

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

STATUTORY NOTICE TO ESTABLISH A 60 PLACE NURSERY AT FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM JANUARY 2018

Notice is given in accordance with section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that The Vale of Glamorgan Council having consulted such persons as required, proposes to make a regulated alteration to Fairfield Primary School, Dryden Road, Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan CF64 2RT by extending the age range of the school from 4-11 to 3-11. It is proposed to establish a nursery unit to provide 60 part time equivalent nursery places for boys and girls aged 3-4 (from the term following their third birthday) to receive part time nursery education at the school.

The school is maintained by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

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 at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/fairfieldnursery

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 8 January 2018. The school will remain a community school and will continue to admit pupils of both sexes.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council will be the admission Authority. The number of pupils to be admitted to the school in Reception at age 4/5 in the first school year in which the proposal to open the nursery is implemented will be 45. The admission number for nursery aged pupils in the 3 to 4 range at the school in the first school year in which the proposal to open the nursery is implemented will be 60 part time pupils. Admission arrangements do not make provision for selection by ability (pupil banding).

The school capacity will be 315 places. The school will provide for 60 part time nursery and 315 primary school places.

The All Wales Learner travel arrangements provide eligibility for school transport if a primary pupil of statutory school age lives more than two miles from their nearest or designated catchment area school. School transport arrangements, eligibility and accessibility are not affected by this proposal.

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by 22nd May 2017 any person may object to the proposals.

Objections should be sent to Paula Ham, Director of Learning and Skills, The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Provincial House, Kendrick Road, Barry CF62 8BF or email JMJones@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

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24th April 2017

Paula Ham, Director of Learning and Skills

EXPLANATORY NOTE – which does not form part of the statutory notice

It is proposed that that the age range of Fairfield Primary School is extended from 4-11 to 3-11 by incorporating a nursery for 60 part time (PTE) nursery places.

A foundation phase building is already in place at Fairfield Primary School to be utilised for nursery provision.

A nursery will enable up to 60 children aged 3-4 (from the term following their third birthday until they enter a reception class) to receive part time nursery education at Fairfield Primary School.

The Council is the admission authority for the school. The school will provide 60 part time (PTE) nursery and 315 primary school places. The admission number for the reception class will remain at 45 primary school places. The admissions criteria for the nursery and primary school will be made available to parents in the Vale of Glamorgan's Parental Guide to School Admissions in the Vale booklet.

Attendance at the nursery does not guarantee a child a reception class place at the school. Children attending the nursery class will not have an automatic right to continued education at the same school when moving up to a reception class, whether residing within the catchment area or outside it. Parents will be required to complete an application for their chosen school. Where there are more applications than there are places available in the reception class, places will be allocated applying the Council's oversubscription criteria that prioritises Looked After Children (LAC) and children living in the school's catchment area ahead of others.