



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

NOTICE IS GIVEN in accordance with section 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 the following schools by establishing a specialist resource base at Whitmore High School from September 2021.

This proposal is considered under section 2.3 of the School Organisation Code (2018). Section 2.3 of the School Organisation Code refers to Regulated Alterations of a school, which includes the introduction or removal of SEN provision or any change in the type of such provision.

Proposal summary:

The proposal concerns Whitmore High School which is an English medium community secondary school maintained by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. It caters for learners between 11 – 19 and has capacity for 1,110 pupils. There are currently 1,132 pupils on roll. It is located at: Port Rd W, Barry CF62 8ZJ

The proposal would result in the establishment of a specialist resource base at Whitmore High School which would provide 20 secondary places for pupils with autistic spectrum condition. The 20 places are in addition to the 1,110 places available at the school for mainstream education. Admissions to the specialist resource base would be via the Council's Social Emotional and Mental Health Panel.

It is proposed that the specialist resource base is formally established from September 2021 and utilises the new building being constructed for Whitmore High 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'.

Additional Learning Needs (ALN) pupils with specific travel requirements which cannot be met with reasonable adjustment on mainstream transport will have their eligibility determined by the ALN Team.

ALN pupils will be eligible for free transport if they are assessed as having severe and/ or complex difficulties and are attending a special school or specialist resource base as directed by the Complex Needs Team or a class in a mainstream school which is 2 miles or further (primary aged pupils) and 3 miles or further (secondary aged pupils) from the parental home address as measured by the shortest available walking route.

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, the proposer's responses and the views of Estyn is available to view on The Vale of Glamorgan website at the following address:

www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/whitmorespecialistresourcebase

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, that is to say by the end of **9 February 2021**.

Objections should be sent to 21stcenturyschools@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or:

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The Vale of Glamorgan Council,
Civic Offices,
Holton Road,
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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
13 January 2021