



DIRECTORATE OF LEARNING AND SKILLS COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

**CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO
TRANSFER SPECIALIST RESOURCE BASE
AT LLANDOUGH PRIMARY TO YSGOL Y
DDRAIG FROM JANUARY 2023.**



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INTRODUCTION

The Vale of Glamorgan Council is committed to ensuring that all pupils within the Vale have every opportunity to attain the best possible outcomes. In order to achieve this ambition it is essential that we ensure schools remain sustainable, reflect the needs of our local communities, and are equipped with the best possible learning environments.

The Council is committed to ensuring that consultations are meaningful, relevant and appropriate for the communities that are involved, and the Council has a duty of care to ensure that proposals are clear, transparent, and reflective of those affected. This is a vision that can only be realised by working in partnership with schools, governors, parents and the wider communities we all serve.

This proposal is to relocate the specialist resource base at Llandough Primary School to Ysgol Y Ddraig from January 2023.

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 transfer of any school to a new site.

NATIONAL CONTEXT

The key statutory guidance for local authorities in developing statutory proposals for changes for school organisation is in accordance with section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code 2018. When considering proposals the Council must consider the impact on the local community, particularly in rural areas and in areas designated for communities' first programmes or successor programmes.

LOCAL POLICY CONTEXT

Echoing national policy outlined in the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, the Council has committed as part of the Corporate Plan 2020-25 to achieving a vision of – **'Working together for a brighter future'**.

The Vale of Glamorgan is committed to achieving the objective of 'supporting learning, employment and sustainable economic growth' raising overall standards of achievement by modernising education in the Vale to ensure children and young people receive a first-class education.

We believe that in order to achieve this it is important that we support teaching and learning outcomes by providing modern and fit for purpose buildings that meet the needs of modern-day education. Schools need to be able to provide the best possible learning experience to make sure that children and young people have the best opportunities available to them and that they are able to reach their full potential.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

The proposal would address a number of challenges and would:

- Provide targeted support for pupils with Speech, Language and Communication Needs within a suitable mainstream primary school environment in order to ensure that pupils reach their full potential.
- Provide improved learning environments which are adaptable to change and will challenge and support children to reach their full potential.
- Provides continuity of provision within the Vale for pupils with Speech, Language and Communication Needs.
- Provide opportunities for professional development throughout Ysgol Y Ddraig.
- Reduced reliance on costly out of county provision.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

There are currently 5 schools which serve the area surrounding Ysgol Y Ddraig in Llantwit Major:

School name	Type	Language	Age range	Capacity*	Nursery places (part-time)	Distance from Ysgol Y Ddraig (miles)
St Illtyd	Community	EM	3-11	379	76	0.5
Wick and Marcross CiW Primary School	Denominational	EM	3-11	154	24	3.9
St Helen's R.C Primary School	Denominational	EM	3-11	308	48	8.8
Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant	Community	WM	3-11	210	56	0.2
Llantwit Major High School	Community	EM	3-16	1,050		0.1

Ysgol Y Ddraig is located within the ward Llantwit Major which is made up of 7 lower super output areas (LSOAs). Ysgol Y Ddraig is located in Llantwit Major 2 and is surrounded by the LSOAs Llantwit Major 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Llantwit Major 2 is the central area of Llantwit Major and includes the district centre, school site and residential areas of Llantwit Major in the Vale of Glamorgan, in south Wales. The other Llantwit Major areas make up the remaining parts of the town, with the exception of ward areas 3 and 5 which relate to the rural outskirts of the area.

The Llantwit Major ward has a population of 10,966 based upon the 2020 mid-year estimates. Llantwit Major 2 has a population of 1,564 (Office of National Statistics, 2019).

The data below for the Llantwit Major ward surrounding Ysgol Y Ddraig is from the [Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation \(WIMD\)](#).

Vale of Glamorgan Constituency Area	LSOA Code	Overall Wales Rank (of 1909)		Employment Rank (of 1909)		Access to Services Rank (of 1909)	
		Rank	% (Least / Most Deprived)	Rank	% (LD / MD)	Rank	% (LD / MD)
Llantwit Major 1	W01001106	1822	50% least deprived	1747	50% least deprived	1863	50% least deprived
Llantwit Major 2	W01001107	1655	50% least deprived	1373	50% least deprived	1732	50% least deprived
Llantwit Major 3	W01001108	1429	50% least deprived	1244	50% least deprived	631	30% - 50% most deprived
Llantwit Major 4	W01001109	1363	50% least deprived	1188	50% least deprived	802	30% - 50% most deprived
Llantwit Major 5	W01001110	1686	50% least deprived	1844	50% least deprived	453	20% - 30% most deprived
Llantwit Major 6	W01001111	815	30% – 50% most deprived	694	30% - 50% most deprived	807	30-50% most deprived
Llantwit Major 7	W01001112	1873	50% least deprived	1805	50% least deprived	1520	50% least deprived

As the table above shows, the wards surrounding Ysgol Y Ddraig are mixed in terms of levels of deprivation. The LSOA area the school is located in is one of the least deprived areas across the 3 measures. Areas 3 and 4 have been identified as being in the 30% - 50% most deprived and Area 5 is identified as 20% - 30% most deprived in terms of access to services. This is reflective of the more rural location of these areas where services will generally be more difficult to access. Area 6 has been identified as being 30% – 50% most deprived across all measures. The remaining areas share the same profile to Area 2.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS

There is currently a temporary arrangement in place allowing the SRB for Speech, Language and Communication Needs to operate out of Ysgol Y Ddraig following the assessment of the Llandough Primary School SRB under Covid 19 regulations.

It is considered there would be a positive impact regarding ALN as the proposal would result in improved provision available for pupils with Speech, Language and Communication Needs due to the improvement to the physical environment at Ysgol Y Ddraig which has been developed under the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme. The proposal would support pupils to access mainstream education with additional support. This would particularly benefit those pupils who would not normally meet the criteria to attend YYD.

- A key role of the SRB would be to support the implementation of school-wide policies and procedures to strengthen support available to all pupils at Ysgol Y Ddraig.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This section of the Community Impact Assessment assesses the potential impact this proposal could have on the local community. The information analysed in this process represents a snapshot of the current situation. The impact assessment is an evolving document that will continue to be developed throughout the statutory process. Feedback received during the consultation period will be used to further inform the Community Impact Assessment, which will be presented to Cabinet as part of the Consultation Report.

Eight key measures have been identified:

Ref.	Measure
CI1	Children living in the catchment are attending their local school
CI2	Services provided by the school for the local community, including extra-curricular activities
CI3	Community facilities used regularly by the school

CI4	Community facilities provided by and activity undertaken within the school premises
CI5	Impact on local businesses
CI6	Impact on local employment
CI7	Impact on local infrastructure
CI8	Transport arrangements

The eight measures were assessed to identify any negative or positive impacts on the local community, and a score was applied ranging from -3 to +3 based on the balance of the evidence available.

Measure Score	Measure Assessment
-3	Large deterioration
-2	Moderate deterioration
-1	Slight deterioration
0	No overall change
1	Slight Improvement
2	Moderate Improvement
3	Large Improvement

IMPACTS UPON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Ref.	Measure	Score	Impact of Proposal
CI1	Children living in the catchment are attending their local school	0	<p>Placing the specialist resource base within a mainstream primary school, provides additional support for pupils Speech, Language and Communication Needs whilst ensuring they can access mainstream primary education.</p> <p>The relocation of ALN provision will result in the loss of the Speech, Language and Communication Needs SRB at Llandough Primary School. However, ALN provision is not provided based on proximity to an SRB, with pupils attending from across the Authority.</p> <p>The relocation of the SRB would provide additional space at Llandough Primary School allowing the school to accommodate the anticipated increase in pupil population arising in the area. It is expected 209 pupils would attend Llandough Primary School in 2025 which is near the threshold of the school's capacity of 210 places.</p>
CI2	Services provided by the school for the local community, including extra-curricular activities	0	<p>It is proposed that any community services currently provided by Llandough Primary School and Ysgol Y Ddraig would continue and that there would be no loss of provision.</p>
CI3	Community facilities used regularly by the school	0	<p>There would be no loss of access for Llandough Primary School and Ysgol Y Ddraig to community facilities as a result of this proposal.</p>

CI4	Community facilities provided by and activity undertaken within the school premises	0	The proposal will not change the current community facilities provided by either school.
CI5	Impact on local businesses	0	There would be no impacts upon local businesses as a result of this proposal concerning Ysgol Y Ddraig and Llandough Primary School.
CI6	Impact on local employment	0	The existing staff at Llandough Primary School SRB would be transferred to Ysgol Y Ddraig School.
CI7	Impact on local infrastructure	0	<p>The proposal would not result in an increase in capacity at Ysgol y Ddraig which would cause increased pressure on local infrastructure. Instead the proposal will adapt to existing vacant classrooms within the school building.</p> <p>Ysgol Y Ddraig supports travel to the school by active modes of travel such as walking and cycling where possible. This would extend to ALN pupils and staff where appropriate. This would help to alleviate pressures on local infrastructure.</p>
CI8	Transport arrangements	0	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'.

		<p>Mainstream primary aged pupils are provided with free school transport if they live 3 miles or further from their nearest suitable school.</p> <p>However, ALN pupils who have specific travel requirements which cannot be met with reasonable adjustment on mainstream transport 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) from the parental home address as measured by the shortest available walking route.</p>
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SCORING SUMMARY

Ref.	Local Community
CI1	0
CI2	0
CI3	0
CI4	0
CI5	0
CI6	0
CI7	0
CI8	0
Average Score	0

CONCLUSIONS

The impact assessment identifies that the proposal would likely have a neutral impact on the local community across 8 of the 8 measures assessed. Overall, the proposal would likely have a neutral impact on the local community.

The proposal would provide targeted support for pupils with Speech, Language and Communication Needs within a suitable mainstream primary school environment in order to ensure that pupils reach their full potential. Additionally pupils and staff would have access to improved learning environments which are adaptable to change and will challenge and support children to reach their full potential.

It is concluded from the Community Impact Assessment that the proposal would have a neutral impact upon the local community.