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**ST RICHARD GWYN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
ARGAE LANE, BARRY CF63 1BL**

STATUTORY NOTICE TO ESTABLISH A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING FOR ST RICHARD GWYN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL TO INCREASE ITS CAPACITY FROM 813 TO 1,050 PLACES AND TO ESTABLISH A 60 PLACE SPECIALIST RESOURCE BASE FROM SEPTEMBER 2025

NOTICE IS GIVEN in accordance with sections 42(2) of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, 'the Act', and the School Organisation Code 2018 that The Governing Body and Archdiocese of Cardiff, having consulted such persons as required, propose to make a regulated alteration to St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School by:

- Increasing the school capacity for pupils of statutory school age from 813 to 1,050 places (paragraph 10 Schedule 2 of 'the Act')
- Establishing a specialist resource base that would provide 60 places for secondary age pupils with Additional Learning Needs

The school is an English medium, faith school maintained by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

The Governing Body and Archdiocese of Cardiff 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 are available to view on The School and The Vale of Glamorgan website at the following address:

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/Consultations/Expanding-St-Richard-Gwyn-Catholic-High-School.aspx>

<https://strichardgwyn.co.uk/>

It is proposed to implement the proposal on September 2025. The school will remain a voluntary aided school maintained by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and will continue to admit pupils of both sexes.

The governing body will continue to be the admission authority. The proposal will result in the published admission number for the school increasing from 163 to 210 places. Admission arrangements do not make provision for selection by ability (pupil banding). As at September 2023, there were 813 pupils of statutory school age on roll at the school. The school capacity for pupils of statutory school age will increase from 813 places to 1,050 places. The school will also meet demand from the new housing developments within Barry, Penarth and Sully.

The proposal will also result in the establishment of a specialist resource that will provide 60 secondary places for pupils with Additional Learning Needs. The 60 places are in addition to the 1,050 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.

The All Wales Learner Travel arrangements¹ provide eligibility for school transport if pupils reside beyond walking distance to their nearest or designated catchment area school. Walking distance is defined as two miles or further for primary age and three miles or further for secondary age pupils, as measured by the shortest available walking route. The Vale of Glamorgan provides transport in accordance with the above. As a result of the transfer of the school to a new building on the same site, school transport arrangements, eligibility and accessibility are not affected by this proposal.

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

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 Friday, 29th December 2023.

Objections should be sent to Paul McLoughlin Chair of Governors, St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School, Argae Ln, Barry CF63 1BL or e-mail pmcloughlin@strichardgwyn.school;

Signed:



Paul McLoughlin, Chair of Governor
1 December 2023

EXPLANATORY NOTE – THIS DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE STATUTORY NOTICE

The Governing Body and Archdiocese of Cardiff together with the Council propose to establish a new school building for St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School from 813 places to 1,050 places from September 2025. Although the transferring of the school to the new building is included as part of this consultation, this is not subject to the statutory process as the transfer will be on the current school site.

The proposal is made under section 2.3 School Organisation Code 2018 referred to as Regulated Alterations.

The Governing Body is the admission authority for the school. However, admissions to the specialist resource base would be via the Council's Social Emotional and Mental Health Panel. The school will provide 1,050 secondary school places aged 11- 16 and a Specialist Resource Base (SRB) unit for 60 pupils. All pupils attending the Specialist Resource Base (SRB) will have individual learning plans. They will be supported in a specialist class and pupils will attend mainstream classes in varying amounts of time.

Significant capital investment will be made, subject to Welsh Government funding, in establishing a new school building for St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School on the current school site. The estimated cost of the project is £62 million.

¹ The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 and Learner Travel Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance June 2014