

WHITCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL STANDARDS AND ORGANISATION (WALES) ACT 2013

ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS PROVISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Section 42 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code, that the Governing Body of Whitchurch High School (herein after “the Governing Body”), having consulted such persons as appeared to them to be appropriate, propose to alter Whitchurch High School, Penlline Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 2XJ to:

- Increase the designated number at the Specialist Resource Base for learners with complex learning needs from 70 to 100 places.

It is proposed to implement the proposal from September 2022.

The school is a Foundation school and is currently maintained by Cardiff Council.

A public consultation was undertaken on behalf of the Governing Body before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees and the Governing Body’s responses and the views of Estyn on the proposed changes is available to view at:

www.whitchurchhs.wales

The current school capacity is 2400 places including sixth form. The current number of pupils at the school is 1984 (11 - 16) and 427 (Sixth form).

There are currently 70 places at the Specialist Resource Base. The current number of pupils at the resource base is 95.

There are no plans to change the school policy on the admission of children to school as a result of these proposals.

Admissions to the Specialist Resource Base are managed by the local authority and subject to a statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or Individual Development Plan (IDP) as appropriate.

Admissions to the Specialist Resource Base will continue to be separate to admission to the main school and shall be in addition to the Published Admission Number (PAN).

Any arrangements for the transport of pupils will be made in accordance with the Local Authority’s existing policies on school transport.

Within a period of 28 days of the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by 27th July 2022, any person may object to these proposals.

Objections should be sent to the Chair of Governors, Whitchurch High School, Penlline Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 2XJ.

Objections may also be sent to the Chair of Governors using the following e-mail address: SchoolResponses@cardiff.gov.uk

Please note that any such objection should contain the full name and postal address of the objector.

The Governing Body will publish a summary of any such objections made within the objection period (and not withdrawn in writing), together with its response, within the period of 28 days after the end of the objection period.

Dated this 30th day of June 2022

Signed: Sian Hopkins
Chair of Governors

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This does not form part of the Notice but is intended to explain its general meanings)

Whitchurch High School is an English-medium Foundation school located in Whitchurch.

The school hosts a specialist resource base, designated for Complex Learning Needs.

To meet the demand for Specialist Resource Base places for learners aged 11 - 19 with Complex Learning Needs it is proposed to increase the designated number at the Specialist Resource Base from 70 to 100 places from September 2022.

The number of pupils at the base is 95.

It is proposed that the current specialist resource base accommodation would be improved and refurbished, creating additional classrooms and learning spaces. Some of this work has already been undertaken in order that the school, and the Council, can ensure sufficient places were available for children with complex learning needs.

In addition to the proposed increase in designated places at the specialist resource base, further places for pupils with complex learning needs and autism spectrum condition have been proposed for a number of schools within the local authority.

Details of these proposals and copies of the statutory notices can be seen at [Additional Learning Needs \(ALN\) provision \(cardiff.gov.uk\)](#)