



**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL,
CIVIC OFFICES, HOLTON ROAD,
BARRY CF63 4RU**

**STATUTORY NOTICE TO AMALGAMATE BUTE COTTAGE NURSERY SCHOOL AND
EVENLODE PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER 2022.**

NOTICE IS GIVEN in accordance with sections 42(1) of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, 'the Act', and the School Organisation Code 2018 that the Vale of Glamorgan Council, having consulted such persons as required, propose to make regulated alterations to Evenlode Primary School and discontinue Bute Cottage Nursery School by:

- Changing the lowest age range of pupils at Evenlode Primary School from 4 to 3, to include 96 part time nursery places;
- Increasing the capacity of Evenlode Primary School to accommodate the 96-part time nursery places; and
- Discontinuing Bute Cottage Nursery School and transferring all staff and pupils of the nursery phase under the governance of Evenlode Primary School from September 2022.

These proposals are considered under section 2.1 and 2.3 of the School Organisation Code (2018). Section 2.1 refers to the closing of a maintained school. Section 2.3 refers to Regulated Alterations of a school, which includes changing the age range of a school by a year or more.

Proposal summary:

The primary school is an English-medium community school with an age range of 4-11. The school is located at Evenlode Ave, Penarth CF64 3PD. The nursery school is an English-medium community school with an age range of 3-4. The school is located at Bute Ln, Penarth CF64 2ET. Both schools are maintained by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

The proposal will result in Bute Cottage Nursery being discontinued and all staff from Bute Cottage Nursery will be transferred under the governance of Evenlode Primary School. Nursery provision would continue to be provided from the existing nursery building under the proposal. It is proposed to implement the proposal on Monday 5th September 2022.

As of January 2022, there were 46 pupils on roll at the nursery school and there were 417 pupils of statutory school age on roll at the primary school. The school capacity for pupils of statutory school age will remain at 420 places with 96 part-time nursery places added to Evenlode Primary School. The nursery provision will be provided at the existing nursery location. The school will form part of an English-medium community school and will continue to admit pupils of both sexes. The Vale of Glamorgan Council will be the admission authority and continue to maintain the school.

The Council has a statutory duty to provide free school transport for pupils of statutory school age who reside beyond walking distance to the nearest appropriate school. In accordance with 'The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008'. The Vale of Glamorgan Council does not provide free school transport for nursery-age children other than those children who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN). Under the proposal there are no plans to change the Council's policy on the transport of children to and from schools. As the nursery phase would remain on the current site with their current capacity, there are no implications for transport and learner travel arrangements.

Consultation:

The Vale of Glamorgan Council undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, along with the proposer's responses is available to view on the Vale of Glamorgan Council website at the following address:

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/Consultations/Nursery-Provision-Penarth-Consultation.aspx>.

Submitting objections:

In accordance with section 49 of 'the Act', any person may object to the proposal before the end of 28 days beginning with the day on which the proposals were published, by **Wednesday 16th March 2022.**

Objections should be sent to:
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The Vale of Glamorgan Council,
Civic Offices,
Holton Road,
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or e-mail sustainablecommunitiesforlearning@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

The Council will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, at the time of notification to stakeholders of the determination of the proposal.

Signed:



Paula Ham, Director of Learning and Skills
For the Vale of Glamorgan Council
16th February 2022