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Dear Parent/Carer

## **ADMISSION TO NURSERY: SEPTEMBER 2023 – JULY 2024**

All admissions to Vale of Glamorgan Community Nursery Schools and Units are dealt with by the School Access section of the Council. It is our understanding that you may be interested in a nursery place as your details have been provided to us either from you directly, or via a school. Your child will be eligible for a part time nursery place from the term after his/her third birthday. Should you wish to apply for a nursery place for next academic year it is necessary for you to apply online before the closing date of **27<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

Please access <https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/admissions/Nursery-Admissions.aspx> for further information.

You will need to apply for a place now if your child was born **between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**, even if you have expressed an interest at the school or with us previously.

## **SCHOOL ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES**

### **Cowbridge School**

To meet increased demand for primary education in the Cowbridge area, Cowbridge Comprehensive School will become an all through 3-19 school from September 2023, providing 210 primary and 48 nursery places. A nursery unit will be established at Cowbridge School for September 2023 with 48 places available for parents of nursery age children to apply for a place.

The catchment area for the primary phase at Cowbridge Comprehensive School will mirror that of Y Bont Faen Primary School, which also provides nursery provision. **As with all applications, it is therefore important that parents submit more than one school preference on their application form.**

### **St Nicholas C/W Primary**

In order to meet requirements for nursery provision at the school, a nursery unit will be established at St Nicholas C/W Primary School for September 2023 with 24 places available for parents of nursery age children to apply for a place. A new 126 place school with additional 24 part time nursery places will be built replacing the previous school building.

**As with all applications, it is therefore important that parents submit more than one school preference on their application form.**

More information on the Council's 21st Century Schools Programme can be found on the Council's website: [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/21st-Century-Schools](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/21st-Century-Schools)

## **ONLINE ADMISSIONS PROCESS**

This process is quick and easy to use and has made it much simpler for parents to apply for Vale of Glamorgan school places. Full details of the process will be available on the Nursery Admissions page on the council's website. Before applying, applicants should ensure that they have read the **Parental Guide to School Admissions** which is also available on the Nursery Admissions Pages of the council's website.

Application via the council website is the preferred method as it provides parents with the assurance of a safe and secure application process and an immediate acknowledgement so that you can be sure that your application has reached us. However, if for any reason you are unable to apply this way, please contact us and we will arrange to send you a paper application form, or alternatively you could collect one from the reception desk at Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

Any application received after the closing date will be recorded as late, and may result in your child being denied a place at your chosen nursery if demand exceeds the number of places available. Parents should note that children attending the nursery unit of a school will not be guaranteed to continue education at the same school at reception age. You will need to apply to the Authority for a reception place, even if you require your catchment area school. If you wish to apply for a Church in Wales Aided or Catholic Nursery then you must apply directly to the School as they deal with their own admissions.

Yours sincerely

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