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Information for parents/carers  
on choosing a school for your child



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## Introduction

### Dear Parents/Carers

Choosing which school is best for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make. In this book you will find all the information you need about the Council's range of schools and the arrangements for your child's admission to school.

Before you decide which school is the right one for your child, you should read this book carefully and consider whether you want your child to be taught through Welsh or English or whether you want them to attend a Faith school. More information on the benefits of a Welsh medium and Welsh language education can be found in our Being Bilingual booklet which you can view online by visiting [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/BeingBilingual](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/BeingBilingual).

Some children will have greater learning needs and may require specialist provision in a mainstream school or a special school. There are different arrangements in place to apply for each type of school, age group, timescales of when places are allocated and when children start schools.

If schools are full then there is guidance provided in this book to explain how places are allocated and what you can do if your child has not been given a place in the school of your choice.

If, at any time, you require any additional information or advice about this or any other educational matter, the officers in the Education and Inclusion Services Directorate will be pleased to help you.

You can have more detailed information relating to a particular school by contacting the Headteacher directly and requesting a copy of the school's prospectus or by logging on to the school website. Please note that, although the information in this book is correct for admission to schools in Rhondda Cynon Taf between September 2024 and August 2025, regulations/policies may change from time to time.

All policies within this booklet show due regard for the Equality Act 2010, including the anticipatory duties. Section 20 of the Equality Act 2010 highlights the need for the Council and schools to anticipate the needs of disabled service users and to take reasonable steps to remove barriers to accessing services. The duty is anticipatory in the sense that it requires consideration of, and action in relation to, barriers that impede people with disabilities seeking to use services and participation in experiences prior to them being accessed.

We wish your child every success at school and as a parent/carer you can do much to help achieve this, including making sure your child attends school regularly. All schools value the support of parents/carers and we hope that you will take the opportunity to find out about your child(ren)'s school and become involved in the life of the school during their time there. We look forward to working with you over the coming years.

With best wishes,

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### Information and advice - Contact Details

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Further information and a copy of this Starting School Book is also available on the Council's website [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

# **1: Primary and Secondary Education General Admission Arrangements 2024-2025**

## **1.1: Choosing a School**

1.1.1 The entry of children to schools is controlled and administered by an 'Admissions Authority'. In respect of community schools the Admissions Authority is Rhondda Cynon Taf Council (the Authority). In the case of voluntary-aided (church) schools, the Admissions Authority is the governing body of the individual church school.

1.1.2 Each school has an area that it serves called its 'catchment area'. Most parents/carers choose to send their child(ren) to their 'local' school within this 'catchment area', however, they have the right to state a preference for their child(ren) to attend any school.

1.1.3 Whether there is an offer of a place at the preferred school will depend on the outcome of the application of the Authority's admission policy.

1.1.4 The application process to Welsh Medium schools is exactly the same but the catchment area is often wider. For more information on Welsh Medium Education please read our Being Bilingual booklet - [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/BeingBilingual](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/BeingBilingual).

1.1.5 Parents/carers must submit an application for a school place at the following stages of their child(ren)'s education:-

**i. Admission to Pre-Nursery class. (Please refer to table on Page 10.)**

The term following a child's third birthday. Places are provided strictly according to availability, and are dependent on there being surplus classroom capacity in the Nursery of the individual school, they are not universally available.

**ii. Admission to Nursery.**

Schools are funded for part time places (at least 15 hours per week) for the term following a child's third birthday and full time for the term following a child's fourth birthday. The allocation of morning and afternoon places will be decided by the head teacher.

**iii. On admission to the Reception year.**

**iv. On transfer from an infant school to a junior or primary school (year 2 to year 3 only). Children already attending a Primary School do not need to apply for a Junior school place. Only children attending Infant Schools need to apply for a Year 3 place.**

**v. On transfer from a junior or primary school to secondary school.**

Children already attending an all through school do not need to apply for a secondary school place, unless they decide to apply to another school.

**vi. At any time that parents/carers may wish to transfer their child from one school to another.**

**The admission timetable for all of the above is on page 17.**

1.1.6 For admission to Voluntary aided (church) schools, please see pages 36-44.

1.1.7 The names of the secondary schools to which pupils from each of the junior/primary schools usually progress are given on pages 22-23.

## 1.2: Applying for a Place

1.2.1 Parents/carers have the right to express a preference when selecting a school for their child(ren). For pupils who are due to start school September 2024, parents/carers must complete an application. Please refer to page 17 for deadline dates by which they must be completed and returned.

1.2.2 Parents of pupils due to start Nursery, Reception, transfer from Infants to Junior/Primary school or transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2024 can apply online for admission.

Applying online is quick and easy.

- i. Visit <https://schooladmissions.rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk/>
- ii. Register with a valid email address.
- iii. Follow the instructions on the online application web pages.

If you do not have access to your own computer free internet access is available at any Rhondda Cynon Taf Library. Alternatively, a paper application form is available by contacting the School Admissions Team on 01443 281111.

1.2.3 Only applications received by the closing date will be considered in the initial round of allocation of places.

1.2.4 Parents/carers may wish to contact head teachers to discuss their preferences and/or to arrange to visit schools before making a final decision. Please be aware that the head teacher of a community schools is unable to offer or promise a place in their school.

1.2.5 The information given on the application must be accurate. There may be occasions when parents/carers are required to evidence the information given on the application.

### 1.2.6 Parental Responsibility / Shared Responsibility

Only persons holding parental responsibility for the named child are able to make an application and will be required to make a declaration to this effect as part of the application process. Ordinarily it is expected that this person resides at the same address as the child and is referred to as the parent for admissions purposes.

Where parental responsibility is equally shared, the council will ask the child's parents to determine which parent should submit the application. If parents cannot agree and neither has obtained a court order stating who should be making the application, the council will accept an application from the parent in receipt of Child Benefit for the child. The Council is not in a position to intervene in disputes between parents over school applications and will request that these are resolved privately.

### 1.2.7 Step Parent

If an application is received from a Step Parent, they will need to produce a parental responsibility order confirming that they have parental responsibility. Such documentation is required to proceed with processing the application.

### 1.2.8 Proof of Address

The only acceptable forms of documentary proof of address are – Council Tax statement; Child Benefit confirmation letter; recent gas, water or electricity bill. Original documents will be requested (which will be returned if required). Information provided may be cross checked and verified against information held by other departments of the Authority.

If the permanent address of the child changes after making an application, you must inform the Admission Authority as soon as possible in writing.

For those parents/carers who have moved into a new property within the last six months further documentary evidence is required namely :-

- i. A photo card driving licence containing details of the new address, which has to be presented in person at Ty Trevithick, Abercynon if requested.
- ii. If the house move has been caused due to a change in domestic circumstances e.g. Divorce or Legal Separation, then copies of Court/Solicitor's documentation will be required if requested.

### 1.2.9 Withdrawal of School Place

If a place is offered at a school and subsequently it is discovered that the offer was made on fraudulent or misleading information e.g a false claim to living at an address, falsified date of birth, the place offered will be withdrawn, and can even be withdrawn after your child has started at the school.

### 1.2.10 Change of Preference

Any change of preference must be made in writing to the School Admissions Team. Any preference that has changed after the published closing date will result in the application being treated as a late application.

### 1.2.11 **Outcome of Application**

Parents/carers will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application by the dates outlined on page 17.

### 1.2.12 **Appeals**

Part 5 details the Appeals process that Parents/carers must follow if they wish to appeal against the decision.

### 1.2.13 **Published Admission Number**

All maintained schools must admit pupils (during compulsory education) up to their Admission Number (AN), detailed on the List of Schools page 47 onwards.

There are two ANs for primary schools with intakes from linked infant schools. The AN regulation does not apply to nursery schools, special schools or pupil referral units.

### 1.2.14 **Prior to your child starting at a new school, you must provide one of the following:**

an original copy of your child's birth certificate, passport or an EEA identity card to that school, to verify your child's date of birth.

### 1.2.15 **Authority's policy on Out of Chronological Age Applications.**

Rhondda Cynon Taf operates a separate policy on Out of Chronological Age Applications. If a parents requests to place their child in a year group that is outside of their chronological age and the request is at the point of admissions, the Local Authority will review each request based on their individual circumstances.

Whilst there is no statutory barrier to children being educated outside their chronological year group, there is no duty to agree such a request and a parent/carer cannot insist on their child being educated outside of their usual age group.

### 1.2.16 **Top Tips.**

#### **1. Apply on time**

Don't be late applying for a school place!

It is extremely important that you apply on time to ensure that your child's application is considered for the first round of applications.

#### **2. Apply online**

Please apply online (with the exception of In Year Transfers where you need to request a form to complete).

Applying online is easy and efficient.

By applying online you receive notification when your application is received and are informed of the outcome of your application via e-mail. You can then accept or decline the place via the online system.

#### **3. Know which schools are in your area**

Check which schools are in your area.

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/SchoolsandLearning/Findaschool/Findaschool.aspx>

You can also visit school websites, school prospectus and read school Estyn reports before deciding which school to apply for.

You can also request to visit a school, by contacting the school direct to make an appointment to visit.

#### **4. Select more than one school preference on your application**

We try to provide all children with a place at their first preference school, however, in some cases this may not be possible if more applications are received than places available. We will then apply our oversubscribed criteria.

As a result of this we strongly advise that you select a second and third preference on your application. Please be assured that by doing this, it will not go against your child being offered their first preference. It just provides assurance that if we are in a position where we cannot offer a place at your first preference school, we can then look at your second preference school or third preference school.

#### **5. Please Accept or decline any places offered**

When you receive your offer of a school place within RCT, it is vital that you inform us as soon as possible if you wish to accept the place.

It is just important that you inform us if you wish to refuse the place offered and we can then allocate this place out to another child.

## 1.3: How Places are Allocated

1.3.1 If the number of preferences received for a school is below the school's AN, all applications for admission to the school will be granted.

1.3.2 Places cannot be reserved for 'in catchment' children unless they are children of reception age whose parent have applied for their entry to school to be deferred until a later date in the same school year.

1.3.3 If the number of preferences received for a school is above the school's AN the following oversubscription criteria will be applied, in the priority order listed, to determine the allocation of available places:

### 1.3.4 Oversubscription Criteria

#### **Priority Category 1:**

Children 'Looked After' (children in public care) & children previously 'Looked After'.

#### **Priority Category 2:**

Children whose home is inside the school's catchment area and have an older sibling attending the school from the same address, at the date of application, who will continue to attend that school in September 2024.

#### **Priority Category 3:**

Children whose home is inside the school's catchment area who do not have an older sibling attending the school.

#### **Priority Category 4:**

Children whose home is outside the school's catchment area and have an older sibling attending from the same address, at the date of application, who will continue to attend that school in September 2024.

#### **Priority Category 5:**

Children whose home is outside the school's catchment area who do not have an older sibling attending the school.

For the avoidance of all doubt the reference to 'home' in the oversubscription categories above and the 'tie breaker' overleaf refers to the actual location of the residential dwelling in which the child lives.

1.3.5 Please note that childcare/childminding arrangements or a parent's place of work cannot be taken into account when applying admissions criteria.

#### **1.3.6 Tie breaker:**

Children will be admitted up to the Admission Number in order of priority as outlined above. If, within any one of the priority categories listed, all the applicants cannot be offered a place, preference will be given to children living nearest to the school. Distance will be measured by the Authority using the shortest, safe walking route between the home address and the nearest open school gate. For the avoidance of doubt, in areas where no safe walking route has been identified by the Authority, the shortest driving route between the home address and the nearest open school gate will be used. The distance will be measured by using the Mapinfo System only, in order to ensure equality of opportunity to all applications. Measurements calculated by any other system will not be considered.

### **1.3.7 Siblings**

Children will be classified as siblings if- they are half, full, step, adoptive or fostered brother/ sister living full time/permanently in the same household. Please note that cousins, nephews and nieces are not counted as siblings. In relation to secondary school, siblings must be in years 7 to 11 of the relevant school in September 2024. Siblings attending the sixth form at a comprehensive school in September 2024 are not considered for purpose of admissions of younger children.

### **1.3.8 Multiple Birth Children (e.g. twins or triplets)**

If when applying the oversubscription criteria the last child to be admitted is one of a multiple birth e.g. twin or triplet then the Authority will also admit the other sibling(s).

### **1.3.9 Children of UK Service Personnel**

Children of UK service personnel will be treated as residing in the catchment area if their application is accompanied by an official Ministry of Defence (MOD) or Foreign and Commonwealth Office (fco) letter declaring a definite return date and confirmation of the new address.

### **1.3.10 Admission Number Variations**

Where the Authority is in the process of requesting a variation to the Admission Number of a school, due to changes in the accommodation available, the proposed number is recorded under the relevant school.

### **1.3.11 Late Applications**

Applications received after the closing date and before the offer date will be considered as late applications and only be accepted by the Admissions Authority when a good reason is given for the lateness of the application e.g. when a single parent has been ill for some time, or a family has just moved into the area.

Late Applications that are accepted by the Admissions Authority will be processed after all applications which were received by the closing date, irrespective of the reason for the lateness of the application and will be subjected to the same admissions criteria. Therefore, late applications may find that their preferred school is already full.

### **1.3.12 Waiting Lists**

Following the allocation of places during the normal admission round, any pupil that is refused admission to an oversubscribed school will be placed on the waiting list. The list will be maintained until the 30th September (in line with the requirement in the School Admissions Code). Thereafter parents/carers must make a fresh application for admission (by completing an application form) and/or provide a written request to remain on the waiting list.

Admissions in respect of pupils on waiting lists are determined by application of the over-subscription criteria, not by the length of time a child has been on the waiting list.

### **1.3.13 Sixth Form Admissions**

The admission of sixth form pupils to community schools is, at present, determined by individual schools. Therefore any applications in this category should be made directly to the school.

Individual schools are responsible for issuing policies on sixth form admissions in respect of entry criteria. The Authority has a policy of open access to schools' sixth forms.

## 2: Stages of Education – Maintained Schools

### 2.1: Pre-Nursery / Nursery Education

The Council continuously reviews and reserves the right to amend its admission procedures for non-statutory pre-nursery and nursery education.

#### 2.1.1 Pre-Nursery Education

Pre- Nursery Education is provided part time to children the term following their 3rd birthday. Parents will be able to apply online in September for a pre-nursery place to start in January (term after their child's third birthday) and can apply online in January for a pre-nursery place to start in April (term after their child's third birthday).

#### 2.1.2 Nursery Education

Nursery Education is provided part time from the September i.e. the start of the academic year in which the child turns 4. Full time places are provided the term after the child turns four.

Admission Cohort	Age of Pupil
Pre-Nursery Admission from January 2025 onwards	3rd Birthday falls between: 1st September 2024 and 31st December 2024
Pre-Nursery Admission from April 2025 onwards	3rd Birthday falls between: 1st January 2025 and 31st March 2025 (If your child turns 3 after 31st March 2025, the earliest they can start will be September 2025)

#### 2.1.2.1 Admission Number for Pre-Nursery / Nursery

There is one Admission Number for Pre Nursery / Nursery, which is set by the Authority. Once the Nursery accommodation is full, no further pre-Nursery pupils may be admitted.

Pre-nursery places are provided strictly subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed at any school / Registered Education Provider ( REPs).

Admission of pre nursery children to any school will not be possible any later than the Friday which follows the May Half Term Break.

2.1.2.2 Nursery education is widely provided across Rhondda Cynon Taf through maintained schools and non-maintained REPs both of whom are subject to regular inspections through Estyn.

Pre-nursery and nursery places will initially only be available to parents/carers who are residents within Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough and pay council tax to the Council. There will be opportunities for residents living outside of Rhondda Cynon Taf to apply for pre-nursery and nursery places but this will be subject to availability.

#### **2.1.2.3 Welsh Medium Pre Nursery / Nursery**

The Welsh Government recognises the important part the early years sector plays in the development of children's Welsh language skills, therefore, if Welsh-medium education is your preferred option, please consider this section carefully.

#### **2.1.2.4 Application process**

Parents/ carers can apply for a pre- nursery place for school or REP place online at <https://schooladmissions.rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk/>

Details of the REPS can be found on pages 46 to 47 or alternatively you can ring our Family Information Service (FIS) free helpline on 0800 180 4151 (or 0300 if dialing from a mobile) 111 4151 for further details.

Non-Maintained registered education provision will not be funded cross county. Non- Maintained registered education providers funded dates are in line with school admission dates.

#### **2.1.2.5 Allocation of places**

The decision to allocate a place to your child will be taken in accordance with the Authority's published criteria for Pupil Entry to school and in accordance with Welsh Government expectations section 1.3.

A formal application must be made for transfer to the nursery class from pre nursery provision at the appropriate time. There may be occasions when, due to over subscription, it will not be possible for this transfer to take place.

Pupils who are admitted either to a pre nursery or nursery class do not have an "automatic" right to continue education within that school.

#### **2.1.2.6 Childcare in RCT**

Rhondda Cynon Taf Childcare Team supports the childcare sector to ensure that there is sufficient English and Welsh medium childcare provision to suit the needs of parents and carers. The Childcare Team offer training courses for childcare providers, start-up grants, advice and support. They work closely with other Council services, such as Family Information Service, Resilient Families, open access play and Access & Inclusion.

They are also responsible for the implementation of the Welsh Government Childcare Offer in RCT. This offers most parents of 3 and 4 year olds 30 hours per week of combined Foundation Learning nursery education and additional funded childcare for up to 48 weeks per year.

More information about the Childcare Team, and the Childcare Offer, is available at [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/childcareteam](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/childcareteam)

## 2.2: Primary Education

### 2.2.1 Primary Education

In accordance with section 8 of the Education Act 1996, a child begins to be of compulsory school age the term following their fifth birthday. These dates (1st September, 1st January and 1st April) are prescribed by the Education (Start of Compulsory School Age) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998 No. 1607).

Therefore, for a child whose fifth birthday falls between:

- 1st April – 31st August, compulsory school age is 1st September
  - 1st September – 31st December, compulsory school age is 1st January
  - 1st January – 31st March, compulsory school age is 1st April
- (e.g. a child born on 1st January would not be of compulsory school age until 1st April).

### 2.2.2 Admission to Infant Schools or Infant Departments within Primary schools

Pupils who are admitted to an Infant school, will not have an “automatic” right to continue their education at the junior or primary school that serves the same area. A formal application must be made for transfer to the junior/primary school at the appropriate time.

There will be occasions when, due to over-subscription, it will not be possible for the transfer within the same local junior/primary school to take place. Should this be the case a place will be offered, in consultation with parents/carers, at an alternative school.

### 2.2.3 Transfer to Junior Schools or Junior Departments within Primary Schools

Children enter or transfer from Infant schools to Junior schools, or Junior departments in Primary schools, on the first day of the autumn term (on a given date in September) following their seventh birthday.

Children already attending a primary school do not need to apply for a junior school place.

### 2.2.4. Changing Schools: Primary Education

Changing schools during primary education is a serious step for your child(ren) to take. In the case of moving the family home, such a decision may well be a necessity.

If you decide that you would like your child to transfer from one school to another, please contact their present Head Teacher first to inform them of your decision. Should you wish to proceed with the transfer arrangements you should contact the School Admissions Team for advice in making your application to the new school.

Applications to any year group within a school will be judged against the relevant AN for that year group and the overall capacity of the school.

Parents should note, that classes may include more than one age group and the Head Teacher has the responsibility (authority) for placing your child in the most appropriate provision.

Pupils should continue to attend their present school until a school placement has been arranged.

If a pupil does not take up their offer of a school place within 4 weeks of the agreed start date, the school place will be withdrawn and the parent will need to re-apply.

Pupils are able to transfer from an English Medium to a Welsh Medium school should they so choose. More information on the benefits of a Welsh Medium education can be found by visiting [www.rctcbc.go.uk/BeingBilinigual](http://www.rctcbc.go.uk/BeingBilinigual).

## **2.3: Admission to Secondary Schools**

### **2.3.1 Secondary Education**

2.3.1.1 Children transfer from primary (junior) school to secondary school at the beginning of the academic year following their eleventh birthday. Parents/carers are required, to complete an application stating their preference as to which secondary school they wish their child(ren) to attend. This must be done while their child(ren) are in year 6.

2.3.1.2 Being a registered pupil at an associated primary school does not guarantee or entitle your child to a place at a particular secondary school.

2.3.1.3 Children already attending an all through school do not need to apply for a secondary school place, as they are automatically transferred. Parents who wish to apply for an alternative Secondary school place, are able to do so by completing a Secondary application form.

### **2.3.2 Changing Schools : Secondary Education**

2.3.2.1 Changing secondary schools is a serious step for your child(ren) to take. In the case of moving the family home, such a decision may well be a necessity and you may wish to contact your local school or the School Admissions Team (see page 4) for advice on this matter.

2.3.2.2 If you decide that you would like your child(ren) to transfer from one secondary school to another, in the first instance, please contact the Head Teacher of the school that the child presently attends in order to discuss any issues. If you still wish to proceed with the transfer arrangements you should contact the School Admissions Team for advice in making your application.

2.3.2.3 In considering your request for transfer, the Authority will review the AN and the number of pupils in the year group relevant to your child(ren). If that particular year group has not reached the school's published limit, then your child will be admitted to the school.

2.3.2.4 Parents/Carers should note, however, that curriculum option choices and examination syllabuses vary from school to school and it may not be possible for your child's choices to be met at a different school. This may prove particularly problematic for those pupils leading up to examinations such as those in Years 10/11, who are due to sit GCSEs and those taking AS/A Levels.

2.3.2.5 Pupils are able to transfer from an English Medium to a Welsh Medium school. More information on the benefits of a Welsh Medium education can be found by visiting [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/BeingBilingual](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/BeingBilingual).

Please contact the School Admissions Team (see page 4) for advice on this matter.

## **3: Additional Information re the provision of educational places**

### **3.1: Welsh Medium Provision**

3.1.1 Pupils who attend the Welsh Medium Provision at Dolau Primary School will be expected to transfer to Ysgol Llanhari, if they live within the catchment area.

3.1.2 Pupils who attend the Welsh Medium Provision at Heol Y Celyn Primary School (Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Awel Taf from September 2024) will be expected to transfer to Ysgol Garth Olwg, if they live within the catchment area.

### **3.2 Arrangements with other Local Authorities**

3.2.1 Arrangements exist for pupils living in adjoining LA's to continue to attend schools, in the area of Rhondda Cynon Taf Authority that they have traditionally attended. These arrangements are subject to review each year.

3.2.2 Pupils living within the area of Brynnau, Dolau and Llanharan Primary Schools who wish to receive secondary education through the medium of English to attend Pencoed Comprehensive School should they choose to do so.

Pupils living in Gilfach Goch to attend Abercerdin Primary School to receive primary education through the medium of English should they choose to do so.

3.2.3 Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun opened in 1995 by the former Mid Glamorgan Council and was designed to accommodate pupils from the Cynon Valley and Merthyr Borough area. These arrangements remain in place today and therefore, the catchment area includes the whole of the Merthyr Borough Council area as well as the Cynon Valley.

### **3.3 Catchment Areas**

3.3.1 Catchment areas are subject to review. The outcome of a review may result in the alteration of the primary/secondary links (as given on pages 22-23). The catchment areas of schools within Rhondda Cynon Taf end at the boundary of the county borough in respect of those schools located in proximity to the boundary.

3.3.2 The catchment areas of Y Pant and Bryncelynnog Comprehensive Schools were changed following consultation, with effect from 1st September 2015. Any child living in the areas which transferred to the Bryncelynnog catchment area, who had an older sibling attending Y Pant in July 2015 and has another sibling who will be in Years 7-11 (excluding Yr 12 & 13) in September 2022, will have their application considered as if they still resided in the Y Pant catchment area, i.e. their application will fall in to Category 2 of the Authority's published admissions criteria and not Category 4.

3.3.3 The catchment area for the sixth forms in Tonyrefail and Treorchy are as follows:  
Tonyrefail - The existing Tonyrefail Community School catchment area, the Porth Community School catchment area, and Ysgol Nantgwyn catchment area.

Treorchy - The existing Treorchy Comprehensive School catchment area and the students that reside in the existing Ferndale Community School catchment.

3.3.4 The catchment area for the new Penderyn Welsh Medium School September 2021, includes the communities of Trenant and Penywaun.

3.3.5 The new school building for Hirwaun Primary School opened in September 2021. The catchment area has been extended to include the community of Penderyn. Details can be viewed on the Council website.

3.3.6 The new school builds for Penygawsi and Llanilltud Faerdref Primary Schools opened in the Academic Year 2023-2024.

3.3.7 The new school building for Pontyclun Primary School is due to open in the Academic Year 2024-2025.

3.3.8 Since September 2023, there has been no Year 12 admissions to Pontypridd High School (Ysgol Bro Taf from Sept 24) and Hawthorn High School (Ysgol Afon Wen from Sept 24). As a result of this, the catchment school for Year 12 admissions for both these schools' catchment area's will be Bryncelynnog Comprehensive School.

3.3.9 All of Maesycoed catchment area shall transfer to the catchment area of Pontypridd High School (Ysgol Bro Taf) from September 2024.

3.3.10 All of Coedpenmaen catchment area shall transfer also to the catchment area of Pontypridd High School (Ysgol Bro Taf) from September 2024.

3.3.11 Heol Y Celyn Primary, Cilfynydd Primary School, Hawthorn Primary School and YGG Pontsionnorton will close in September 2024.

3.3.12 The new Welsh Medium Primary School (Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Awel Taf) will open in September 2024, which will be based on the old Heol Y Celyn School site.

3.3.13 YGG Pontsionnorton catchment and the Welsh Medium catchment of Heol Y Celyn will transfer to Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Awel Taf.

3.3.14 All of Heol Y Celyn's English catchment area will be part of the new Ysgol Afon Wen (Hawthorn High School) catchment.

3.3.15 Hawthorn High School and Pontypridd High School will both close August 2024.

3.3.16 The two new All through schools, Ysgol Bro Taf and Ysgol Afon Wen with an age range of pupils of 3-16 years, will open September 2024 on the sites of the former Pontypridd High School and Hawthorn High School respectively. Children attending the schools that will close, are automatically transferred to the new schools, with the children in Heol Y Celyn being split according to which language stream they are in i.e. English to Ysgol Afon Wen and Welsh to Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Awel Taf.

3.3.17 Children attending the Primary department of both these schools will automatically transfer to its Secondary Department subject to parental preference.

3.3.18 YGG Llyn Y Forwyn is changing location in the Academic Year 2024-2025 and the catchment remains the same.

3.3.19 To assist in locating your catchment school, there is a Find a School Facility on the Council's website [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schooladmissions), or contact the School Admissions Team, Tŷ Trevithick, Tel: 01443 281111.

3.3.20 Please refer to the Council's website for details of the school term and holiday published dates Academic Year 2024-25.

## 4: School Admissions Key Dates

### 4.1 Year Groups 2024-2025

#### Academic Year 2024-2025

Year	Age during academic Year	Date of Birth between	National Curriculum	Other names
Pre-Nursery	3	1.9.2021 – 31.8.2022		Foundation Phase
Nursery	4	1.9.2020 – 31.8.2021	Nursery	Foundation Phase
Reception	5	1.9.2019 – 31.8.2020	Reception	Foundation Phase
1	6	1.9.2018 – 31.8.2019	Year 1	Foundation Phase
2	7	1.9.2017 – 31.8.2018	Year 2	Foundation Phase
3	8	1.9.2016 – 31.8.2017	Key Stage 2	Juniors
4	9	1.9.2015 – 31.8.2016		
5	10	1.9.2014 – 31.8.2015		
6	11	1.9.2013 – 31.8.2014		
7	12	1.9.2012 – 31.8.2013	Key Stage 3	Form 1
8	13	1.9.2011 – 31.8.2012		Form 2
9	14	1.9.2010 – 31.8.2011		Form 3
10	15	1.9.2009 – 31.8.2010	Key Stage 4	Form 4
11	16	1.9.2008 – 31.8.2009		Form 5
12	17	1.9.2007 – 31.8.2008	Key Stage 5	Lower Sixth
13	18	1.9.2006 – 31.8.2007		Upper Sixth

### Compulsory School Age

Date of 5th birthday falls between:	Becomes of Compulsory School Age on:
1.4.2019 – 31.8.2019	1.9.2024
1.9.2019 – 31.12.2019	1.1.2025
1.1.2020 – 31.3.2020	1.4.2025

## Leaving Age

The official school leaving age is legally defined as the last Friday in June in the school year in which a pupil attains the age of 16 [Year 11].

For the 2024-2025 school year, this date is 13th June 2025.

No Year 11 student is legally able to leave school before this date even if they attain their 16th birthday on 1st September 2024.

### 4.2 Admission Timetable 2024-2025 Academic Year

Admission Cohort	Age of Pupil	Applications available from	Applications to be Returned by	Decision Notifications Issued
Secondary School Year 7	12th birthday falls between: 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025	1st September 2023	13th October 2023	1st March 2024
Primary School Year 3 (transfer from Infant to Junior or Primary School)	8th birthday falls between: 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025	1st September 2023	10th November 2023	16th April 2024
Primary School Reception Class (i.e. Age 4 before 1st Sept 2024)	5th birthday falls between: 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025	1st September 2023	10th November 2023	16th April 2024
Primary School Nursery Class (i.e. Age 3 before 1st Sept 2024)	4th birthday falls between: 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025	1st September 2023	10th November 2023	16th April 2024
Pre-Nursery Admission from January 2025 (Spring Term)	3rd birthday falls between: 1st September 2024 and 31st December 2024	2nd September 2024	27th September 2024	8th November 2024
Pre-Nursery Admission from April 2025 (Summer Term)	3rd birthday falls between: 1st January 2025 and 31st March 2025	1st January 2025	7th February 2025	14th March 2025

### 4.3. Appeal Timetable – Year 7, Year 3 and Reception Only

Admission Cohort	Closing Date for Receipt of Appeals	Appeals Heard
Secondary School Year 7	15th March 2024	Within 30 school days of the specified closing date for receipt of appeals.
Primary School Reception Class and Year 3 transfers from Infant Schools	29th April 2024	Within 30 school days of the specified closing date for receipt of appeals.

(There are no appeals in respect of nursery and pre nursery admissions)

Please note it is the parents responsibility to prove that an appeal request has been sent and therefore we strongly advise that all appeal requests are sent via recorded delivery or a tracked e-mail for evidence purposes.

## 5: Appeals

### 5.1 Appeals Process

5.1.1 Parents/Carers will be notified, in writing, of the outcome of their application including the means of appealing against the decision. Where there is recourse to appeal, this can be done in Welsh or English.

5.1.2 On the application parents/carers are required to enter a first, second and third choice of school. If, having applied the admissions criteria (see page 8), it has not been possible to admit the child(ren) to their first choice school, arrangements will be made for admission to the second choice. If parents/carers are unhappy with this outcome, they may lodge an appeal against the decision.\*

5.1.3 Where parents/carers have not stated a second or third choice, for compulsory school age applications, they will be contacted and asked whether, they wish to:

- i. Make a second choice of their own.
- ii. Accept an alternative school which can be offered by the Authority.
- iii. Appeal against the decision not to admit the child(ren) to the first choice school.

\* Not applicable for applications for entry to nursery schools or classes, or pre nursery provision.

### 5.2 Appeals Procedure

5.2.1 Parents/Carers wishing to appeal against the outcome of their application for the admission of their child(ren) to a school (other than a Voluntary Aided Church school) must;

- i. Give the LA written notice of their appeal within 14 calendar days (10 working days) of the admission(s) decision.
- ii. Forward the letter of appeal to; The Director of Education and Inclusion Services, Tŷ Trevithick, Abercynon, Mountain Ash, CF45 4UQ or e-mail [schooladmissions@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@rctcbc.gov.uk).
- iii. State in the letter, the name and date of birth of the child(ren) on whose behalf the appeal is being made. The name of the first choice school and the grounds for the appeal.

5.2.2 The LA's admissions officer will arrange for any appeals to be heard by an independent panel. Appeals will be heard within 30 school days of the closing date for the receipt of appeals (see 5.2.1).

5.2.3 Parents/Carers will be given at least 14 days, from the date of posting i.e. 10 working days, written notice of the date on which the appeal will be heard. A shorter timescale may be operated with the agreement of both parties.

5.2.4 Parents/Carers may attend the hearing and make representation to the panel (written and/or verbal). Parents/Carers will be given the option to speak Welsh at the meeting. In such circumstances where the meeting cannot wholly be conducted in Welsh, simultaneous translation services will be provided.

5.2.5 If parents/carers choose to attend the hearing, they may be accompanied or represented by a friend, adviser, interpreter or signer who will be present in a supportive capacity only, unless the parents/carers elects that the friend/representative speaks on their behalf. If parents/carers intend to be accompanied they should inform the LA in advance.

5.2.6 Should parents/carers choose to be represented by a solicitor, the Authority must be notified in writing at least 7 days before the date of the hearing (address as above).

5.2.7 Parents/Carers must not be accompanied by a member of the County Borough Council, a Local Authority Officer or local politician as this may lead to a conflict of interest.

5.2.8 Parents/Carers may choose not to attend the hearing, the outcome will then be decided on the content of the original letter (and any additional written supportive information) forwarded by the parents/carers.

5.2.9 Parents/Carers will be notified of the outcome of the appeal, in writing, within 5 working days of the conclusion of the appeal hearing.

5.2.10 Acceptance of a second choice offer does not prevent parents/carers lodging an appeal against the decision not to admit the child(ren) to the first choice school.

5.2.11 Please note it is the parents responsibility to prove that an appeal request has been sent and therefore we strongly advise that all appeal requests are sent via recorded delivery or a tracked e- mail for evidence purposes.

## 5.3 Nursery Appeals

### 5.3.1 Nursery Aged Children (age under 5)

There is no recourse to appeal the refusal to admit to pre nursery or nursery aged children (on either a full-time or part-time basis) to a school.

## 5.4 Basis of Appeal

i. All permissible appeals will be considered in light of the Authority's admissions criteria to determine whether the correct process has been followed in applying this criteria. (for criteria see page 8).

ii. If it is found that the school is full, consideration will then be given to the strength of the parent's/ carer's case to determine whether the child(ren) should still be admitted to that school.

iii. In respect of an appeal against admissions to reception classes, year 1 or year 2, that are affected by the infant class size limit of 30, the panel must only look at whether the admissions criteria were applied correctly.

## 5.5 Appeals Update 2022-2023

During the Academic Year 2022-2023, the Authority received 19 appeals from parents/carers whose applications for children to attend community schools had been unsuccessful. Of these 19 appeals, the outcome was :-

- **Successful 18**
- **Unsuccessful 0**
- **Appeal withdrawn 1**

During the Academic Year 2022-2023, there were 6 appeals received from parents/carers whose applications for children to attend voluntary-aided (church) schools had been unsuccessful. The outcome of their appeals was :-

- **Successful 5**
- **Unsuccessful 1**
- **Appeal withdrawn 0**

## 5.6 Appeals to Voluntary Aided (Church) Schools

Appeals against decisions in respect of admission(s) to Voluntary Aided (Church) Schools must be made directly to the governing body of the school concerned. This may be done by addressing the letter of appeal to the Clerk to the governing body and forwarding it to the school.

## 6: General Information for Parents / Carers

### 6.1 Regular Attendance at School

6.1.1 Regular school attendance is known to be a key factor in supporting the social, emotional and educational development and wellbeing of children and young people. For this reason poor attendance as a result of either truancy or absences condoned by parents are taken very seriously by the Local Authority.

6.1.2 Schools are responsible for tackling issues of poor or irregular school attendance in the first instance, however if improvements are not made the school is encouraged to refer pupils to the Attendance and Wellbeing Service. Under section 7 of the Education Act 1996, parents have a legal duty to ensure their children receive efficient full time education that is suitable to their children's age, ability and aptitude, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise. Where there is sufficient evidence that parents are not fulfilling this legal duty, the Local Authority has a responsibility to institute court proceedings under Section 444 (1) of the Education Act 1996. In Rhondda Cynon Taf this responsibility is devolved to the Attendance and Wellbeing Service.

6.1.3 In accordance with The Education (Penalty Notices) (Wales) Regulations 2013, the local authority has a Code of Conduct for the issuing of fixed penalty notices for regular non-school attendance. All penalty notices issued for non-school attendance will be processed in line with this Code, a copy of which can be obtained from any RCT school, the Attendance and Wellbeing Service ([aws@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:aws@rctcbc.gov.uk)), or the Council website ([www.rctcbc.gov.uk](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk)).

6.1.4 Furthermore, the Council maintains a firm approach to holidays in term time; Head teachers will consider each request on its own merits and have the discretion to authorise or unauthorise every leave of absence period. Should there be any special family circumstances that prohibit a family taking a holiday during the school holiday periods, the head teacher may possibly decide to authorise the request. Again, further details can be found on the Council's website or by contacting your local school.

### 6.2 Authority's policy on Food and Drink in schools

#### 6.2.1 School Meals

A catering service is provided in all schools and meals are cooked and served by trained staff using quality products and ingredients that comply with all food safety legislation. All menus comply with the Welsh Government's Food & Drink Standards.

6.2.2 The Service is tailored to meet the needs of the school. Specific dietary requirements can be catered for, however, a medically prescribed dietary requirement cannot be provided until the following process has been completed:-

- A letter from a registered medical practitioner or a registered dietitian, which details the specific food allergy/intolerance or medical condition the pupil has, has been provided to the School and the Catering Services Team.
- A bespoke menu has been designed to meet the pupil's needs.
- The menu has been reviewed by the pupils' parent/carers and a consent form has been received.

**This process can be initiated before the pupil starts school to avoid any delay in food provision.**

#### 6.2.3 Primary School Free Breakfast Initiative

A free breakfast is available between 08.00 and 09.00 (local time variations may be applied) in all Primary schools. An on-line application form must be completed prior to the pupil attending.

#### 6.2.4 School Milk

Free milk is provided daily to all Foundation Phase pupils.

**6.2.5 Universal Primary Free School Meals (UPFSM)** Within Rhondda Cynon Taf, the Council will be rolling out the UPFSM offer as follows:-

- from 5th September 2022, all Reception aged pupils offered a UPFSM.
- from January 2023, the offer was extended to include all Year 1 pupils and eligible Nursery pupils.
- from April 2023, the offer was extended to include all Year 2 pupils and eligible Nursery pupils.
- from September 2023, the offer will be extended to include all Year 3 and 4 pupils and eligible Nursery pupils.
- from April 2024, the offer will be extended to include all Year 5 and 6 pupils.

#### 6.2.6 Free School Meals

Free school meals are available to children whose parents/carers are currently receiving one of the following benefits:

- Child Tax Credit – where total annual income is also less than £16,190
- Income Support (with responsibility for children)
- Income Based Job Seekers' Allowance (with responsibility for children)

- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of state Pension Credit
- Pupils who receive Income Support or income-based Job Seekers' Allowance, in their own right, are also eligible to receive free school meals
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related) (ESA(IR))
- Universal Credit (if working, annualised net earnings must be £7,400 or lower)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you think you may be entitled to a free school meal for your child, please complete an online application, which can be found on the Council's website. Once you are entitled to a free school meal you could automatically qualify for a school clothing and equipment grant (PDG Access Grant) and/or an allowance, which is administered by secondary schools.

**You must apply for a Free School Meal even if you receive a Universal Primary Free School Meal for your child as this will affect your possible entitlement to a PDG Access Grant.**

For further information please contact the in house Rhondda Cynon Taf Catering Services team

Tel: 01443 281141 • Email: [cateringservices@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:cateringservices@rctcbc.gov.uk) Or visit our website: [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolcatering](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolcatering)

## 6.3 Authority's policy on School Uniform

6.3.1 The wearing of a school uniform in Primary schools in Rhondda Cynon Taf is entirely voluntary. It is compulsory for all Secondary Schools.

Note: Individual schools also have their own policies in relation to food and drink and school uniform and should be contacted directly for full details.

## 6.4 Authority's policy on entering pupils for public exams

6.4.1 All Rhondda Cynon Taf secondary schools offer a full range of level 2 courses most of which are for GCSE qualifications. All the 11-18 schools also offer a variety of level 3 courses, in the main G.C.E. A level courses and the majority of our secondary schools offer the Welsh Baccalaureate. In addition, a number of schools offer a range of other courses at NVQ and GNVQ at a range of levels.

6.4.2 Individual pupils are entered by schools for examinations according to their subject choices and after careful consideration of the requirements of individual pupils by teachers, parents and the pupils themselves. In addition to advice given by schools, officers of Careers Wales will also provide advice. The School meets the costs of approved examination entries.

## 6.5 Welsh Medium & Welsh Language Education

6.5.1 In accordance with the Welsh Government's Welsh-medium Education Strategy (April 2010), the LA's policy is that every child should have the opportunity to learn and use the Welsh language effectively. Whatever language you speak at home, Welsh-medium education can give your child additional opportunities, experiences and skills.

6.5.2 Welsh medium education differs from the teaching of the Welsh language itself as an academic subject. Welsh as a subject is taught as a first language in Welsh medium schools. In the majority of English medium schools, Welsh is taught as a second language.

6.5.3 Currently provision is made for this in the following ways, in line with the LA Welsh in Education Strategic Plan.

- a) Education is available at Welsh Medium Primary Schools to all pupils whose parents select that medium of education. Although the main medium of instruction is Welsh, pupils in Key Stage 2 also study the National Curriculum programmes of study for English to the appropriate level.
- b) Pupils will be able to continue their education at a Welsh Medium Comprehensive School.

The teaching of Welsh as a second language in English Medium Schools.

- a) In the foundation Phase Welsh is taught to all pupils. The emphasis is on using the language with purpose and in meaningful situations. In addition, the incidental use of the language during the school day is encouraged.
- b) At Key Stage 2, the language is further developed orally and more attention is given to teaching, reading and writing skills.
- c) At Key Stage 3 and 4 Welsh is taught to all pupils. Opportunities are provided in all schools for pupils to continue their studies for both 16+ and "A" level examinations.

### 6.5.4 Benefits of a Welsh Medium Education

For more information on the benefits of a Welsh Medium Education and a list of FAQ for parents/carers who's predominant language is English have a look at our Being Bilingual booklet available online here - [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/BeingBilingual](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/BeingBilingual)

## 7.1 Associated Primary / Secondary Schools

Please note that being a registered pupil at an associated primary school does not guarantee or entitle your child to a place at a particular secondary school.

<b>1. Aberdare Community School</b>	<b>5. Mountain Ash Comprehensive</b>
Abernant Primary Aberdare Park Primary Blaengwawr Primary Capcoch Primary Caradog Primary Cwmaman Primary Cwmbach Primary Cwmdar Primary Hirwaun Primary Llwydcoed Primary Oaklands Primary Penywaun Primary Rhigos Primary	Abercynon Primary Caegarw Primary Darrenlas Primary Glenboi Primary Miskin Primary Pengeulan Primary Penrhiwceiber Primary Perthcelyn Community Primary Ynysboeth Primary
<b>2. Bryncelynog Comprehensive</b>	<b>6. Ysgol Bro Taf</b>
Gwauncelyn Primary Gwaunmeisgyn Primary Llanilltud Faerdref Primary Llantrisant Primary Llwyncrwn Primary Maesybryn Primary Penygawsi Primary	Cefn Primary Coedpenmaen Primary Coedylan Primary Craig-yr-Hesg Primary Maesycoed Primary Trallwng Infants Trehopcyn Primary Trerobart Primary
<b>3. Ferndale Community School</b>	<b>7. Porth Community School</b>
Darran Park Primary Maerdy Community Primary Penrhys Primary Tylorstown Primary Pontygwaith Primary	Alaw Primary Cymmer Primary Hafod Primary Trealaw Primary Ynyshir Primary
<b>4. Ysgol Afon Wen</b>	<b>8. Ysgol Nant Gwyn</b>
Ffynnon Taf Primary Parclewis Primary	Cwmclydach Primary Llwynypia Primary Pontrhondda Primary Williamstown Primary

<b>9. Tonyrefail Community School</b>	<b>14. Ysgol Llanhari</b>
Cwmlai Primary School Hendreforgan Primary Tref Yr Rhyg Primary	Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Gymraeg Llantrisant Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Tonyrefail Dolau Primary (Welsh Unit)
<b>10. Treorchy Comprehensive</b>	<b>15. Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun</b>
Bodringallt Primary Gelli Primary Parc Primary Penpych Community Primary Penyreglyn Community Primary Ton Pentre Infants Ton Pentre Junior Treorchy Primary	Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Abercynon Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Aberdar Penderyn Primary School
<b>11. Y Pant Comprehensive</b>	<b>16. Cardinal Newman R.C. Comprehensive</b>
Brynnau Primary Dolau Primary (English Unit) Llanhari Primary Llanharan Primary Pontyclun Primary Tonysguboriau Primary	Our Ladys R.C. Primary SS Gabriel & Raphael R.C. Primary St Michael's R.C. Primary
<b>12. Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda</b>	<b>17. St John Baptist C.I.W. High</b>
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bodringallt Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bronllwyn Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llwynceilyn Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llyn-y-Forwyn Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Ynyswen	Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary Cwmbach Church in Wales Primary Cross Border Arrangement (see page 33)
<b>13. Ysgol Garth Olwg</b>	<b>18. Pencoed Comprehensive – Bridgend</b>
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Castellau Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Evan James Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Awel Taf	Brynnau Primary Dolau Primary Llanharan Primary
	<b>19. Bishop Hedley R.C. Comprehensive – Merthyr Tydfil</b>  • St Margaret's R.C. Primary

## 8: Additional Learning Needs

### Rhondda Cynon Taf Education Authority Provision for Additional Learning Needs

#### 8.1 The Policy

It is the Authority's policy that all children, as far as is possible within the terms of the Education Act 1996 (amended by the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 and the Additional Learning Needs and Educational Tribunal Act 2018) should be educated in mainstream Welsh, English and dual language schools within their local communities. The Additional Learning Needs Code 2021 provides statutory advice to professionals regarding their roles and responsibilities and further guidance is provided within the Equality Act 2010. Within the context of this statement of policy, the Authority is committed to the following general principles for children with additional learning needs.

- A commitment to the principle of inclusion in so far as it is compatible with the child receiving any additional learning provision required, the provision of efficient education for the other children with whom the child is to be educated and the efficient use of resources.
- The additional learning needs of children, including those of pre-school age, will be identified, recorded, assessed and met as early as possible and will be reviewed regularly.
- Parents and carers are encouraged to participate in the process of the identification and assessment of their child's additional learning needs. Decisions regarding additional learning provision will take a person centred approach and take into account where possible, the child's own views. The collaborative approach to making provision for additional learning needs includes guidance to the parents/carers of children with additional learning needs about their statutory rights, the drafting of parent/carer representation and ways in which they can work in partnership with their child's school.
- The provision of quality educational opportunities for all children and young people and the recognition of their entitlement to a broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum. The principle will apply regardless of gender, race, additional learning needs or disability.
- An acknowledgement that a child may, at any time, have educational needs that will require specialist provision.
- The maintenance of a flexible continuum of provision designed to meet the additional learning needs of individual pupils. The majority of children with additional learning needs will have their needs met in their local school from the school's resources. However, it is also recognised that there are children whose needs will require additional resources.
- The maintenance of a range of central support services to assist with assessment and advise on provision for children with additional learning needs.
- The importance of effective liaison with agencies, both statutory and voluntary, is recognised in determining the nature of a child's additional learning needs and the provision necessary to respond to those needs by working in partnership.
- Recognition of the duty on the Authority in its strategic planning role, to monitor and review regularly its arrangements for ensuring effective additional learning provision within the County Borough. Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council has a service for identifying the additional learning needs of any learners, as fully and promptly as possible.
- Any additional support identified is provided without undue delay. The quality of the provision and the deployment of specialist staff across the County Borough is reviewed regularly.
- The provision of guidance, support and training for Governors, Head Teachers, Additional Learning Need Co-ordinators (ALNCo) and staff in relation to their duties and responsibilities for children with additional learning needs.

The progress of each child with additional learning needs is closely monitored and reviewed at least annually.

## 8.2 Specialist Educational Placements

The Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal Act 2018 clearly states that most pupils with additional learning needs should receive appropriate and inclusive additional learning provision within their local mainstream Welsh, English or dual language school. However, children with significant and very complex learning difficulties may be offered placement in a Learning Support Class within a mainstream school or in a special school.

Children with significant and highly complex social, emotional and behavioural difficulties may receive their education via RCT's EOTAS (Education Other Than At School) Provision.

Decisions regarding specialist placements are made by the Access and Inclusion Service following consultation with parents, schools, health professionals and other relevant support services.

## 8.3 Advice

If parents/carers feel that their child may have additional learning needs they should, in the first instance, arrange to discuss their child's difficulties with the Head Teacher of the child's current school. Further information, concerning additional learning needs and the provision available in the County Borough, for meeting additional learning needs can be accessed via the [www.rctcbc.gov.uk](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk) website

or by contacting the Access and Inclusion Service at Ty Trevithick (Tel: 01443 744344). Professional advice can also be obtained from all teams within the Access and Inclusion Service which includes:-

- Access and Inclusion  
Tel: 01443 744333
- Additional Learning Needs Administrative Service  
Tel: 01443 744344

We welcome correspondence in Welsh

## 9: Provision of Home to School/College Transport

### Learner Travel Policy, Information and Arrangements

The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 requires Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (the Council) to make available information about their policies and the arrangements that are put in place for transporting learners.

In doing so, the Council's Learner Travel Policy, Information and Arrangements contain guidance designed to inform parents, carers and learners on how the policy is practically implemented and ensure that it is applied consistently and equitably across the County Borough.

Any decisions made by Council Officers regarding entitlement will be based on this document and, subject to compliance with the information contained within, will be considered to be final.

### 9.1 Statutory Provision of Free Transport

There is a statutory duty placed upon the Council to:

- Assess the travel needs of learners in its area.
- Provide free home to school transport for learners of compulsory school age attending primary school who live 2 miles or further from their nearest suitable school.
- Provide free home to school transport for learners of compulsory school age attending secondary school who live 3 miles or further from their nearest suitable school.
- Assess and meet the needs of children "looked after" in its area.
- Promote access to Welsh medium education.
- Promote sustainable modes of travel.

To meet this duty, the Council provides learners with free transport to their nearest suitable school if they reside beyond safe "walking distance" to that school. The term nearest suitable school applies to the catchment area or nearest Welsh, English, dual language or voluntary aided (faith) mainstream school or special school/class as appropriate.

The law relating to safe "walking distance" is defined as two miles for learners of compulsory school age receiving primary education and three miles for learners of compulsory school age receiving secondary education.

### 9.2 Discretionary Provision of Free Transport

Beyond the statutory minimum, the Council has determined that when assessing entitlement on the basis of safe "walking distance", to use the discretionary powers afforded to it under the provisions of the Measure to make a more generous provision to learners.

- The eligibility criterion for walking distance for learners receiving compulsory primary education at their nearest suitable school has been set at 1.5 miles, instead of 2 miles as required by the Measure.
- Free transport to their nearest suitable school, where places are available, is provided to learners who meet the 1.5 mile eligibility criterion from the start of the Foundation Phase (the start of the school term after their third birthday), rather than from the start of compulsory education (the start of the school term after their fifth birthday) as required by the Measure.
- The eligibility criterion for walking distance for learners receiving compulsory secondary education at their nearest suitable school has been set at 2 miles instead of 3 miles as required by the Measure.

- Free transport is provided to post 16 learners who meet the 2 mile eligibility criterion for two years after the end of compulsory education, rather than until the end of compulsory education (the last Friday in June of the school year in which a learner reaches the age of 16) as required by the Measure. This provision applies to full time attendance at the nearest suitable school or college to the learner's home at which the approved course of study that they wish to pursue is offered.
- Free transport to their nearest suitable school is provided to learners (as set out above) in accordance with their preferred religious denomination. This does not apply to learners who do not have a continuous history of attending a voluntary aided (faith) school of a particular religious denomination.

The term nearest suitable school applies to the catchment area or nearest Welsh, English, dual language or voluntary aided (faith) mainstream school or special school/class as appropriate.

The discretionary elements of the Council's policy are subject to review and may be discontinued. Any proposed changes will be subject to consultation with learners and parents/carers and, if taken forward by the Council, will usually apply from the start of a school year and will have regard to the Learner Travel Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance - June 2014 or its replacement.

### 9.3. Transport Provision

Learners eligible to receive free school transport do not need to apply and will be notified of their entitlement by the Transportation Service's Integrated Transport Unit. Learners with Additional Learning Needs (ALN) will be notified of their entitlement by Education and Inclusion Services and will need to complete an ALN Transport Application Form before transport is provided (see section 9.10).

The provision of free school transport (as set out above) will be arranged to coincide with the start and end of the normal school day only, not at lunchtimes, and shall be provided during the school term time.

It is not provided for medical appointments, collection from school or college due to illness, detention requirements, and part time or examination timetables.

Where the Council has arranged for a learner to attend an out of county residential school, transport will only be provided at the start and end of each half term.

Transport will normally be provided from pick up points at approved bus stops on the nearest public transport route to the learner's home. Transport will not be provided to alternative addresses to suit parent's work or other commitments. Where a learner has to walk an unreasonably long distance to the bus stop, special transport arrangements may be made. For learners with ALN, transport is usually provided to and from the home address, with every effort being made to collect / drop off at the kerbside. It is for parents/carers to take / meet their child(ren) to / from the vehicle. No arrangements will involve the transport provided operating onto un-adopted roads, private land or farm access tracks.

It will not always be possible to arrange the routes for our contracted vehicles to pass close to the home of a learner. In such circumstances, it may be necessary for parents or carers to make arrangements for the learner to reach the nearest available pick-up point on the contracted route allocated to them. Every effort will be made to keep as short as possible the distance from a learner's house to the pick-up point, and will normally not exceed one mile.

It is the intention of the Council to provide a system of transportation that will seek to carry learners safely, comfortably and without unreasonable levels of stress.

## 9.4. Children Looked After

The same age and distance criteria apply to children 'looked after' (CLA) as to children who are not looked after. If the Council determines that a looked after child should attend a school other than the nearest suitable school then transport will be provided upon request by the child's social worker and authorised by the appropriate Social Work Team Manager, in accordance with the Council's agreed policy on walking distance and safe routes (as set out above). Local authorities who place CLA learners in Rhondda Cynon Taf are responsible for funding the travel arrangements.

## 9.5. Parental Preference

Should any parents/carers choose to place their child(ren) in a school other than the local catchment area school (Welsh, English, dual language or voluntary aided (faith) mainstream school or special school/class as appropriate) then those parents/carers are totally liable to organise and pay for the cost of transport to the chosen school, unless that school is nearer to the learner's home than the designated catchment school.

## 9.6. Cross Border Arrangements

Transport may be provided to eligible learners attending courses of study outside the County Borough where such attendance is consistent with it being the nearest suitable school rather than the designated catchment school.

Learners living in Bryncae, Llanharan and Brynna who secure a place in Pencoed Comprehensive School will be provided with free transport.

Learners residing in Rhondda Cynon Taf who attend the Blessed Carlo Acutis (Merthyr Tydfil), and the Bishop of Llandaff Church in Wales High School (Cardiff), may also receive transport in accordance with the 'nearest suitable school' criterion (as set out above).

## 9.7. Over-Subscribed Schools

If a learner cannot be admitted to the nearest suitable school (the catchment area Welsh, English, dual language or voluntary aided (faith) mainstream school or special school/class as appropriate) and, as a result, has to attend another school beyond the walking distance from their home then transport will be provided to the next nearest suitable school. In such circumstances, consideration will be given to transporting siblings to the same school.

## 9.8. Protected Provision – Catchment Area Variations

Where the Council decides to vary the catchment area for a school (Welsh, English, dual language or voluntary aided (faith) mainstream school or special school/class as appropriate), existing transport arrangements will be protected for the learners living in the areas affected for the duration of their attendance at the school or until they reach the end of that phase. In exceptional circumstances, consideration may be given to transporting siblings to the same school.

## 9.9. Special Arrangements - Hazardous Routes

The criterion used to determine the eligibility to receive free school transport is based on safe walking distance, measured by the shortest, available walking route. A route is considered to be available if it is safe for a learner to walk alone or, if appropriate for the age of the learner, accompanied by an appropriate adult. It is recognised that occasions will arise when routes may become hazardous. In these circumstances, the Council reserves the right to provide free school transport over distances below the discretionary limits if this is recommended by appropriate officers in the interests of the safety of the relevant learners.

In determining the comparative safety of a walking route, the Council will conduct an assessment of the risks that escorting parents/carers and learners might encounter along the route between home and school. The assessment of a route will take place at the time of the day and on the days of the week that learners would be expected to use the route. It will take a road safety perspective and follow the Welsh Government Statutory Guidance on Risk Assessing Walked Routes to School.

**As a matter of policy, these routes will be reviewed biennially and discretionary provision may be withdrawn where the identified hazard has been mitigated and the route identified as available to walk in safety. Parents/carers will be given at least one term advance notice of the withdrawal of such discretionary transport.**

## 9.10. Children with Additional Learning Needs/Disabilities

Free transport for learners with additional learning needs/disabilities receiving education at their catchment or nearest special school, pupil referral unit or learning support class is provided in accordance with the Council's agreed policy on walking distance and safe routes (as set out above).

Applications for transport on distance grounds must be made once a school place is confirmed by the Council's Access and Inclusion ALN Panel. Details are available from the Council's website at [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolandcollegetransport](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolandcollegetransport)

If parents decline an offer of a placement at their catchment or nearest special school, pupil referral unit or learning support class, they become responsible for providing transport to school.

Learners with disabilities (as defined by the Equality Act 2010) may be entitled to assistance with transport from home to an appropriate school/college even though the Council's agreed criteria on safe walking distance (as set out above) are not met. Applications must be supported by appropriate medical evidence. Assistance may include transport from after school provision. Such provision is subject to referral to, and approval by, the Council's Access and Inclusion ALN or Gate-keeping Panels. Any such referrals must be supported by appropriate evidence and each case will be considered on the basis of individual need.

## 9.11. Dual Residency

Only permanent established living arrangements should be considered e.g. a learner who stays two nights of every school week with one person with parental responsibility and three nights of every school week with the other, or alternate weeks with each parent. Such arrangements do not apply where a learner spends weekends with a different parent from where the learner lives during the school week. The nights of the school week are Sunday evening/Monday morning to Thursday evening/Friday morning inclusive.

If the second home address is:

- Above the statutory distance - They will be entitled to free transport for the days they will be travelling on that route.
- Within the discretionary distance - They will be entitled to free transport for the days they will be travelling on that route.
- Below the discretionary distance - No transport will be provided but sale of seat options may be available (see section 9.22).
- Within the local catchment area of the school that the learner attends, or the school is the nearest suitable school from the second home address - They will be entitled to free transport for the days they will be travelling on that route, otherwise no transport will be provided but sale of seat options may be available (see section 9.22).

## 9.12. Transport on Medical Grounds

Free transport to and from school may be provided on medical grounds e.g. chronic illness or temporary incapacity for short but continuous periods. Each application must specify:

- The nature of the illness or incapacity.
- The reason that this impacts on travel to school.
- The extent of the impact e.g. expected duration.

Transport may not be in the form of a dedicated vehicle from the house address where a reasonable adjustment to the Council's normal practices can be made in order to accommodate the learner's specific needs e.g. the allocation of a seat on a nearby contracted school bus.

Each case will be considered on its own merits and will be on the recommendation of an appropriate Health / Medical Officer and subject to confirmation by the Council's Medical Transport Gate-keeping Panel. Where agreed, this provision will be subject to a regular review.

## 9.13. Transport to Welsh Medium and Dual Language Schools

There is no statutory requirement to provide transport to Welsh medium and dual language schools. The Council's current policy is that learners attending the nearest Welsh medium or dual language school receive free transport in accordance with the Council's agreed policy on walking distance and safe routes (as set out above).

## 9.14. Transport to Voluntary Aided (Faith) Schools

There is no statutory requirement to provide transport to voluntary aided (faith) schools. The Council's current policy is that learners attending the nearest voluntary aided school of the parent/carers denomination receive free transport in accordance with the Council's agreed discretionary policy on walking distance and safe routes (as set out above). This does not apply to learners who do not have a continuous history of attending a voluntary aided (faith) school of a particular religious denomination.

## 9.15. Provision for Learners Aged 16 to 19

There is no statutory requirement to provide transport for post 16 learners. The Council's current policy is that post 16 learners, who meet the 2 mile eligibility criterion (as set out above) will only be eligible for free transport to the nearest suitable school / campus at which the approved 16 to 19 study courses are available. If the same courses are available in a number of schools / campuses, free transport is only provided to the closest. Those aged 16 to 21 can save approximately 30% on bus travel with mytravelpass. Apply online at [www.mytravelpass.gov.wales](http://www.mytravelpass.gov.wales).

Learners who wish to continue their studies at their current school after year 11 (GCSE or equivalent) need to take no further action. Where a learner is to attend a different school to access post 16 education, because there is no post 16 provision at their current school, the new school will co-ordinate such transport requests and will make the Integrated Transport Unit aware of their enrolment. This will enable entitlement to free transport to be assessed in accordance with the policy. Learners who wish to pursue a College course are required to complete an on line transport application available at [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolandcollegetransport](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolandcollegetransport). Transport will only be provided to post 16 learners who have a continuous history of attending a voluntary aided (faith) school of a particular religious denomination, unless the approved 16 to 19 study courses are not available at a nearer establishment.

In accordance with the Council's agreed discretionary policy on walking distance and safe routes (as set out above), transport provision may be made for learners pursuing approved full time educational programmes at Bridgend College, Cardiff and Vale College, The College Merthyr Tydfil, Neath Port Talbot College, Coleg Y Cymoedd (Ystrad Mynach), Futsal (Cardiff) and St David's Catholic Sixth Form College (Cardiff). Details of the approved educational programmes are available from the;

**School Improvement Team, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council,  
Education and Inclusion Services, Ty Trevithick, Abercynon, Mountain Ash, CF45 4UQ.**

**No transport will be provided for mainstream learners beyond the second academic year after the end of compulsory education. In exceptional circumstances, transport may be provided until the end of the academic year in which a learner attains their 19th birthday.**

Travel arrangements in respect of any subsequent attendance are the responsibility of the learner. Where there is spare capacity available to purchase on an existing contracted school transport route, priority is given to those under the age of 25.

This transport policy covers school sixth form and college full time further education courses only approved by Qualifications Wales and does not extend to higher education courses funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW).

Post 16 learners may be eligible for the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA), funded by Welsh Government and administered on their behalf by Student Finance Wales. The EMA is intended to support post 16 learners to access post 16 education. Details to determine eligibility for EMA are available from the Student Finance Wales website at [www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/fe/ema](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/fe/ema)

Bus passes, for use on either contracted services or the local public transport network are then provided to all eligible learners.

Information including travel times, pick up and drop off points etc is available at [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolandcollegetransport](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolandcollegetransport)

Information about public transport services is available from the Traveline Cymru website at [www.traveline.cymru](http://www.traveline.cymru)

Where learners do not take up an offer of, or withdraw from, a school sixth form or college further education course, passes should be returned to the Integrated Transport Unit. Failure to do so will result in the cost of transport being reclaimed.

## **9.16. Provision for Learners Aged 16 to 19 with Additional Learning Needs**

The Council's current policy for post 16 learners with additional learning needs is that free transport is provided to those whose home address is 2 miles or more from the nearest available special school / class / college, at which the approved timetabled courses are studied, until the end of the academic year in which they attain their 19th birthday. Travel arrangements in respect of any subsequent attendance are at the discretion of the learning provider. Please contact Student Services at the college to confirm transport arrangements before enrolling into college. Where there is spare capacity available to purchase a seat on an existing contracted school transport route, priority is given to those under the age of 25.

It may be a requirement that travel training is provided by the Council to allow the learner to travel independently on contracted transport or local public transport. Taxis are provided under exceptional circumstances only on receipt of appropriate supporting medical evidence (see section 9.12.)

Travel training may be provided free of charge to learners with additional learning needs. This assists by providing road safety awareness and knowledge of how to travel by public transport, giving the support necessary to make journeys safely whilst travelling independently. Travel training offers the opportunity to develop a set of essential skills which promotes independence and creates the opportunity to pursue further education, employment and leisure in the future. To be successful, travel training requires parents/carers to be supportive. Where there is no engagement to participate with travel training, school or college transport may be withdrawn.

**No provision will be made by the Council for learners with additional learning needs following the academic year that any such learner attains their 19th birthday.** Where the course continues into subsequent years, the learner will be entirely responsible for arranging and funding their transport needs for continued attendance.

## **9.17. Eligibility and Mileage Assessment**

There is no means testing to assess whether or not a learner is eligible for the provision of transport. The only eligibility criteria are the 1½ or 2 mile qualifying distances from home to the nearest open school gate or route safety assessment (as set out above). Learners are assessed in accordance with these eligibility criteria and eligible learners or their parents/carers are notified of the arrangements in advance of the provision commencing.

Distances calculated by driving routes do not represent accurate measurements. Neither are measurements that use post code areas. When measuring walking routes, the Council measures to three decimal places. It uses MapInfo Professional which calculates route measurements using Government standard Ordnance Survey data. This determines address points by using 6 digit geo-codes, which are accurate to 1m and is generally accepted to be the most accurate data available. In order to determine the nearest suitable school, it is for the Council to determine the most appropriate route against which to undertake a comparative measurement. This may be via paths, roads or by a combination of routes.

The measurement undertaken by the Council will be the final and definitive distance and will be used to assess transport eligibility. Private driveways or un-adopted roads that are not maintained by the Council are not included in such measurements. Where it is found that the Council has provided free transport in error, the parent or carer will be informed of this, with notice given that transport will be withdrawn at the end of the school term.

The Council takes very seriously any attempt to gain an advantage by giving false information, and will investigate fraudulent claims. If school/college transport is offered and it is then discovered that the offer was made on fraudulent or misleading information e.g. a false claim to living at an address or having an incorrect date of birth, that offer will be withdrawn and the cost of transport will be reclaimed. This could cause considerable distress, particularly for the learner involved.

The Council will process the information provided by parents/carers in accordance with the Data Protection legislation. Any personal information will be held in confidence, with only the necessary people able to see or use it. The information provided may be given to any organisation, including other Council departments, legitimately investigating allegations of fraud, other criminal offences or child protection. In addition, it may also be cross-checked and verified against information held by other Council departments. For further information please refer to the Corporate Privacy Notice and the Transportation Service Privacy notice on the Council's website at [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/DataProtection](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/DataProtection)

## 9.18. Bus Passes

Bus passes are issued to all entitled secondary school learners at the start of year 7. They remain valid for the duration of their time at their mainstream secondary school. College students are issued with passes at the start of their course and will be valid for one academic year only. If a student leaves college before the end of the academic year, the pass is to be returned, otherwise the cost of the pass will be recovered. If a college student returns for a second year, they must re-apply for a bus pass.

Bus passes for use on contracted services are colour coded to correspond with the coloured sign, which is located at the front of each school bus. The Council applies a no pass no travel policy. Learners are expected to produce their passes for inspection by the driver on every journey undertaken. No exception is made and parents/carers must ensure that learners do not leave home without a valid bus pass. Lost passes can be replaced at a nominal cost, with the charge being reviewed annually. Details are available on the Council's website at [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolandcollegetransport](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolandcollegetransport)

Learners who share their pass or provide their pass to another learner for it to be copied will be suspended from travelling. In the case of such learners who had been issued with bus passes for use on the local public transport network, action may also be taken by the bus operator, which might involve the Police.

**All issues relating to the operation of the no pass no travel policy, either by the operators or the schools, must be taken up with the Council's Integrated Transport Unit. Do not approach the driver or contact the transport operator.**

**Primary school learners are not issued with a bus pass. Their eligibility to travel is checked from a list as they board the bus.**

## 9.19. Mode of Transport

In all cases, the efficient use of resources will dictate the mode of transport provided (subject to any additional needs requirements). Transport may be provided by means of contracted school transport services or existing public transport services which, together with the size and type of transport (bus, minibus, train, taxi, etc.) will be dictated by cost effectiveness. In exceptional cases, learner or parental reimbursement will be offered where this is the most cost effective method of providing transport. The provisions of Section 88 of the Transport Act 1985 place a duty on the Council to secure, in the interests of its residents, the best value for money from expenditure on public passenger transport as a whole. The Council will therefore be mindful of its duty to provide socially necessary (public transport) bus or train services when arranging transport provision for learners.

## 9.20. Journey Times

The Council does not specify a time limit for journeys. However, journey times should be reasonable, taking into account the age and individual needs of the learners, and the nature, purpose and circumstances of each journey. Where parents/carers express preferences for their children to attend Welsh/dual language schools or voluntary aided (faith) schools that are some distance away from their homes, journeys may generally be longer. This will also apply to some ALN journeys.

## 9.21. Other Transport Provision

Some learning providers operate, or contract, their own transport provision – in addition to that which is legally required – for which a charge is made. Parents/carers and learners should be aware that this is not part of the statutory or discretionary functions carried out by the Council and are private arrangements between parents/carers and learners and the transport providers.

Careers Wales may be able to offer assistance to clients if transport is a barrier to accessing education, employment or training. Such provision is assessed on an individual needs basis.

## 9.22. Fare Paying Passengers

The Council will reserve the right, using appropriate powers, to make the spare capacity available on an existing contracted school transport route, subject to availability, to learners who are not eligible to receive free school transport.

Learners who have previously taken up this option will be sent details of the application process in writing in the summer term. This letter will specify the earliest date upon which an application may be made, normally the first Monday after the end of the summer term. Applications made before this date will not be considered.

The completion of an application form does not guarantee that spare seats will be sold. Seats can only be sold subject to availability, and are sold on a first come first served basis, with requests only considered once the numbers of spare seats available, if any, are identified. The Council will reserve the right to refuse to sell a seat, should one become available, to any customer found to be using school transport without being entitled, and who has not been sold a seat for the current academic year.

It is not always possible to allocate seats before the start of the new academic year, as the Council must assess available capacity. This does not just include changes in demand due to new starters but also post 16 learners who decide whether or not to stay on in school or to attend college after receiving their examination results toward the end of August. In addition, seats also become available during the first few weeks of term as some learners who are entitled to free travel decline the seat offered and do not travel on the vehicles provided. Once all these factors are taken into account, any spare seats are released for sale.

When places on a vehicle are made available under this provision, they will be charged at a flat rate per learner per year. The payment is required in advance, with the level of charging being assessed annually. In exceptional circumstances, where an applicant purchases transport for less than a full term, the minimum charge for that term will be the half term rate per learner.

Refunds are only made when the bus pass is returned or in the case of primary school transport when the ITU is advised that the seat is no longer required.

Where learners who have purchased a seat on school/college transport misbehave whilst travelling on school/college transport and have their right to transport removed for a specified period, no refunds will be made.

There is no reduction in transport charges for part-time attendance. In such circumstances, learners should consider whether public transport is a more cost effective option. Those aged 16 to 21 can save approximately 30% on bus travel with mytravelpass. Apply online at [www.mytravelpass.gov.wales](http://www.mytravelpass.gov.wales).

## 9.23. Payment Methods

Payments to purchase a seat on an existing contracted route will ordinarily be taken in full. After confirmation that a seat is available to purchase, applicants looking to pay by instalments must apply in writing to the;

Integrated Transport Unit, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council,  
Prosperity, Development and Frontline Services, Ty Glantaf, Unit B23, Taffs Fall Road,  
Treforest Industrial Estate, Pontypridd, CF37 5TT

or by e mail to [hometoschooltransport@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:hometoschooltransport@rctcbc.gov.uk)

The following options for making payments can be used, once the Integrated Transport Unit has confirmed that a seat is available:

- By Credit or Debit Card online, or via the Council's Integrated Transport Unit or Call Centre
- By Cash or Cheque at any of the Council's One4All centres.

Where there has been difficulty in collecting payments, the Council reserves the right to limit the choice of payment methods and timescales in future years e.g. we may require full payment in advance before the issue of a travel pass.

The Council's standard debt policy will apply to all invoices raised for the purchase of a seat on school/college transport.

Where an invoice or agreed instalment remains outstanding, a reminder letter is sent requesting payment and informing the parent/carer that unless the debt is paid within seven days, the travel pass(es) will be cancelled and learners will no longer be entitled to travel. The pass(es) will only be reinstated when a payment has been made. The Council will seek to recover any outstanding charges through its usual debt recovery process.

The option to purchase a seat on an existing contracted route will not be offered in future years to any members of a family where any school/college transport debt remains outstanding.

## 9.24. Change of Family Home - Transport Arrangements

Learners in receipt of free transport whose families move to an address outside the local area of the school/college to which transport has been provided will be assessed in accordance with the eligibility criteria.

Families need to be mindful of this fact when they are considering moving home, especially in the years when learners have commenced formal examination courses (years 10 and 11 for GCSE or equivalent and years 12 and 13 for AS and A level or equivalent).

## 9.25. Monitoring

All vehicles will be available for random checks by DVSA or other appropriate body, when required. Any complaints received by the Council concerning services or vehicles will be immediately investigated. In the event of the complaint being upheld, the necessary and appropriate steps will be taken in accordance with the contract or as a matter of urgency. The Council will undertake random checks on contracts, to ensure that the contracts are being operated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

As part of the monitoring exercise, checks will be made to include; punctuality, adherence to route, size of vehicle, licences, use of DBS cleared staff and the checking of bus passes, all of which are designed to ensure safe and stress free travel.

## 9.26. The Travel Behaviour Code – Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008

The Welsh Government has introduced an initiative called “The Travel Behaviour Code” to promote safe travel for all children and young people, by setting out the standards of behaviour required when travelling between home and school/college. The Code encourages schools/colleges and the Council to work proactively with learners, their parents/carers and the community to promote positive behaviour. It is compulsory to wear a seat belt on dedicated mainstream school/college transport. Parents/carers are requested to emphasise the importance of wearing a seat belt to their child(ren). If learners misbehave whilst travelling on school/college transport and do not follow the Travel Behaviour Code, action may be taken and the right to transport may be removed for a specified period depending on the severity of the incident. Vehicles used for school/college transport may be fitted with CCTV. The footage is confidential but may be used in evidence in cases of misconduct or misbehaviour. Any damage to the vehicle caused by a learner could result in the operator seeking to obtain reimbursement to cover the cost of repairs.

## 9.27. Work Experience

Where, as part of a course of study, learners follow a work experience placement they are normally required to make their own transport arrangements. No provision will be made by the Council.

## 9.28. Availability and Accessibility of this Policy Statement

The Learner Travel Information (Wales) Regulations 2009 require the Council to publish and make available its learner travel policy, information and travel arrangements to learners, and their parents/carers, prior to admission to school or college, and on request. Copies must also be provided for their reference at the Council's offices, as well as schools, colleges and libraries within Rhondda Cynon Taf. It is also published on the Council's web site at [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolandcollegetransport](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolandcollegetransport)

## 9.29. Feedback

The Council is committed to using any feedback received to improve service quality. We welcome correspondence in Welsh. If you have any comments on the content of this document, please contact:

Integrated Transport Unit, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, Frontline Services, Ty Glantaf, Unit B23, Taffs Fall Road, Treforest Industrial Estate, Pontypridd, CF37 5TT.

Tel: 01443 425001 or by email: [hometoschooltransport@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:hometoschooltransport@rctcbc.gov.uk) or [collegetransport@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:collegetransport@rctcbc.gov.uk)

## 9.30. Further Information and Points of Contact for Learners Seeking Transport Support

Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions and details of contracted bus routes and pick up points can be found on the Council's website at: [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolandcollegetransport](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolandcollegetransport)

### Contacts:

Coleg y Cymoedd Student Services:

Tel: 01443 662800 • [www.colegycymoedd.ac.uk](http://www.colegycymoedd.ac.uk)

Rhondda Cynon Taf Education and Inclusion Services - School Admissions:

Tel: 01443 281111 •

Email: [schooladmissions@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@rctcbc.gov.uk)

Rhondda Cynon Taf Prosperity, Development and Frontline Services - Integrated Transport Unit:

Tel: 01443 425001 •

Email: [hometoschooltransport@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:hometoschooltransport@rctcbc.gov.uk)

Rhondda Cynon Taf Public Health, Protection & Community Services - Youth Engagement and Participation Team:

Tel: 01443 744000

### Other Sources of Information:

Careers Wales • [www.careerswales.com](http://www.careerswales.com)

Individual School/College Prospectuses

Traveline Cymru - Information about public transport

Tel: 0800 464 0000 • [www.traveline.cymru](http://www.traveline.cymru)

Welsh Government

Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008

Learner Travel Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance - June 2014

mytravelpass- 16 to 21 year olds save approximately 30% of bus travel • [www.mytravelpass.gov.wales](http://www.mytravelpass.gov.wales)

The Travel Code

## **10: Admissions Policies -Voluntary Aided and Controlled (Church) Schools**

### **Background**

Within Rhondda Cynon Taf there are 8 voluntary aided (Church) schools which are financed largely by the LA but which are organised and run by either the Church in Wales or Roman Catholic (R.C.) Diocesan Education Authority in partnership with the Authority.

These are:

- Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary
- Cwmbach Church in Wales Primary
- Our Lady's R.C. Primary
- SS Gabriel and Raphael R.C. Primary
- St. Margaret's R.C. Primary
- St. Michael's R.C. Primary
- Cardinal Newman R.C. Comprehensive
- St John Baptist (Church in Wales) High School

The admission arrangements for these schools have been formulated by the schools governing bodies in consultation with the Authority. Requests for admission to these schools are the responsibility of the relevant governing body. Details of the admissions policies for these schools are given below.

### **Appeals**

Appeals against decisions in respect of admission(s) to Voluntary Aided (Church) Schools must be made directly to the governing body of the school concerned. This may be done by addressing the letter of appeal to the Clerk to the governing body and forwarding it to the school.

## 10.1 Primary Schools Policies

### **Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary School Admissions Policy**

Aberdare Town Church Primary School is an English medium, voluntary-aided primary co-educational Church in Wales day school. Parents and carers should be aware that religious education and worship takes place according to the denominational teaching and practice of the Church in Wales. Parents wishing to enrol a child at Town Church Primary School are welcome to visit before making any formal application; such parents are invited to telephone the School beforehand, to make an appointment for the visit. Parents may register their interest for a child to attend the school at any time. The information will be kept on a waiting list until the child is eligible for admission. This will not give an automatic entitlement to a place. In the event of not enough places being available the following criteria are applied in all cases:

#### **Over subscription criteria:**

Where the number of applicants for admission exceeds the number of places available, places will be awarded under categories below in the following order of priority.

- 1. Looked After Children (in the care of the Local Authority)**
- 2. Children from Church in Wales families  
(Confirmation will be sought of Parish Clergy as to the extent of the Church connection)**
- 3. Children with siblings (brothers or sisters) already attending the School  
(This would include half and adoptive brothers or sisters)**
- 4. Other children who attend other Christian Churches**
- 5. Other children whose families wish their child to be educated in a Church in Wales School**

Admissions will not be determined on the basis of selection criteria involving the setting of tests, inspection of school reports, or interviews of pupils (with or without parents) for the purpose of assessing ability or aptitude; but may be directed to Church commitment.

In the event that there are excessive demands for places from 'Church' pupils resident in parishes other than Aberdare, available places will be allocated to those living nearest to the school. The closest distance, in this instance, being that between home and the school measured by the shortest, safest walking route.

#### **Appeals Procedure:**

Families whose application to the school has been unsuccessful have the right to appeal. When an application is refused, and the matter cannot be resolved informally, the right of appeal will exist to a specially constituted Appeals Committee. Arrangements will then be made for an independent panel to consider the appeal. The Llandaff Diocesan Board of Education, according to the Welsh Government's Code of Practice on School Admission Appeals, administers this.

Enquiries relating specifically to the admissions process at Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary School should initially be made of the Headteacher (who may refer the enquiry to the Chair of Governors).

**Headteacher: Mrs. Clare Werrett, Aberdare Town C/W Primary School, Wind Street, Aberdare, CF44 0SD**

**Chair of Governing Body: Mrs J.M.Close, c/o Aberdare Town C/W Primary School**

## Cwmbach Church In Wales Primary School Admission Policy

### Introduction

Cwmbach Church in Wales Primary is a voluntary aided school in the village of Cwmbach on the outskirts of Aberdare. Cwmbach CIW Curriculum provide a broad and balanced curriculum that is engaging for all pupils in our school. Our pupils are offered authentic rich learning experiences. These experiences meet the needs of all our learners and allow them to achieve success and equip them, with lifelong skills that guide them through their educational journey and transfer these skills into adult hood. Our school vision is shaped by using the voices of our pupils, staff, parents and governors. These voices are united with some clear messages of what we want our curriculum to look like to achieve our school vision of "Growing together through love, faith and learning".

### Admission Procedures

Pupils are admitted into Cwmbach Church in Wales Primary School in the term following their third birthday. Pupils may also be admitted into school at any point throughout the year if the class appropriate to their age has capacity. Parents who wish to send their children to Cwmbach Church in Wales Primary School are given an application form in the Autumn term for children starting school the following September. Parents are asked to return the form by a given date and if the number of places required does not exceed the given number for that class, then all children are offered a place.

### Late Applications

Applications received after the deadline date will not be considered until offers have been made to those applications made before the deadline, and the parents/carers' responses to these offers have been received. This means that if the school is oversubscribed and a late application fulfils a higher criterion than that under which places have been offered to other applicants, they will still be unsuccessful.

### Appeals

Parents/carers who are not offered a place for their child have the right to an independent appeal committee under the Education Act. The appeal will be considered by an independent Admission Appeal Panel, administered by Llandaff Diocesan Board of Education, according to the Welsh Assembly Government's Code of Practice on School Admission Appeals.

### Over Subscription Criteria

The "Trust Deeds" defines that the school was founded for the children in the Parish of Cwmbach with approximately 30 in each class. Once our maximum number of 15 per year group is reached, the Admissions Policy is administered using the following criteria:-

- There is sufficient space within a class setting.
- 'Looked After' children or children with a Statement of Educational Need, when the school is named as the most appropriate setting;
- Children who have brothers or sisters already in the school;
- Children of practising Christians, who are members of the Church in Wales;
- Children of practising Christians, attending churches of other Christian denominations
- Children whose families wish them to be educated at a Church in Wales school;
- Other children, at the discretion of the Governing Body acting on the guidance of the National Society.

When a child is admitted into the school, the Governors expect them to participate fully in Religious Education and Collective Worship. However, parents are able to exercise their right of withdrawal from R.E. and Collective Worship.

## **St Margaret's Roman Catholic Primary School Admissions Policy**

St Margaret's Catholic School is a voluntary aided school functioning under the trusteeship of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. Admission to St Margaret's School is for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years old.

Pupils are admitted in the term following their third birthday and Full time Pre-nursery and Nursery places are available to pupils. Pupils may also be admitted into school at any point throughout the year if the class appropriate to their age has capacity.

Parents wishing to enrol a child at St Margaret's Catholic School are welcome to visit before making any formal applications by contacting the school by telephone and making an appointment. Parents may register their interest for child to attend the school at any time and the information will be kept on a waiting list until the child is eligible for admission. This will not give an automatic entitlement to a place. The oversubscription criteria is below.

### **Admissions Level**

The schools AN has been set at 20.

### **Oversubscription Criteria**

Where the number of applications for admission exceeds the number of places available, places will be awarded in the under mentioned categories in the following order of priority.

1. Looked after children (children in public care) of the Catholic faith.
2. Looked after children (children in public care).
3. The baptised children of Catholic parents living in the parishes of St Joseph, Aberdare, St Therese of Lisieux, Hirwaun and St John Kemple, Glynneath, a map of the area is available to view on request.
4. The baptised children of practising Catholic parents living in the parishes adjoining the above parishes, with the permission of their parish priest.
5. Siblings of children already in the school. EG Full, half, step brothers and sisters, adopted and fostered children.
6. Other baptised children.

Applications must be made by completion of an application form available from the school office.

If the governors are unable to admit all applicants within a particular category, priority will be given to those residing closest to the school as measured by the safest walking route from the front door of the child's residence to the main school gate. The child's birth certificate is required to verify the date of birth.

Nursery pupils who wish to transfer to the infant department must apply to do so at the appropriate time. Application forms are available from the office and must be returned to the school.

### **Late Applications**

Late applications will be considered, but can be refused if the admission number is exceeded. For example, after all on time applications have been considered and places have been allocated.

### **Appeals Procedure**

Appeals against a decision not to admit a child should be addressed to:

**Clerk to the Governing Body (c/o the school)**

**St Margaret's Catholic Primary, Ty Fry, Aberdare CF44 7PP**

Arrangements will then be made for an independent panel to consider the appeal.

## **Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Admissions Policy**

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School is a voluntary-aided Catholic School functioning under the trusteeship of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. The Governing Body has sole responsibility for admissions to the School and is charged with preserving its Catholic ethos. Our Lady's serves the academic, cultural, moral, social and spiritual needs of pupils in the Mountain Ash and Abercynon areas. Governors warmly welcome applications from parents who want their children to be educated in a religious and moral setting.

### **Admissions Limit**

The Admission Number (IAN) has been set at 17.

### **Admission Control**

The right to admission is controlled by the governors of the school.

Parents may register their requirement for a child to attend the school. The information will be maintained on a waiting list until the child is eligible for admission. This will not give an automatic entitlement to a place. The admissions criteria as given below must be applied in all cases.

The Governing Body will be offering at present full time Nursery places in the Academic Year 2017/18.

### **Oversubscription Criteria**

Where the number of applications for admission exceeds the number of places available, places will be awarded in the under mentioned categories in the following order of priority. In all categories "Looked after Children" qualifying in each category shall have priority. This first priority therefore is to looked after children of the faith above any other faith children and a higher priority of looked after children not of the faith to others who are also not of the faith

- I. Catholic pupils resident in the catchment areas for Our Lady's Catholic Primary
- II. Siblings(e.g. half/step children, adopted/fostered) of Catholic pupils who are already attending the school;
- III. Catholic pupil's resident outside the catchment area.
- IV. Other Christian denominations and siblings who are already attending the school
- V. Other pupils may be offered places if their parents or guardians request a Christian education for their children and inform the governors that the religious and moral atmosphere and teaching of the school is the prime importance to them making the application

Please note that religious affiliation could be demonstrated through baptismal certificate or priest knowledge of religious commitment.

In the event that there are excessive demands for places from Catholic pupils resident outside the school's catchment area (available from the Local Authority), available places will be allocated to those living nearest the school. The closest distance, in this instance, being that between the home and the main entrance of the school measured by the shortest, safest walking route, using the L.A transport distance/measurement calculator.

### **Admissions Process**

- Application forms are available from the school office.
- All forms must be returned to the school.
- Parents will be informed, in writing, of the outcome
- Mid term applications will be considered only if places are available, in such cases the admissions criteria as given above will apply or if the application(s) meet the Permissible Exceptions Criteria.
- Number of appeals prior to the start of the 2015/16 school year – 0

### **Appeals Procedure**

Appeals against a decision, not to admit, should be addressed to:

**The Chairperson of the School's Governing Body,  
Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Miskin Road, Mountain Ash. CF45 3UA**

Arrangements will then be made for an independent panel to consider the appeal.

## **St. Michael's Roman Catholic Primary School. Tel: 01443 486840**

### **Admissions Policy**

St. Michael's Catholic Primary School which is a voluntary-aided school founded by the Archdiocese of Cardiff. The Governing Body has sole responsibility for admissions to the School and can admit pupils to the school's admission number which is 32.

### **Admissions Process**

- Application must be made by completion of an application form available from the school office.
- All forms must be returned to the school.
- Parents will be informed in writing of the outcome of the application.

A copy of the child's birth certificate is required to verify the date of birth. Only the Governing Body may admit and no representation by any person including governor, staff member, clergy or anyone elected to or employed by the local authority can be regarded as an indication of offer or promise of a place. Only a written offer from the governing body can be accepted as an admission offer. A place in the Nursery Class is not a guarantee of a place in the Reception Class and parents must apply for a place in Reception. Priority will not be given to parents of pupils that have attended the Nursery Class. In the case of oversubscription, the criteria shown below will apply.

### **Over Subscription Criteria:**

When there are more applicants than available places, admission will be made in accordance with the order of priority in the over-subscription criteria and procedure listed below. If the governors are unable to admit all applicants within a particular category, priority will be given to those residing closest to the school as measured by the safest walking route.

Where the number of applications for admission exceeds the number of places available, places will be awarded in the following order of priority:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children of the Catholic faith.
2. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
3. Children who are Baptised into the Roman Catholic Church and living in the designated catchment areas for St Michael's.\*
4. Baptised siblings of Roman Catholic pupils who are already attending the school.
5. Siblings of pupils of other Christian denominations who are already attending the school.
6. Siblings of children of other faiths who are already attending the school.
7. Catholic pupils resident outside the catchment area.
8. Other children

Religious affiliation will need to be demonstrated by the child's baptismal certificate.

\*Designated Catchment areas: Bedlinog, Trelewis and Edwardsville (Merthyr LA); Nelson (Caerphilly LA); Cilfynydd, Pontypridd, Glyncoch, Ynysybwl, Church Village, Beddau, Llantrisant, Dolau, Pontyclun, Miskin, Talbot Green, Efail Isaf (RCT LA) ; Creigiau, Pentyrch, Gwaelod y Garth, Ty Rhiw and Tongwynlais (Cardiff LA).

### **Admissions Level:**

The Admission Number has been set at 32.

### **Appeals Procedure:**

Parents have a statutory right of appeal against a decision not to admit a pupil. Appeals should be addressed to:  
**The Chairperson of St Michael's Governing Body**  
**St Michael's R.C. Primary School, John Place Treforest, Pontypridd CF37 1SP**

Arrangements will then be made for an independent panel to consider the appeal. Details of the appeals process will be made available to parents when they are notified of a refusal of a place (or if they request such information from the Governing Body).

## **Ss Gabriel and Raphael Catholic Primary School Admissions Policy**

Ss Gabriel and Raphael Catholic Primary School is a voluntary-aided Catholic School functioning under the trusteeship of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. The Governing Body are the admission authority for the School and consider applications for admission against the determined admission arrangements. Ss Gabriel and Raphael serves the academic, cultural, moral, social and spiritual needs of pupils in the Rhondda Fach, Rhondda Fawr, Tonyrefail and Gifach Goch.

Governors welcome applications from parents who want their children to be educated in a religious and moral setting.

### **Admissions Limit**

The Admission Number has been set at 18

### **Admission Control**

The right to admission is controlled by the governors of the school.

Parents may register their requirement for a child to attend the school. The information will be maintained on a waiting list until the child is eligible for admission. This will not give an automatic entitlement to a place. The oversubscription criteria below will be applied to all cases where there are more applications than places available.

### **Oversubscription Criteria**

Where the number of applications for admission exceeds the number of places available, places will be awarded in the under mentioned categories in the following order of priority. In all categories "Looked After Children" qualifying in each category shall have priority.

- Children who are baptised Catholic resident in the catchment areas for SS Gabriel and Raphael RC Primary
- Baptised Catholic brothers and sisters of baptised Catholic pupils who are already attending the school;
- Other Christian denominations and brothers and sisters who are already attending the school
- Other pupils may be offered places if their parents or guardians request a Christian education for their children.

In the event that there are excessive demands for places from Catholic pupils resident outside the school's catchment area, available places will be allocated to those living nearest the school. A catchment map is available on request. The closest distance, in this instance, being that between the home and the main entrance of the school measured by the shortest, safest route.

### **Admissions Process**

- Application forms are available from the school office and the school's website.  
All forms must be returned to the school.
- Parents will be informed, in writing, of the outcome.
- Applications are received throughout the school year.

### **Appeals Procedure**

Appeals against a decision, not to admit, should be addressed to:

**The Chairperson of the School's Governing Body,  
Saints Gabriel and Raphael Catholic Primary School, Primrose Street, Tonypany. CF40 1BJ**

Arrangements will then be made for an independent panel to consider the appeal.

## 10.2 Secondary Schools Policies

### Cardinal Newman Catholic School 01443 494110

#### Admissions Policy - Oversubscription Criteria Order of Priority

Cardinal Newman Catholic School is a Catholic Voluntary Aided School. We are an inclusive school that is open to everyone that is supportive of our values, aims and beliefs. However, the Governors have a responsibility, laid down by the law, to maintain the Catholic character of the school.

Parents have a right to express a preference as to which school their children attend. Admissions to the school will be made in accordance with parental choice subject to available places. When there are more than 214 applicants, admissions will be made in accordance with the order of priority in the over-subscription criteria below.

If the governors are unable to admit all applicants within a particular category, priority will be given to applicants who met the published application deadline before late applicants. If the school is unable to allocate places to the whole of a certain category, then the proximity test is applied to that particular category. Proximity is measured as residing closest to the school by the shortest distance from the nearest public kerbside to the home to the main school gates on public roads by car.

Accordingly, the admission of pupils into Cardinal Newman Catholic School will be governed by the following criteria in order of priority:

1. **Catholic Looked After Children/ previously 'Looked After'.**
2. **Other Looked After Children/ previously 'Looked After'.**
3. **The school has the responsibility to serve its Catholic contributory schools and parishes. These children will be given priority.**
  - a. The contributory schools are St. Michael's, Treforest, St. Helen's Caerphilly, Our Lady's Mountain Ash and S.S. Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypany.
  - b. A list of parishes served by Cardinal Newman is attached.
4. **Baptized Catholic children in the catchment area will be given priority over other children wishing to be admitted.**
5. **Baptized Catholic children from outside the school's catchment area will be considered after the above.**
6. **Brothers and sisters of children already in the school will be given consideration next.**
7. **Baptized Christian children from other denominations will be given consideration next.**
8. **Non Catholic children will be offered places if the parents or carers of the children request a faith based education for their children and the Governors are satisfied that the religious and moral atmosphere and teaching of the school is of prime importance to those making the application.**

#### Admissions Process

If a parent or carer has expressed a preference by applying for a place in the school and the Governors refuse the application, the parent or carer has the right to appeal. Appeals against the decision of the Governors not to admit a child to the school should be addressed to:

**Ms Rebecca Crumbie (Clerk to the Governing Body), Cardinal Newman Catholic School  
Dynea Road, Rhydyfelin, Pontypridd, CF37 5DP**

#### Contributory Parishes

St Dyfrig's Treforest  
All Hallows Llantrisant  
Our Lady's Mountain Ash  
St Thomas' Abercynon  
SS Gabriel & Raphael Tonypany  
St Mary Magdalene Ynyshir  
St Peter's Bargoed  
St Helen's Caerphilly

## St John Baptist (Church In Wales) High School 01685 875414

### Admissions Policy:

St John Baptist CiW High School admits children from Aberdare, the Cynon Valley, adjoining areas of Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough and nearer parts of the County Boroughs of Neath and Port Talbot, Merthyr Tydfil, Caerphilly and the County of Powys.

The school is accepting 160 places based on Welsh Government standard admission number and school capacity. There are often more applications for admission than there have been places available in Year 7. Places, in these circumstances, are awarded by the Governors to applicants who meet the under mentioned categories, in the following order of priority:

- 1) Children who, and whose families, can demonstrate they are committed practising Anglicans (demonstrated by reference from Church) and are pupils at an Anglican Primary School;
- 2) Anglican children, as in criteria 1, who are pupils at a Community Primary School;
- 3) Other pupils at an Anglican Primary School;
- 4) Children who, and whose families, can demonstrate they are committed practising members of another Christian Church (demonstrated by reference from members of Cytun or the Evangelical Alliance);
- 5) Other pupils from non-Anglican church schools;
- 6) Children having a sibling, i.e. brother or sister or half-brother/sister, adopted or fostered already at the school (multiple births are included here);
- 7) Other pupils at a Community Primary School or home educated.

All are advised that the definition of regular/committed church attendance is a minimum of once every 2 weeks for the past 18 months for entry September 2024. This 18-month period is prior to the deadline for applications, which is October 2023; so attendance should have started in April 2022.

For admission in September 2025, it is a minimum of once every 2 weeks for the past 12 months prior to the deadline for application (this is the start of year 5.) The deadline for applications is October 2024 prior to starting in the following September 2025. Attendance therefore should start in October 2023 for admissions in September 2025.

Attendance should be at an Anglican Eucharist service. Please note clergy are given all application forms to verify church attendance with reference to their own records.

If the school is unable to allocate places to the whole of a certain category, then the proximity test is applied to that particular category. Proximity is measured by local authority shortest driving distance measure.

The school recognises the priority of providing an appropriate school place for a looked after child and previously looked after children and is committed to work with the local authority and other agencies to ensure that the needs of looked after children are met. Priority is given to current looked after children and previously looked after children.

In those cases where Church commitment is claimed, the Parish Clergy concerned are written to in order to support applications before they are determined. Vacancies are filled in line with the subscription criteria. A waiting list is kept for pupils who are not able to access a place at the school.

Before the closing date for applications for entry to Year 7, an Open Evening is held at the school especially for the benefit of pupils and parents/carers who are considering sending their child(ren) to the school. Late applications are considered if received before places have been allocated and if there seems to be a reasonable reason.

Following completion of the admission process all parents/carers of children who have been offered places for entry into Year 7 in the September will be invited to attend a meeting prior to the start of the new academic year, during which relevant information will be supplied (this is subject to circumstances allowing this). The children themselves will visit the school, around the same time as the meeting as part of the transitional process from Primary to Secondary school (circumstances allowing). This will enable them to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings prior to their first day at their new school. Those with Additional Learning Needs will have specific support.

The parents of any child, whose application for admission to the school is refused, may appeal against the decision. Any such appeal must be made in writing addressed to the Clerk to the Governors at the school, within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. The appeal will then be referred to an Independent Appeal Panel, where parent(s) and/or carer will have the opportunity to appeal against the decision. The Clerk to the Governors will provide notice not less than 14 days (10 working days) to the appellants regarding the arrangements for the hearing of the appeal.

All applications to the school are considered in line with the school admissions policy criteria, whatever the time of year or year group. The Governors consider all preferences for admissions expressed by parents/carers. If the admission number is not exceeded then the applicant will be admitted. The school adheres to the common dates in line with the local authority admissions timetable. The same criteria for entry apply at any stage of entry to the school.

# Dechrau'r Ysgol Starting School

2024-2025



Rhestr o Ysgolion a Meithrinfeydd  
sy'n annibynnol ar y Cyngor

List of Schools and  
Non Council Nursery Settings



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

<b>Canolfan   Centre</b>	<b>Cyfeiriad   Address</b>	<b>E-bost Email</b>	<b>Ffôn Telephone</b>
Meithrinfa Bizzi-day / Bizzi-day Nursery	Heol y Twyn, Pont-y-clun/Pontyclun, CF72 9FG	bizzidaynursery@hotmail.co.uk	01443 228608
Cylch Chwarae Penrhwi-ceibr / Penrhwi-ceibr Playgroup	Ar safle Ysgol Gynradd Penrhwi-ceibr, Stryd yr Eglwys, Penrhwi-ceiber, Aberpennar, CF45 3YD/ On site of Penrhwi-ceibr Primary School, Church Street, Penrhwi-ceiber, Mountain Ash, CF45 3YD	penrhwi-ceibr@camaucyntaf.co.uk	01443 476116 07963 312008
Cylch Meithrin Abercynon	Ar safle Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Abercynon, Teras Cae-glas, Abercynon, CF45 4TH / On site of YGG Abercynon, Greenfield Terrace, Abercynon, CF45 4TH	cylchmeithrinabercynon@gmail.com	01443 744377
Cylch Meithrin Aberdâr	Cylch Meithrin Aberdâr, Canolfan yr Urdd, Aberdâr/Aberdare, CF44 7HD	cylchmeithrinaberdar@outlook.com	07751 523729
Cylch Meithrin Bronllwyn	Canolfan Ieuencid Bronllwyn / Bronllwyn Youth Centre, Heol Colwyn / Colwyn Road, Gelli, CF41 7NW	cylchmeithrinbronllwyn@yahoo.co.uk	07479 961314
Cylch Meithrin Bysedd Bach	Ar safle / On site of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llwyneclyn, Ffordd y Grug / Heather Way, Llwyneclyn, Porth CF39 9TL	bopa.andrea@yahoo.co.uk	07811 072296
Cylch Meithrin Cwmdâr	Ar safle Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Aberdâr, Rhodfa'r Tresi Aur, Cwmdâr, Aberdâr, CF44 8RT / On site of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Aberdâr, Laburnum Drive, Cwmdare, Aberdare, CF44 8RT.	cylchmeithrincwmdar@gmail.com	01685 652509 07751 523729
Cylch Meithrin Cwm Elái	Ar safle / On site of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Tonyrefail, Cilgant Martin / Martin Crescent, Tonyrefail, CF39 8NT	cmcwmeilai@outlook.com	01443 670319
Cylch Meithrin Evan James	Ar safle / On site of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Evan James, Ffordd Rhondda, Pontypridd, CF37 1HQ	cylchevanjames@outlook.com	07791 751185
Cylch Meithrin Llanhari	Ar safle / On site of Ysgol Llanhari Llanhari/Llanharry, CF72 9XE	Llanhari@camaucyntaf.co.uk	01443 744399
Cylch Meithrin Nant Dyrys	Adeilad Gofal Plant, drws nesaf i YGG Ynyswen / Childcare Building, Next to YGG Ynyswen, Ffordd y Clinig / Clinic Road, Ynys-wen, Treorci/Treorchy, CF42 6ED	Nantdyrys@hotmail.co.uk	07932 690070
Camau Cyntaf Rhydyfelin	Canolfan Plant / Children's Centre, Stryd y Celyn / Holly Street, Rhydfelen/Rhydyfelin, Pontypridd, CF37 5DB	rhydyfelin@camaucyntaf.co.uk	01443 492050
Cylch Meithrin Seren Fach	Ty Harri Webb, Heol y Dyffryn / Duffryn Road, Aberpennar / Mountain Ash, CF45 4DA	cylchmeithrinserenfach@outlook.com	07751 523729
Cylch Meithrin Ynys-hir / Wattstown	Pafiliwn Wattstown / Wattstown Pavilion, Parc Wattstown / Wattstown Park, Wattstown CF39 0RA	wattsmeithrin@hotmail.co.uk	01443 732414 07814 571421
Dragon Tots at Dylan's Den	Ar safle Ysgol Gynradd Treorci, Stryd Tynybedw, Treorci, CF42 6PY / On site of Treorchy Primary School, Tynybedw Street, Treorchy, CF42 6PY	dragontotsinfo@gmail.com	01443 744395 07519 041890
First Steps Treforest	Uned/Unit D16, Y Goedlan Fawr/Main Avenue, Treforest/Treforest, CF37 5UR	treforest@camaucyntaf.co.uk	01443 842744 07772 612004
Cylch Chwarae Giggles / Giggles Playgroup	Heol Gwaunmeisgyn / Gwaunmiskin Road, Beddau, Pontypridd, CF38 2AU	gigglesplaygroup2@hotmail.com	07766 734961
Little Ferns Ferndale	Hen Ysgol Babanod Heol y Gogledd, Heol y Gogledd, Glynrhedynog, CF43 4PS/ Former North Road Infants, North Road, Ferndale, CF43 4PS	s.edwards@fernpartnership.co.uk	01443 570021

<b>Canolfan   Centre</b>	<b>Cyfeiriad   Address</b>	<b>E-bost Email</b>	<b>Ffôn Telephone</b>
Cylch Chwarae Little Folk Little Folk Playgroup	Capel Bethel / Bethel Chapel, Yr Heol Fawr / Main Road, Pentre'r Eglwys / Church Village CF38 1PN	Littlefolk-playgroup@outlook.com	07718 907465
Cylch Chwarae Little Friends / Little Friends Playgroup	Adeilad Cymunedol, Ysgol Gynradd Ffynnon Taf, Heol Caerdydd, Ffynnon Taf, CF15 7PR/ Community Building, Ffynnon Taf Primary School, Cardiff Road, Taffs Well, CF15 7PR	littlefriends123@hotmail.com	07825 163605
Little Inspirations Llantrisant	Parc Busnes Llantrisant / Llantrisant Business Park, Llantrisant, CF72 8YW	llantrisant@little-inspirations.co.uk	01443 222660
Little Inspirations Pen-y-waun / Penywaun	Ar safle Ysgol Gynradd Pen-y-waun / On site of Penywaun Primary School, Coed Glas, Pen-y-waun/Penywaun, Aberdâr/Aberdare, CF44 9DR	penywaun@little-inspirations.co.uk	01685 812151
Little Inspirations Rhydfelen/Rhydyfelin	Canolfan Plant Rhydfelen / Rhydyfelin Children's Centre, Stryd y Celyn / Holly Street, Pontypridd, CF37 5DB	rhydyfelin@little-inspirations.co.uk	01443 406097
Little Inspirations Tonyrefail	Ar safle Ysgol Gymuned Tonyrefail / On site of Tonyrefail Community School, Heol Gilfach / Gilfach Road, Tonyrefail, CF39 8HG	tonyrefail@little-inspirations.co.uk	01443 805104
Cylch Chwarae Little Stars / Little Stars Playgroup	Neuadd y Sgowtiaid a'r Geidiau / Scout & Guide Hall, Bryn y Goron / Crown Hill, Llanilltud Faerdref / Llantwit Fardre CF38 2NA	Eileenmoore27@yahoo.co.uk	07956 245555
Meithrinfa Garth Olwg	Campws Cymuned Garth Olwg / Garth Olwg Community Campus, Heol Sant Illtyd / St. Illtyd's Road, Pentre'r Eglwys / Church Village, Pontypridd CF38 1RQ	rheolwr@meithrinfagartholwg.co.uk	01443 209120 07961 242006
Meithrinfa Once Upon a Time / Once Upon a Time Nursery	Heol y Beddau, Beddau, Pontypridd CF38 2AG	hello@onceuponatimenursery.wales	01443 206640
Pentre'r Penguins	Canolfan Hamdden Llanilltud Faerdref / Llantwit Fardre Leisure Centre, Parc Canol / Central Park, Pentre'r Eglwys / Church Village, CF38 1RJ	pentre@camaucyntaf.co.uk	07983 362003
Cylch Chwarae Playtots Brynna/ Playtots Playgroup Brynna (LCDP)	Canolfan Gymuned Brynna, Stryd yr Eglwys, Brynna, CF72 9QP/ Brynna Community Centre, Church Street, Brynna, CF72 9QP	info@llanharandropin.org.uk	01443 229723
Rachael's Playhouse Aberdâr/Aberdare	5 Stryd Dean / Dean Street, Aberdâr / Aberdare, CF44 7BN	rachaelsplayhouseaberdare@gmail.com	07805 777706
Rainbow Room	Camau Cyntaf - First Steps Rainbow Room, Canolfan Gymuned Dai Davies / Dai Davies Community Centre, Heol Eurwen Davies, Trebanog, Porth, CF39 9AZ	rainbows@camaucyntaf.co.uk	01443 683919 07961 242006
Meithrinfa Oriau Dydd SELCA / SELCA Day Nursery	Yr Hen Neuadd Efengylu / The Old Gospel Hall Teras y Rhosyn / Rose Terrace, Llanharan CF72 9RH	llanharan@selcadaynursery.co.uk	01443 222276
Cylch Chwarae Tonysguboriau / Talbot Green Playgroup	Y Pafiliwn / The Pavilion, Heol Glan-elái / Lanelay Road, Tonysguboriau / Talbot Green CF72 8HY	clairewatkins@hotmail.co.uk	07789 880135
Ton Tiddlywinks	25 Heol Gelli / Gelli Road, Tonpentre, Cwm Rhondda / Rhondda, CF41 7LR	tontiddlywinks15@gmail.com	07824 703568

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Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned Abercynon / Abercynon Community Primary	Heol Ynysmeurig / Ynysmeurig Road Abercynon CF45 4SU	Mr D Jewitt 01443 743060 Admin@AbercynonPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	271	46	325	45
Ysgol Gynradd Parc Aberdâr / Aberdare Park Primary School	Ffordd Hirwaun / Hirwaun Road, Trecynon, Aberdâr/Aberdare CF44 8LU	Mrs K Wilcox Pennaeth Gweithredol/ Acting Headteacher 01685 874026 Admin@AberdareParkPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	256	50	354	29
Ysgol Gynradd Tref Aberdâr yr Eglwys yng Nghymru / Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary	Stryd y Gwynt / Wind Street, Aberdâr/Aberdare CF44 7HF	Mrs C Werrett 01685 871520 Admin@AberdareTownCIWPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	260	37	259	33
Ysgol Gynradd Abernant / Abernant Primary School	Teras Richmond / Richmond Terrace / Aber-nant, Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 0SF	Mrs J Kucia 01685 871597 Admin@AbernantPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	91	16	118	7
Ysgol Gynradd Alaw / Alaw Primary School	Stryd yr Aifft / Egypt Street, Trealaw Tonypanyd CF40 2UU	Miss R Davies 01443 432350 Admin@AlawPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	161	29	207	20
Ysgol Gynradd Blaengwawr / Blaengwawr Primary School	Stryd Gwawr / Gwawr Street, Aberaman, Aberdâr/Aberdare CF44 6YP	Mrs N Poole 01685 871064 Admin@BlaengwawrPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	190	29	203	34
Ysgol Gynradd Bodringallt / Bodringallt Primary School	Teras Bodringallt / Bodringallt Terrace, Ystrad, Cwm Rhondda / Rhondda CF41 7QE	Mr S Howells 01443 434292 Admin@BodringalltPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	66	15	109	12
Ysgol Gynradd Brynnau / Brynnau Primary School	Stryd William / William Street, Brynna, Llanharan CF72 9QJ	Mrs B Atkin 01443 237828 Admin@BrynnauPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	225	33	235	29
Ysgol Gynradd Caegarw / Caegarw Primary School	Heol Troed-y-rhiw / Troed-y-rhiw Road, Caegarw, Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 4BH	Mr H Griffiths 01443 473730 Admin@CaegarwPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	141	26	185	20
Ysgol Gynradd Cap-coch / Capcoch Primary School	Stryd yr Ysgol / School Street, Abercwmbol, Aberdâr/Aberdare CF44 6AD	Mr S Gardner 01443 472746 Admin@CapcochPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	135	25	176	16
Ysgol Gynradd Caradog / Caradog Primary School	Stryd Clifton / Clifton Street, Aberdâr/Aberdare CF44 7PB	Mrs N Long 01685 874715 Admin@CaradogPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	181	31	217	19

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Ysgol Gynradd y Cefn / Cefn Primary School	Coedlan Cae-glas / Greenfield Avenue, Glyn-coch/Glyncoch, Pontypridd CF37 3BD	Mrs S Haggett 01443 400815 Admin@CefnPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	116	20	141	18
Ysgol Gynradd Coedpenmaen / Coedpenmaen Primary School	Clos Coedpenmaen / Coedpenmaen Close, Pontypridd CF37 4LE	Ms A Ansell-Jones 01443 486828 Admin@CoedpenmaenPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	233	I/I:25 I/J:49	269	16
Ysgol Gynradd Coed-y-lan / Coedylan Primary School	Heol Tyfica / Tyfica Road, Graig-wen, Pontypridd CF37 2DB	Mrs A Prys Evans Pennaeth Gweithredol/ Acting Headteacher 01443 486829 Admin@Coed-Y-LanPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	134	19	137	19
Ysgol Gynradd Craig yr Hesg / Craig yr Hesg Primary	Lôn y Cefn / Cefn Lane, Glyn-coch, Pontypridd CF37 3BP	Mrs S Haggett 01443 486830 Admin@Craig-Yr-HesgPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	147	21	150	12
Ysgol Gynradd Cwmaman / Cwmaman Primary School	Heol Glanaman / Glanaman Road, Cwmaman Aberdâr/ Aberdare CF44 6LA	Mr P Morgan 01685 661001 Admin@CwmamanPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	191	34	239	21
Ysgol Gynradd Cwm-bach yr Eglwys yng Nghymru / Cwmbach Church in Wales Primary	Heol Tirfounder / Tirfounder Road Cwm-bach, Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 0AT	Miss R Shellard 01685 873336 Admin@CwmbachCiWPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	89	17	120	16
Ysgol Gynradd Cwm-bach / Cwmbach Primary School	Heol Llan-gors / Llangorse Road Cwm-bach, Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 0HS	Mrs S Jones 01685 876115 Admin@CwmbachPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	216	38	272	21
Ysgol Gynradd Cwm Clydach / Cwmclydach Primary	Stryd y Wern / Wern Street, Cwm Clydach / Clydach Vale Tonypanyd CF40 2BQ	Mrs L Owen 01443 433005 Admin@CwmclydachPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	163	34	240	20
Ysgol Gynradd Cwmdâr / Cwmdâr Primary School	Y Sgwâr / The Square, Cwmdâr/Cwmdare, Aberdâr/Aberdare CF44 8UA	Mrs M Evans 01685 871198 Admin@CwmdarPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	224	37	262	30

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Ysgol Gynradd Cwmlai / Cwmlai Primary School	Heol Penygarreg / Penygarreg Road, Tonyrefail, Porth CF39 8AS	Mrs J Rees 01443 670356 Admin@CwmlaiPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	372	60	423	56
Ysgol Gynradd y Cymer / Cymmer Primary School	Stryd Fawr / High Street Cymer / Cymmer Porth CF39 9EY	Mrs I Elliott 01443 570020 Admin@CymmerPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-7	198	42	294	25
Ysgol Gynradd Parc y Darren / Darran Park Primary	Stryd y Nant / Brook Street Glynrhedynog / Ferndale CF43 4LE	Mr C Coole 01443 730450 Admin@DarranParkPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	298	51	359	23
Ysgol Gynradd y Darren-las / Darrenlas Primary	Stryd Kingcraft / Kingcraft Street Darran-las Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 3LT	Mrs G Powell 01443 473291 Admin@DarrenlasPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	196	34	242	25
Ysgol Gynradd Ffynnon Taf / Ffynnon Taf Primary	Heol Caerdydd / Cardiff Road Ffynnon Taf / Taffs Well Caerdydd / Cardiff CF15 7PR	Ms K Price 02920 810452 Admin@FfynnonTafPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	169	33	236	19
Ysgol Gynradd y Gelli / Gelli Primary	Heol Ystrad / Ystrad Road Ystrad Pentre Cwm Rhondda / Rhondda CF41 7PX	Mrs C Flanary-Davies 01443 435311 Admin@GelliPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	181	28	196	33
Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned Glenbói / Glenbói Community Primary	Heol Abercwmbol Isaf / Abercwmbol Isaf Road, Glenbói Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 3DW	Mrs G Powell 01443 473747 Admin@GlenboiPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	118	19	138	19
Ysgol Gynradd Gwauncelyn / Gwauncelyn Primary	Heol Deg Ton-teg Pontypridd CF38 1EU	Mrs S Hearne 01443 562210 Admin@GwauncelynPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	355	57	399	42
Ysgol Gynradd Gwaunmeisgyn / Gwaunmeisgyn Primary	Ffordd y Goedwig / Woodland Road Beddau Pontypridd CF38 2SE	Mr A Llewellyn 01443 203079 Admin@GwaunmeisgynPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	301	44	314	32

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Ysgol Gynradd yr Hafod / Hafod Primary	Stryd Wayne / Wayne Street Trehafod Pontypridd CF37 2NL	Miss E Bradley 01443 682234 Admin@HafodPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	93	16	113	7
Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned Hendreforgan / Hendreforgan Community Primary	Hendreforgan Gillfach-goch CF39 8UH	Mr A Hughes 01443 672394 Admin@HendreforganPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	180	30	214	35
Ysgol Gynradd Hirwaun / Hirwaun Primary	Stryd Glannant / Glannant St Hirwaun Aberdâr/Aberdare CF44 9NF	Mrs B Hill 01685 811619 Admin@HirwaunPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	233	56	394	26
Ysgol Gynradd Llanharan / Llanharan Primary	Teras Llwynbrain / Llwynbrain Terrace, Llanharan Pont-y-clun/Pontyclun CF72 9PW	Mrs B Price 01443 237831 Admin@LlanharanPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	127	18	131	21
Ysgol Gynradd Llanhari / Llanhari Primary	Aelfryn Llanhari/Llanharry Pont-y-clun/Pontyclun CF72 9LQ	Mrs E Coates 01443 237832 Admin@LlanhariPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	153	29	203	18
Ysgol Gynradd Llanilltud Faerdref / Llanilltud Faerdref Primary	Heol Sant Illtyd / St Illtyd's Road Pentre'r Eglwys / Church Village Pontypridd CF38 1DB	Mr T Lewis 01443 204626 Admin@LlanilltudFaerdrefPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	154	34	240	21
Ysgol Gynradd Llantrisant Llantrisant Primary	Coed yr Esgob Llantrisant CF72 8EL	Mrs L Davies 01443 237829 Admin@LlantrisantPrimarySchool.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	113	18	128	16
Ysgol Gynradd Llwydcoed / Llwydcoed Primary	Stryd Corner House / Corner House Street Llwydcoed Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 0YA	Mrs N Drew 01685 871110 Admin@LlwydcoedPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	116	18	126	6

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Ysgol Gynradd Llwyn-crwn / Llwyn-crwn Primary	Heol Llwyn-crwn / Llwyn-crwn Road Beddau Pontypridd CF38 2BE	Mrs C Charles 01443 203557 Admin@Llwyn-crwnPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	229	49	344	32
Ysgol Gynradd Llwynypïa / Llwynypïa Primary	Teras yr Ysgol / School Terrace Llwynypïa Tonypanyd CF40 2HL	Mrs S Dessent Pennaeth Gweithredol/ Acting Headteacher 01443 432354 Admin@LlwynypïaPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	182	32	226	29
Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned y Maerdy / Maerdy Community Primary	Graigwen Y Maerdy / Maerdy Cwm Rhondda / Rhondda CF43 4TW	Miss H Gregory 01443 755227 Admin@MaerdyPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	245	41	288	32
Ysgol Gynradd Maes-y-bryn / Maesybryn Primary	Rhodfa Caerhirfryn / Lancaster Drive Yst. Bryn y Goron / Crownhill Est. Llanilltud Faerdref / Llantwit Fardre CF38 2NS	Mrs R Williams 01443 202928 Admin@MaesybrynPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	287	53	376	40
Ysgol Gynradd Maes-y-coed / Maesycoed Primary School	Heol Llanwern / Lanwern Road Maes-y-coed / Maesycoed Pontypridd CF37 1EQ	Mrs S Roberts 01443 486835 Admin@Maes-Y-CoedPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	274	44	314	24
Ysgol Gynradd Meisgyn / Miskin Primary	Stryd Caerefrog / York Street Meisgyn / Miskin Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 3BG	Mrs F Davies 01443 476426 Admin@MiskinPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	87	22	157	11
Ysgol Gynradd Oaklands / Oaklands Primary	Maes y Deri Aberaman Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 6TF	Mrs C Wright 01685 882577 Admin@OaklandsPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	173	32	229	23
Ysgol y Forwyn Fair Eglwys Gatholig Rhufain / Our Lady's R.C. Primary	Heol Meisgyn / Miskin Road, Meisgyn / Miskin Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 3UA	Miss J Conway 01443 472230 Admin@OurLadysRCPPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	99	17	119	12
Ysgol Gynradd Parc Lewis / Parc Lewis Primary	Broadway Pontypridd CF37 1BE	Mr A Roberts 01443 486836 Admin@ParcLewisPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	245	34	244	26

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Ysgol Gynradd y Parc / Parc Primary	Stryd Tallis / Tallis St Cwm-parc CF42 6LY	Mr D Williams 01443 776601 Admin@ParcPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	179	30	210	26
Ysgol Gynradd Pengeulan / Pengeulan Primary	Heol Penrhiwceibr / Penrhiwceiber Road Meisgyn / Miskin Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 3UW	Mrs H O'Gorman 01443 473365 Admin@PengeulanPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	108	21	152	16
Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned Pen-tych / Pen-Tych Community Primary	Heol Blaenrhondda / Blaenrhondda Road Tynewydd Treorci / Treorchy CF42 5SD	Mr T Lewis 01443 771434 Admin@Pen-PychCommunityPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	152	28	196	17
Ysgol Gynradd Penrhiwceibr / Penrhiwceibr Primary	Stryd yr Eglwys / Church Street Penrhiwceibr Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 3YD	Mr N Vaughan 01443 472247 Admin@PenrhiwceibrPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	114	20	141	9
Ysgol Gynradd Pen-rhys / Penrhys Primary	Pen-rhys / Penrhys Tylorstown Glynrhedynog / Ferndale CF43 3PL	Mr A Williams 01443 730037 Admin@PenrhysPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	70	18	130	12
Ysgol Gynradd Penygawsi / Penygawsi Primary	Llys Derwen Llantrisant CF72 8PZ	Mr J Davies 01443 237834 Admin@PenygawsiPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	194	44	310	22
Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned Pen-yr-englyn / Penynglyn Community Primary	Stryd Baglan / Baglan Street Treherbert CF42 5AW	Mrs M Hutchings 01443 772433 Admin@PenynglynCommunityPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	161	35	246	25
Ysgol Gynradd Pen-y-waun / Penywaun Primary	Coed Glas Pen-y-waun / Penywaun Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 9DR	Mr C L Prichard 01685 661005 Admin@PenywaunPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	160	36	253	23

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Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned Perthcelyn / Perthcelyn Community Primary	Stryd Morgannwg / Glamorgan Street Perthcelyn Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 3RJ	Mr A James 01443 473296 Admin@PerthcelynCommunityPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	96	22	160	12
Ysgol Gynradd Pontrhondda / Pontrhondda Primary	Heol Pontrhondda / Pontrhondda Road Llwynypia CF40 2SZ	Mrs A James 01443 433004 Admin@PontrhonddaPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	121	26	182	15
Ysgol Gynradd Pont-y-clun / Pontyclun Primary	Coedlan y Palalwyf / Palalwyf Avenue Pont-y-clun / Pontyclun CF72 9EG	Mr H Roberts 01443 237833 Admin@PontyclunPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	386	71	502	47
Ysgol Gynradd Pont-y-gwaith / Pontygwaith Primary	Stryd y Graig / Graig Street Pont-y-gwaith CF43 3LY	To be confirmed 01443 730471 Admin@PontygwaithPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	155	26	182	24
Ysgol Gynradd y Rhigos / Rhigos Primary	Heol-y-graig Rhigos Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 9YY	Mrs J Mundy 01685 811253 Admin@RhigosPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	59	9	65	4
Ysgol Gynradd y Seintiau Gabriel a Raphael Eglwys Gatholig Rhufain / SS Gabriel & Raphael R.C. Primary	Stryd y Briallu / Primrose Street Tonypanyd CF40 1BJ	Mrs W Lavagna 01443 433094 Admin@SsGabrielRaphaelRcPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	129	18	128	17
Ysgol Gynradd y Santes Fererid Eglwys Gatholig Rhufain / St Margaret's Catholic Primary	Tŷ Fry Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 7PP	Miss J Conway (Pennaeth Gweithredol Dros Dro/ Acting Executive Headteacher) 01685 876072 Admin@StMargaretsRCPprimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	104	20	141	6
Ysgol Gynradd Mihangel Sant Eglwys Gatholig Rhufain / St Michaels Primary	Maes John / John Place Trefforest Pontypridd CF37 1SP	Mrs J Taylor 01443 570090 Admin@StMichaelsRcPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	211	32	227	25
Ysgol Babanod Tonpentre / Ton Pentre Infants	Stryd yr Ysgol / School Street Tonpentre Pentre CF41 7LS	Mrs S Williams 01443 435438 Admin@TonPentreInfants.rctcbc.cymru	3-7	107	48	145	44

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Ysgol Iau Tonpentre / Ton Pentre Junior	Stryd Bailey / Bailey Street Tonpentre CF41 7EL	Mr I Evans 01443 435436 Admin@TonPentreJunior.rctcbc.cymru	7-11	187	48	195	N/a
Ysgol Gynradd Tonysguboriau / Tonysguboriau Primary	Stryd Stuart / Stuart Street Tonysguboriau / Talbot Green Pont-y-clun / Pontyclun CF72 8AA	Mrs T Harries 01443 237836 Admin@TonysguboriauPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	217	31	223	36
Ysgol Babanod Trallwng / Trallwng Infants	Heol Tresimwn / Bonvilston Road Trallwng Pontypridd CF37 4RD	Mrs S Francis 01443 486842 Admin@TrallwngInfants.rctcbc.cymru	3-7	63	35	105	19
Ysgol Gynradd Trealaw / Trealaw Primary	Trealaw Cwm Rhondda / Rhondda CF40 2QW	Mrs C James 01443 430633 Admin@TrealawPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	105	22	156	12
Ysgol Gynradd Tref-y-rhyg / Tref-y-rhyg Primary	Y Goedlan / The Avenue Tonyrefail Porth CF39 8PR	Miss W Blyth 01443 670306 Admin@Tref-Y-RhygPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	90	22	157	15
Ysgol Gynradd Trehopcyn / Trehopcyn Primary	Heol Plymouth / Plymouth Road Trehopcyn / Hopkinstown Pontypridd CF37 2RH	Mrs N Prewett 01443 486844 Admin@TrehopcynPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	81	22	160	14
Ysgol Gynradd Treorci / Treorchy Primary	Heol Glyncoli / Glyncoli Road Treorci / Treorchy CF42 6SA	Mrs E Anstee 01443 773084 Admin@TreorchyPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	371	55	389	59
Ysgol Gynradd Trerobart / Trerobart Primary	Stryd Crawshay / Crawshay Street Ynys-y-bwl Pontypridd CF37 3EF	Mrs T Buckle 01443 790233 Admin@TrerobartPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	166	31	217	16
Ysgol Gynradd Tylorstown / Tylorstown Primary	Stryd Edmund / Edmund Street Tylorstown CF43 3HH	Mrs K Tuck 01443 730396 Admin@TylorstownPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	127	30	210	12

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Ysgol Gynradd Trewiliam / Williamstown Primary	Campws Cymuned Penrhiw-fer / Penrhiw-fer Community Campus Gorllewin Dinas Isaf, Trewiliam / Dinas Isaf West, Williamstown Tonypanyd CF40 1AG	Mrs A Hall 01443 432186 Admin@WilliamstownPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	275	46	327	27
Ysgol Gynradd Ynys-boeth / Ynysboeth Primary	Yr Heol Fawr / Main Road Ynys-boeth Abercynon CF45 4LJ	Mrs B Wade 01443 749040 Admin@YnysboethPrimarySchool.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	130	30	214	17
Ysgol Gynradd Ynys-hir / Ynyshir Primary	Heol Llanwynno / Llanwonno Road Ynys-hir Porth CF39 0HU	Miss P Phillips 01443 685208 Admin@YnyshirPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	204	38	270	34

## Ysgolion Cynradd Dwy Iaith | Dual Language Schools Primary Schools

Enw'r Ysgol / School	Cyfeiriad / Address	Enw a manylion cyswllt y Pennaeth / Head Teacher, Contact Details	Amrediad Oedran / Age Range	Nifer ar y llyfrau / No. on Roll	Nifer derbyn / Admission Numbers	Capasiti / Capacity	Ceisiadau ar bapur Dosbarth Derbyn Medi 2022 / Written applications Reception Sept 2022
Ysgol Gynradd Dolau / Dolau Primary (gan gynnwys Uned Cyfrwng Cymraeg / Including Welsh Medium Provision)	Heol Pen-y-bont / Bridgend Road Llanharan Pont-y-clun / Pontyclun CF72 9RP	Mr G D Evans 01443 237830 Admin@DolauPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	461	63	441	64

## Ysgolion Cynradd Cymraeg | Welsh Medium Primary Schools

Enw'r Ysgol / School	Cyfeiriad / Address	Enw a manylion cyswllt y Pennaeth / Head Teacher, Contact Details	Amrediad Oedran / Age Range	Nifer ar y llyfrau / No. on Roll	Nifer derbyn / Admission Numbers	Capasiti / Capacity	Ceisiadau ar bapur Dosbarth Derbyn Medi 2023 / Written applications Reception Sept 2023
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Awel Taf	Stryd y Celyn / Holly Street Rhydfelen / Rhydyfelin Pontypridd CF37 5DB	Mrs C Jones 01443 490750 Admin@YGGAwelTaf.rctcbc.cymru	3-11		68	478	
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Abercynon (gan gynnwys Canolfan Blynnyddoedd Cynnar y Gorlan Fach / including Gorlan Early Years Centre)	Teras Cae-glas / Greenfield Terrace Abercynon Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 4TH	Mrs E Smith (Pennaeth Gweithredol Dros Dro/ Acting Executive Headteacher) 01443 740239 Admin@YGGAbercynon.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	234	46	322	36
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Aberdâr	Rhodfa'r Tresi Aur / Laburnum Drive Cwmdâr / Cwmdare Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 8RT	Mr D Davies 01685 872939 Admin@YGGAberdar.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	375	60	440	62
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bodringallt	Teras y Bryn / Bryn Terrace Ystradyfodwg CF41 7RX	Dr N Pike 01443 434096 Admin@YGGBodringallt.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	113	24	172	20
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bronllwyn	Heol Colwyn / Colwyn Road Gelli CF41 7NW	Mrs N Gould 01443 435294 Admin@YGGBronllwyn.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	191	33	236	31
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Castellau	Ffordd Castellau Beddau Pontypridd CF38 2AA	Mr D. Jones 01443 562206 Admin@YGGCastellau.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	200	37	263	22
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Evan James	Ffordd y Rhondda Pontypridd CF37 1HF	Mrs C Morgan Pennaeth Gweithredol/ Acting Headteacher 01443 486813 Admin@YGGEvanJames.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	241	48	342	45
Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Gymraeg Llantrisant	Ffordd Cefn yr Hendy Meisgyn / Miskin Pont-y-clun / Pontyclun CF72 8TL	Mr R O'Neil 01443 237837 Admin@YGGGLlantrisant.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	201	46	324	23
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llwynceilyn	Ffordd y Grug / Heather Way Llwynceilyn Porth CF39 9TL	Mr G Ashcroft 01443 562220 Admin@YGGLLwynceilyn.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	292	44	309	43

## Ysgolion Cynradd Cymraeg | Welsh Medium Primary Schools

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Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llyn-y-forwyn	Teras y Darren / Darren Terrace Glynrhedynog / Ferndale CF43 4LG	Miss P Davies 01443 730278 Admin@YGGLlynYForwyn.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	146	30	210	19
Ysgol Gynradd Penderyn / Penderyn Primary School	Pontprenllwyd Penderyn Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 9JW	Mr A Wood 01685 811259 Admin@PenderynPrimary.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	135	33	231	23
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Tonyrefail	Cilgant Martin / Martin Crescent Tonyrefail Porth CF39 8NT	Miss N Downes 01443 670319 Admin@YGGTonyrefail.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	169	46	328	26
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Ynyswen	Ffordd y Clinig Ynys-wen / Ynyswen Treorci / Treorchy CF42 6ED	Miss C Roberts 01443 772432 Admin@YGGYnyswen.rctcbc.cymru	3-11	236	42	300	22

## Ysgolion Pob Oed | All through Schools

Enw'r Ysgol / School	Cyfeiriad / Address	Enw a manylion cyswllt y Pennaeth / Head Teacher, Contact Details	Amrediad Oedran / Age Range	Nifer ar y llyfrau / No. on Roll	Nifer derbyn / Admission Numbers	Capasiti / Capacity	Ceisiadau ar bapur Dosbarth Derbyn a Bl 7 Medi 2023 / Written applications Reception & Yr 7 Sept 2023
Ysgol Afon Wen	Lôn yr Ysgol / School Lane Y Ddraenen-wen / Hawthorn Pontypridd CF37 5AL	Mrs Claire Crockett 01443 841230 to be confirmed Admin@YsgolAfonwen.rctcbc.cymru	3-16		U/S: 144 C/P: 67	U/S: 720 C/P: 469	
Ysgol Bro Taf	Campws Cymunedol Parc Hen Lofa'r Albion / Albion Community Campus Cilfynydd, Pontypridd CF37 4SF	Mr M Thomas 01443 486133 Admin@YsgolBroTaf.rctcbc.cymru	3-16		U/S: 198 C/P: 26	U/S: 990 C/P: 182	
Ysgol Garth Olwg	Campws Cymuned Garth Olwg Heol Sant Illtyd / St Illtyds Rd, Pentre'r Eglwys / Church Village Pontypridd, CF38 1DX	Mr T Edwards 01443 570070 Gweinyddol@gartholwg.cymru	3-19	U/S: 865 C/P: 330	U/S: 187 C/P: 58	U/S: 1110 C/P: 409	D/R 55 B/Yr 7 128
Ysgol Llanhari	Llanhari Pont-y-clun / Pontyclun CF72 9XE	Mrs M Thomas 01443 237824 Admin@YsgolLlanhari.rctcbc.cymru	3-19	U/S: 502 C/P: 166	U/S: 162 C/P: 27	U/S: 914 C/P: 194	D/R 13 B/Yr 7 79
Ysgol Nant-gwyn	Stryd Llewellyn / Llewellyn Street Pen-y-graig CF40 1HQ	Mrs L Morris 01443 436171 Admin@YsgolNantgwyn.rctcbc.cymru	3-16	U/S: 631 C/P: 373	U/S: 158 C/P: 64	U/S: 792 C/P: 450	D/R 47 B/Yr 7 171
Ysgol Gymuned y Porth / Porth Community School	Ffordd y Fynwent / Cemetery Road Porth CF39 OBS	Mrs Y Jones 01443 682137 Admin@PorthCommunitySchool.rctcbc.cymru	3-16	U/S: 656 C/P: 189	U/S: 163 C/P: 42	U/S: 817 C/P: 296	D/R 26 B/Yr 7 156
Ysgol Gymuned Tonyrefail / Tonyrefail Community School	Heol Gilfach / Gilfach Road Tonyrefail CF39 8HG	Mrs H Nicholas 01443 670647 Admin@TonyrefailCommunitySchool.rctcbc.cymru	3-19	U/S: 1298 C/P: 293	U/S: 201 C/P: 55	U/S: 1393 C/P: 385	D/R 43 B/Yr 7 226

## Ysgolion Uwchradd Saesneg | English Medium Secondary Schools

Enw'r Ysgol / School	Cyfeiriad / Address	Enw a manylion cyswllt y Pennaeth / Head Teacher, Contact Details	Amrediad Oedran / Age Range	Nifer ar y llyfrau / No. on Roll	Nifer derbyn / Admission Numbers	Capasiti / Capacity	Ceisiadau ar bapur Blwyddyn 7 Medi 2023 / Written applications Year 7 Sept 2023
Ysgol Gymunedol Aberdâr / Aberdare Community School	Yr Ynys, Aberdâr, CF44 7RP Ynys Site, Aberdare, CF44 7RP	Mrs C Morgan 01685 888500 Admin@AberdareCommunitySchool.rctcbc.cymru	11-19	1281	274	1574	275
Ysgol Gyfun Bryncelynnog / Bryncelynnog Comprehensive	Heol Penycoedcae / Penycoedcae Road Beddau Pontypridd CF38 2AE	Mrs D Baldock 01443 203411 Admin@BryncelynnogComprehensive.rctcbc.cymru	11-19	1325	244	1442	201
Ysgol Gyfun y Cardinal Newman Eglwys Gatholig Rhufain / Cardinal Newman R.C. Comprehensive	Heol Dynea / Dynea Road Rhydfelen / Rhydyfelin Pontypridd CF37 5DP	Mr J O'Sullivan 01443 494110 Admin@CardinalNewman.rctcbc.cymru	11-16	996	214	1071	182
Ysgol Gymuned Glynrhedynog / Ferndale Community School	Teras Excelsior / Excelsior Terrace Y Maerdy CF43 4AR	Mr N Prygodzicz 01443 755337/755657 Admin@FerndaleCommunitySchool.rctcbc.cymru	11-16	584	141	704	158
Ysgol Gyfun Aberpennar / Mountain Ash Comprehensive	Heol Newydd / New Road Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 4DG	Mrs S Evans 01443 479199 Admin@MountainAshComprehensive.rctcbc.cymru	11-19	983	253	1394	207
Ysgol Uwchradd Ioan Fedyddiwr yr Eglwys yng Nghymru / St John Baptist C.I.W. High	Ffordd Glan / Glan Road Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 8BW	Dr S Mitchell 01685 875414 Admin@StJohnBaptistCIWHigh.rctcbc.cymru	11-19	974	160	966	171
Ysgol Gyfun Treorci / Treorchy Comprehensive	Pengelli Treorci / Treorchy CF42 6UL	Mrs J Ford 01443 773128 Admin@TreorchyComprehensive.rctcbc.cymru	11-19	1512	270	1877	229
Ysgol Gyfun y Pant / Y Pant Comprehensive	Heol y Bont-faen / Cowbridge Road Pont-y-clun / Pontyclun CF72 8YQ	Mrs B Cheetham 01443 562250 Admin@YPantComprehensive.rctcbc.cymru	11-19	1417	242	1485	255

## Ysgolion Uwchradd Cymraeg | Welsh Medium Secondary Schools

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Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun	Rhodfa Lawrence Pen-y-waun Hirwaun CF44 9ES	Ms L Williams 01685 813500 Admin@YsgolGyfunRhydywaun. rctcbc.cymru	11-19	1055	209	1225	188
Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda	Heol Graig-wen Cymer, Porth CF39 9HA	Mr C Spanswick 01443 680800 Admin@YsgolGyfunCwmRhondda. rctcbc.cymru	11-19	699	173	1023	136

## Ysgolion Arbennig | Special Educational Needs Provision

Enw'r Ysgol / School	Cyfeiriad / Address	Enw a manylion cyswllt y Pennaeth / Head Teacher, Contact Details
Ysgol Arbennig Maesgwyn / Maesgwyn Special	Heol Cwmdâr / Cwmdare Road Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 8RG	Mr D Mogford 01685 873933 Admin@MaesgwynSpecial.rctcbc.cymru
Ysgol Arbennig Park Lane / Park Lane Special	Lôn y Parc / Park Lane, Trecynon Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 8HN	Mr S Type 01685 874489 Admin@ParkLaneSpecial.rctcbc.cymru
Ysgol Hen Felin	Parc Gelligaled / Gelligaled Park Ystrad CF41 7SZ	Mr A Bradley 01443 431571 Admin@YsgolHenFelin.rctcbc.cymru
Ysgol Tŷ Coch	Rhodfa Lansdale / Lansdale Drive Ton-teg Pontypridd CF38 1PG Buarth-y-Capel Ynys-y-bwl Pontypridd CF37 3PA	Mr S Wilson 01443 203471 Admin@YsgolTyCoch.rctcbc.cymru

## Unedau Atgyfeirio Disgyblion AEY | EBD and Pupil Referral Units

Enw'r Ysgol / School	Cyfeiriad / Address	Enw a manylion cyswllt y Pennaeth / Head Teacher, Contact Details
Tŷ Gwyn	Y Dolydd, Aberdâr/Aberdare, RCT, CF44 8EX	Ms V Cox-Wall Pennaeth Gweithredol / Acting Headteacher 01685 652525 Admin@TyGwyn.rctcbc.cymru
Canolfan Addysg Tai / Tai Education Centre	Stryd yr Esgob / Bishop St Pen-y-graig Tonypanyd CF40 1PQ	Mrs M Chadney 01443 422666 Admin@TaiCentre.rctcbc.cymru