



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 Dwr y Felin Comprehensive School, Dwr y Felin Road, Neath, SA10 7RE to provide specialist provision for secondary age pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

The facility will provide learning support for pupils with ASD for up to 16 pupils 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 ASD provision will be in addition to the admission number of the school. Dwr y Felin Comprehensive is an 11-16 English medium community comprehensive school for boys and girls, situated on the outskirts of Neath. The school has the capacity to accommodate 1,100 full-time mainstream pupils, and the proposed capacity will remain at 1,100. The admission number for pupils in the first year in which the proposal has been implemented will be 220.

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 20th April 2020. 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 4th February 2020, any person may object to the proposal. Objections should be sent to the Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning (for attention of SSIP) 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: 7th January 2020

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 provision for secondary aged pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at Dwr y Felin Comprehensive school.
- (ii) The facility will provide learning support for up to 16 pupils of secondary school age pupils with ASD. Pupils at the proposed provision will benefit from being taught by specialist staff, experienced in working with pupils with ASD needs. This facility will be for pupils in receipt of a statement of SEN and who require longer-term provision.
- (iii) The provision will be managed by the school and be under the school's governance. However it will be a provision recognised by the Council as reserved for pupils with ALN and pupils admitted to the provision would be in addition to the admission number of the school.
- (iv) Admission to the provision would be via a special admission panel of the Council and specific entry and exit criteria would apply.
- (v) The facility will occupy accommodation currently unused by the school. The capacity of the school will remain unchanged at 1100 full-time, mainstream places with an admission number of 220.
- (vi) It is intended that the ASD provision will open on 20th April 2020.
- (vii) 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>
- (viii) 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
- (ix) 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.