



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 secondary age pupils with Specific Literacy Difficulties (SpLD) at Cwmtawe Community School, Ffordd Parc Ynysderw, Pontardawe, Swansea, SA8 4EG.

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 on the NPT Council website.

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

There are currently 0 pupils at the Learning Support Centre for pupils with SpLD at Cwmtawe Community School. All mainstream schools and settings are provided with advice for Inclusive Learning Provision (ILP) and ALP, which further details how to include pupils with SpLD.

Through the successful implementation of IDPs, schools are increasingly supporting young people with a range of additional specific learning needs including SpLD. There are currently 10 pupils with SpLD across all Neath Port Talbot who hold a Local Authority Maintained IDP. All are educated and supported within mainstream schools, ensuring they are fully integrated and have equal access to all aspects of mainstream activities and opportunities.

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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Thomas', written in a cursive style.

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 secondary age pupils with Specific Literacy Difficulties (SpLD) at Cwmtawe Community 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-specific-literacy-difficulties-at-cwmtawe-community-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.