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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 Crynallt Primary School, Afan Valley Road, Cimla, Neath SA11 3AZ to provide specialist provision for primary age pupils with social emotional and behavioural difficulties

A Learning Support Centre will provide for up to 14 boys and girls, age 3-11 years in receipt of a statement of special educational needs and who require support in a specialist setting. Admission will be via a special admission panel of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. Pupils admitted to the Learning Support Centre will be in addition to the admission number for the relevant age group at the school. Crynallt Primary is a community school for boys and girls, age 3-11 years, maintained by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. Currently, the school has 418 full-time pupils on roll. The capacity of the school is 480 full-time, mainstream pupil places and the proposed capacity will be 423 full-time, mainstream pupil places. The admission number for pupils aged 4 years at the school in the first year in which the proposal has been implemented will be 60. There will be 55 nursery places.

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/1891>

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 15th January 2018.

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 **7th December 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

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aled Evans".

Aled Evans, Director of Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning

Dated: 10th November 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 Learning Support Centre (LSC) at Crynallt Primary school for the assessment of pupils who externalise their needs and whose mainstream school placement is proving problematic.
- (ii) The LSC 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 LSC will be in self-contained facility managed by Crynallt Primary school and be under the school's governance. However, it will be a provision recognised by the Council as reserved for pupils with a statement of special educational needs and although it is in a mainstream school the pupils who are admitted to the LSC will be in addition to the admission number of the school. Pupils at the LSC will benefit from being taught by specialist staff, experienced in working with pupils with more complex SEBD needs. The specialist provision will be accessible to primary age pupils from across the County Borough.
- (iv) The LSC will occupy accommodation surplus to the needs of the school. The capacity of the school will be reduced from 480 to 423 full-time, mainstream places with the admission number being reduced from 68 to 60. The number of nursery places at the school is unaffected by this proposal. The school has surplus capacity and pupils numbers are projected to fall. As such, accommodating the LSC will not adversely impact on school admissions.
- (v) It is intended that the LSC will open on 15th January 2018.
- (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/1891>
- (vii) The Authority's School Transport policy is available from the Council's website:
https://www.npt.gov.uk/media/4231/npt_home_to_school_travel_policy_2017.pdf
- (viii) 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.