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**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL,**

**CIVIC OFFICES, HOLTON ROAD,**

**BARRY CF63 4RU**

**STATUTORY NOTICE TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF YSGOL IOLO MORGANWG, BROADWAY ROAD, COWBRIDGE CF71 7ER FROM 210 PLACES TO 420 PLACES FROM SEPTEMBER 2025.**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** in accordance with sections 42(1)(a) 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 a regulated alteration to Ysgol Iolo Morganwg by:

* Increasing the school capacity for pupils of statutory school age from 210 places to 420 places (paragraph 10 Schedule 2 of ‘the Act’)

The school is a Welsh-medium school 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 are available to view on The Vale of Glamorgan website at the following address

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/Consultations/Expanding-Ysgol-Iolo-Morganwg>

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 1st September 2025. The school will remain a community school and will continue to admit pupils of both sexes.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council will continue to be the admission authority. The proposal will result in the published admission number for the school increasing from 30 to 60. The number of pupils to be admitted to the school in Reception at age 4/5 in the first year will be 60. The admission number of nursery aged pupils in the 3 to 4 age range at the school in the first year will be 96 part time pupils. Admission arrangements do not make provision for selection by ability (pupil banding). As at January 2023, there were 185 pupils of statutory school age on roll at the school. The school capacity for pupils of statutory school age will increase from 210 places to 420 places. The school will also meet demand from the new housing developments at Darren farm.

The All Wales Learner Travel arrangements[[1]](#footnote-1) 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 a review of pupil’s eligibility will be undertaken.

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 Monday 24 July 2023.

Objections should be sent to Paula Ham, Director of Learning and Skills, The Vale of Glamorgan

Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU or e-mail JMJones@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Signed:



Paula Ham, Director of Learning and Skills

26 June 2023

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

The Council proposes to expand Ysgol Iolo Morganwg from 210 places to 420 places from September 2025. In order to accommodate this increased capacity, it is proposed that Ysgol Iolo Morganwg would be relocated to a new school building on the Darren Farm Site Development. 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 would be within 1.609344 kilometres (1 mile).

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

The Council is the admission authority for the school. The school will provide 96 part time nursery and 420 primary school places. A nursery will enable up to 96 children aged 3-4 (from the term following their third birthday until they enter a reception class) to receive part time education at the school. Attendance at the nursery does not guarantee a child a reception class place at the school, parents will be required to complete an application for a reception place at their chosen school.

Significant capital investment will be made, subject to Welsh Government funding, in establishing a new school building for Ysgol Iolo Morganwg at a new site. The estimated cost of the project is £12 million.

1. The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 and Learner Travel Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance June 2014 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)