

**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:

- make an alteration to Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School, Afan Valley Road, Cimla, Neath, SA11 3TA to provide for the assessment of pupils who externalise their needs and whose mainstream school placement at their Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council base school is proving problematic.

A Secondary Education Nurture Centre will provide for the assessment of up to 16 boys and girls, age 11-16 years. Admission will be via a special admission panel of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. Pupils admitted to the Secondary Education Nurture Centre will be in addition to the admission number for the relevant age group at the school, 182. Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School is a community school for boys and girls, age 11-16 years, maintained by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. The school has 658 pupils on roll with a current capacity to accommodate 924 mainstream pupils. The proposed capacity will be 908.

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 queries and the views of Estyn are available at: <https://www.npt.gov.uk/pdf/ConsultationReportCefnSaeson.pdf>

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

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 **15<sup>th</sup> February 2017**, any person may object to the proposal. Objections should be sent to the Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning (for attention of Debora Holder) at Civic Centre Port Talbot. SA13 1PJ or e-mailed to [ssip@npt.gov.uk](mailto:ssip@npt.gov.uk)

Signed:



Aled Evans, Director of Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning

**Dated: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

## **Explanatory Notes:**

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

- (i) It is intended to establish a Secondary Education Nurture Centre (SENC) at Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School for the assessment of pupils who externalise their needs and whose mainstream school placement is proving problematic.
- (ii) The SENC will provide for the assessment of up to 16 secondary age pupils. Specialist staff will identify barriers to learning, create bespoke packages of support and plan for successful reintegration into mainstream school settings.
- (iii) The SENC will be managed by Cefn Saeson Comprehensive school and be under the school's governance. However, it will be a provision recognised by the Council as reserved for pupils with ALN/SEN and although it is in a mainstream school the pupils who are admitted to the SENC will be in addition to the admission number of the school. Admission to the SENC will be via a special admission panel of the Council and all placement decisions will be predicated on the expectation of pupils securing a successful return to their Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council base school.
- (iv) The SENC will occupy accommodation surplus to the needs of the school. The capacity of the school will be reduced from 924 to 908 mainstream places with the admission number being reduced from 184 to 182. The school has significant surplus capacity and, as such, accommodating the SENC will not adversely impact on school admissions.
- (v) It is intended that the SENC will open on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017
- (vi) The reasons for the proposal are set out in the consultation document which is available on the SSIP webpage on the Council's website:  
<https://www.npt.gov.uk/pdf/ConsultationReportCefnSaeson.pdf>
- (vii) The Authority's School Transport policy is available from the Council's website:  
[http://www.npt.gov.uk/pdf/Home\\_to\\_school\\_transport\\_policy\\_2014.pdf](http://www.npt.gov.uk/pdf/Home_to_school_transport_policy_2014.pdf)
- (viii) Hard copies or alternative versions of all documentation may be obtained upon request from the Strategic School Improvement Team, Education Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Port Talbot Civic Centre, Port Talbot.