (i) It is intended to close the Learning Support Centre for pupils with visual impairment (VI) at Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School on 1st September 2025.
- (ii) The reasons for the proposal are set out in the consultation document which is available on the SSIP webpage on the Council's website: [proposal-to-close-the-learning-support-centre-for-pupils-with-visual-impairment-at-cefn-saeson-comprehensive-school.pdf](#)
- (iii) The Authority's School Transport policy is available from the Council's website: [npt home to school travel policy 2017.pdf](#)
- (iv) Hard copies or alternative versions of all documentation may be obtained upon request from the Strategic School Improvement Team, Education Department, 2nd Floor, Port Talbot Civic Centre, Port Talbot.