



**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:

- Changing the age range of Cowbridge Comprehensive School from 11 - 19 to 3 - 19;
- Increasing the capacity of Cowbridge Comprehensive School from 1,586 places to 1,796 places to accommodate 210 English medium primary school places with an additional 48 part-time nursery places; and
- Constructing a new school building on the Cowbridge Comprehensive School site to accommodate the primary and nursery places.

This proposal is considered under section 2.3 of the School Organisation Code (2018). Section 2.3 refers to Regulated Alterations of a school, which includes increasing the capacity of the school by at least 200 places and extending the age range of a school by a year or more.

**Proposal summary:**

The proposal concerns Cowbridge Comprehensive School which is an English medium, community secondary school which is maintained by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The school caters for learners between the ages of 11 – 19 with a capacity of 1,586. There is currently, 1,536 pupils on roll. The location of the school is: Aberthin Rd, Cowbridge, CF71 7EN.

The proposal would result in 210 primary places at Cowbridge Comprehensive School. The opening of the primary phase would be phased with 30 reception places and 48 part time nursery places available for September 2022. The number of pupils on roll would grow each year as these pupils progress through the primary phase. The proposal would be fully implemented from September 2028.

The catchment area for the primary phase of the 3-19 all-through school would mirror the existing catchment area for Y Bont Faen Primary School.

A new building would be constructed on the Cowbridge Comprehensive School site. This building would be sufficient to accommodate 210 pupils and 48 part-time nursery places, compliant with Building Bulletin 99, the framework for primary school buildings.

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 proposed catchment area is relatively small due to the density of the population in Cowbridge and it would not be anticipated many pupils would be entitled to free school transport. For example, there are currently no pupils entitled to free school transport to Y

Bont Faen Primary School.

**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/cowbridgeprimaryprovision](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/cowbridgeprimaryprovision)

**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](mailto:21stcenturyschools@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk) or:

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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