

Education and Lifelong Learning

2019 - 2020 Starting School

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



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

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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

Some children will have greater learning needs and may need specialist provision made for them within 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 information 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.

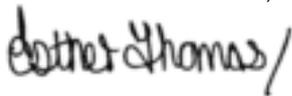
If, at any time, you require any additional information or advice about this or any other educational matter, the staff at the Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate will be pleased to help you. They can be contacted on 01443 744000.

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 2019 and August 2020, 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 all our best wishes,



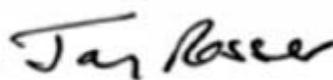
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Information and advice - Contact Details

The School Admissions Team are based at Tŷ Trevithick, Abercynon, and are always available to give advice and assistance on school admission issues.

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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

Part 1

Primary and Secondary Education General Admission Arrangements 2019-2020

Primary Education Age (3-11) Secondary Education Age (11-18)

A. Choosing a School

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.

Within the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf (the Authority), each school has an area that it serves – 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.

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. In some instances Welsh Medium schools will be outside the equivalent English Medium catchment area but that shouldn't be viewed as a barrier. We have a duty as a Local Authority to promote Welsh Medium education, therefore, for more information check out our Being Bilingual booklet - www.rctcbc.gov.uk/BeingBilingual

The Council continuously reviews and reserves the right to amend its admission procedures for non-statutory pre-nursery and nursery education. Nursery places are only available to residents of RCT, i.e. those persons paying Council tax to this authority.

1. Parents/carers must submit an application for a school place at the following stages of their child(ren)'s education:-
 - i. Admission to a pre-Nursery class, the term following a child's third birthday (such 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. On admission to the Nursery year at a school
Please note that schools are now only funded for part time places for both pre-nursery and nursery provision; full time funding is only applied the term following a child's fourth birthday. Part time places provide at least 15 hours a week education provision to children. Some schools may decide to increase this level of provision should their budgets allow; parents will need to check with individual schools for details of any local arrangements made in this regard. If a school only offers part time nursery places, the allocation of morning and afternoon places will be decided by the head teacher. Pre nursery and nursery places are not available to any parent not resident within Rhondda Cynon Taf County boundary (and who are not paying Council tax to Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council), however consideration will be given to allowing entry to children who have elder siblings at the school, but only if there are spare places available.
 - 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).
 - v. On transfer from a junior or primary school to secondary school (children already attending a middle school do not need to apply for a secondary school place. This is automatic.)
 - vi. At any time that parents/carers may wish to transfer their child from one school to another

Please see admission timetable for all of the above on page 14

2. Parents/carers may further express their right of selection in respect of –
 - i. Welsh Medium education – this option is available to all parents or carers who desire it for their child(ren)
 - ii. Voluntary aided (church) schools – please see pages 15-23

3. The Authority and each school's governors must comply with any parent/carer preference that is expressed, **providing that there is room within the school**. In considering these preferences, the Admissions Authority must have regard for:
 - i. The overall provision of efficient education and efficient use of resources
 - ii. Welsh Medium education (as 2 i. above)
 - iii. Religious affiliation
4. The names of the secondary schools to which pupils from each of the junior/primary schools usually progress are given on pages 39-40. All schools within the Authority aim to provide their pupils with an educational opportunity that is best suited to each individual child. Some children will have learning needs requiring special educational provision. Parents/carers are encouraged, in the first instance, to discuss possible areas of concern with their local head teacher who may consider that the best course of action is to seek specialist advice. Parents/carers will, in some cases, already be receiving specialist support and guidance regarding the provision of education for their child. For further information on this matter, please refer to pages 24-25 which gives an outline of the Special Educational Needs services available in Rhondda Cynon Taf. Please also see page 5 Criteria for Pupil Entry.

B. Applying for a Place

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 commencing September 2019, parents/carers **must** complete an application. Please refer to page 14 for return dates.

Applications include a deadline by which they must be completed and returned. Parents of pupils due to start Nursery, Reception, transfer from Infants to Junior/Primary school or transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2019 can apply online for admission.

Applying online is quick and easy. Follow these three steps :-

- 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.

Only applications received by the published closing date for receipt of applications will be considered in the initial round of allocation of places. Other applications received after the closing date will be considered as late applications. Late applications will be processed **after** applications which were received by the closing date and therefore late applicants may find that their preferred school is already full. Late applications will be subjected to the same admissions criteria.

Any change of preference after the closing date 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.

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 is unable to offer or promise a place in their school, that is the role of the Admissions Authority.

2. 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.
3. Parents/carers may be requested to provide **documentary evidence** of 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 also 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, it is essential that you let us know as soon as possible in writing. For those parents/carers who have moved into a new property within the last six months we will require further documentary evidence namely :-
 - i. A photo card driving licence containing details of the new address, which has to be presented in person at Ty Trevithick **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**.
4. Any attempt to gain an advantage in the admissions process by giving false information is taken very seriously and the Council will investigate fraudulent claims. If we offer a place at a school and then discover that the offer was made on fraudulent or misleading information e.g a false claim to living at an address, falsified date of birth, we will withdraw the place offered. Where a place has been offered on false information the offer can be withdrawn even after your child has started at the school.

5. Where parents have shared responsibility for a child and the child lives with both parents for part of the school week, then the home address will be the address to which Child Benefit is paid. Parents will be required to provide documentary evidence to support the address they wish to be considered for allocation purposes.
6. All applications received by the closing dates will be considered in line with the Authority's Oversubscription criteria for entry to school (see paragraph C). Parents/carers will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application including, if appropriate, the means of appealing against the decision where there is recourse to appeal.
7. All maintained schools must admit pupils (during compulsory education) up to at least their published admission level. This admission level is called the Admission Number (AN) and ANs for individual schools are detailed on the List of Schools from page 43 onwards. There will be 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.
8. Nursery education is provided throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf. Where nursery pupils enter the reception class on first admission to school, they will count towards the recognised Admission Number.
9. Entry into a pre-nursery or nursery class **does not guarantee a place in the nursery or reception class at the same school**. A separate application for a reception place must be made and the allocation of reception class places will be made in line with the Authority's criteria for entry to school as given in paragraph C.
10. Birth Certificates/Passports/EEA identification Cards. 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.

C. How Places are Allocated

If the number of preferences received for a school is **below** the school's Admission Number, all applications for admission to the school will be granted. Places cannot be reserved for 'in catchment' children unless they are children of reception age whose parents have applied for their entry to school to be deferred until a later date in the same school year.

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

Oversubscription Criteria

- **Priority Category 1:** 'Looked After' children (children in public care) & previously 'Looked After' children.
- **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 2019.
- **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 2019.
- **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.

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

The date a parent/carer requests with a school that their child's name be put on their school's initial list is not a criteria for entry and does not guarantee a place; it merely enables information for parents to be sent out at the correct time.

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.** The home address in instances where parents have shared responsibility for children, will be the address to which Child Benefit is paid.

Note

Siblings

Children will be classified as siblings if-

- (a) they are half or full brother or sister
- (b) they are an adoptive or fostered brother or sister
- (c) they are children i.e. step brother/step 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 2019. Siblings attending the sixth form at a comprehensive school in September 2019 are not considered for purpose of admissions of younger children.

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).

Children of UK Service Personnel

Children of UK service personnel will be treated as in catchment if their application form 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.

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.

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.

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.

Part 2

Stages of Education

Maintained Schools

A. Nursery Education

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

The Welsh Government recognises the important part 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.

Some schools are able to offer 'pre-Nursery' places 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).

Admission Cohort	Age of Pupil
Pre-Nursery Admission from January 2020 onwards	3rd Birthday falls between: 1st September 2019 and 31st December 2019
Pre-Nursery Admission from April 2020 onwards	3rd Birthday falls between: 1st January 2020 and 31st March 2020

Parents can apply online at <https://schooladmissions.rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk/>

Pre-nursery places are provided strictly subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed at any school. Once the Nursery accommodation is deemed to be full, no further pre-Nursery pupils may be admitted.

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

Wherever possible we ensure provision is available within the family's catchment area. However, where schools are unable to meet the demand a part time placement will be funded in other registered education provision within private and voluntary sector settings. Parents can also apply online for such places in September and January at <https://schooladmissions.rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk/>

Details of these providers can be found on page 44 or alternatively you can ring our Family Information Service (FIS) free helpline on 0800 180 4151 (or 0300 if dialling from a mobile) 111 4151 for further details.

A nursery place will only be funded in alternative provision if there is no capacity in a local school, to meet the child's needs. 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.

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

1. Admission to Nursery

The Authority sets the number of places available at a nursery school. The decision to admit your child to a Nursery School will be taken in accordance with the Authority's published criteria for Pupil Entry to school (see point C page 5).

Admission to Nursery Classes in Infant or Primary Schools will also be undertaken in line with the Authority's published criteria for Pupil Entry to school and in accordance with Welsh Government expectations.

Pupils who are admitted either to a pre nursery or nursery class will not have an "automatic" right to continue education within that school. Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate these pupils, a formal application must be made for transfer to the nursery class (upon transfer from pre nursery provision), reception class/infant department at the appropriate time. There may be occasions when, due to over subscription, it will not be possible for this transfer to take place.

2. Early Years and Family Support Services

Rhondda Cynon Taf Early Years and Family Support Services provides a broad range of services to support children's development and learning as well as support to parents through the medium of Welsh and English. EYFSS provides services such as Flying Start, open access play, parent and family support, pre-school language development support and Family Information Services. The service operates across Rhondda Cynon Taf in a number of Children's Centre and the central team, along with senior officers are based at TŷTrevithick.

The full range of services provided by EYFSS is available on the Council's website or by telephoning the Family Information Service on freephone: 0800 180 4151 or free from mobiles 0300 111 4151 or fis@rctcbc.gov.uk You are welcome to correspond with us in Welsh.

3. Flying Start

Flying Start is the Welsh Government's flagship early years programme for families with children who are 0-3 years of age and is delivered by the Council's Early Years and Family Support Service. In order to be eligible to access Flying Start services, families must be living in Flying Start areas. Families can check their eligibility here:

<http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/ChildrenandFamilies/ParentandFamilySupport/Financialsupportforfamilies/FlyingStart/WhatisFlyingStart.aspx>

Flying Start is made up of four strands and every Flying Start child and family is entitled to access each of these four strands. They are:

- Enhanced Health Visiting, where Health Visitors have reduced caseloads to allow them to offer intensive support to families and visit more often
- Funded quality childcare for 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, 42 weeks per year for children from the term after their second birthday until the term after their third birthday.
- Parenting and family support
- Early language development support

All services provided in these four strands are available in Welsh and English, please contact us for more information.

4. Foundation Phase

The Foundation Phase provides an approach to learning, with a more specific focus on learning through play and learning activities in the outdoors. The Foundation Phase curriculum is statutory in all early years education provision, including the private and voluntary sector and advisory teachers provide extra support to education providers that are non-maintained within the Local Authority. This ensures that the principles of the Foundation Phase are acted upon in every setting that delivers education to pupils from age 3-7.

B. Primary Education

Primary education refers to nursery/infant/junior and primary schools. Children of compulsory school age (5 or over) will, at the appropriate time, attend these schools.

Attendance between the age of 3 to the date of a child's fifth birthday is optional (see paragraph C1 below).

By virtue of section 8 of the Education Act 1996, a child begins to be of compulsory school age when he or she attains the age of five years. A child, therefore, becomes of compulsory school age on one of three dates in the year 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).

Children between the ages of 3-5 are recognised as pupils receiving primary education. However, in Rhondda Cynon Taf, primary education in this context may be provided in nursery schools or with registered education providers.

C. Admission to Infant Schools or Infant Departments within Primary Schools

1. All children must be in full time attendance by the commencement of the term following their fifth birthday.
2. Parents/Carers should notify the Head Teacher of their local infant school or primary school (well in advance if possible) that they have a child approaching compulsory school age. If a parent/ carer is unsure as to which school usually serves their address/locality then an officer in the School Admissions Team is available to offer advice (see page 2).
3. 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. Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate these pupils, a formal application must be made for transfer to the junior/primary school at the appropriate time. Pupils admitted to a pre nursery or nursery class in a primary school must also make a formal application to transfer to the nursery class (upon transfer from pre nursery) / reception class at that school. 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.

D. Transfer to Junior Schools or Junior Departments within Primary Schools

1. 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.
2. In Primary schools, the infant and junior sections are simply departments of the same school and children progress through the school from the infants to juniors without having to transfer elsewhere or make application between departments.

E. Changing Schools: Primary Education

1. 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. You may wish to contact your local school or the School Admissions Team (see page 2) for advice at this time. If you decide that you would like your child to transfer from one school to another, please contact their present Head Teacher first to alert 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.
2. Applications to any year group within a school will be judged against the relevant AN (Admission Number) for that year group and the overall capacity of the school.

3. Parents should note, however, 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.
4. Pupils should continue to attend their present school until a school placement has been arranged.
5. 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.

For all enquiries relating to preferred dress (school uniforms) please contact the school directly.

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.gov.uk/BeingBilinigual. Please contact the School Admissions Team (see page 2) for advice on this matter.

F. Admission to Secondary Schools

Children normally transfer from primary (junior) school to secondary school at the beginning of the school year (a given date in September) following their eleventh birthday. Although each primary school has a secondary school to which most of its pupils usually transfer, parents/carers are required, in all cases, 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 [the final year] of their attendance at junior or primary school.

A list indicating the secondary school to which each primary school is linked is given in Part 5 on pages 39-40. Being a registered pupil at an associated primary school does not guarantee or entitle your child to a place at a particular secondary school. Allocation of all secondary school places are subject to submission of an application and where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, places will be allocated strictly in accordance with our published oversubscription criteria (see page 5).

For all enquiries relating to school uniform please contact the school directly.
(For home to school transport see pages 29-38).

G. Changing Secondary Schools

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 2) for advice on this matter. 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. Should you still wish to proceed with the transfer arrangements you should contact the School Admissions Team for advice in making your application. 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. **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. 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.gov.uk/BeingBilinigual. Please contact the School Admissions Team (see page 2) for advice on this matter.

H. Admissions at Other Times

Application for admission to a primary or secondary school at other times, e.g. for those moving into the County Borough, should be made to the School Admissions Team (see page 2), where an officer will be able to advise on admission procedure and the availability of places and information on the benefits of the Local Authorities preferred Welsh Medium option can be found by visiting www.rctcbc.gov.uk/BeingBilinigual

I. Regular Attendance at School

Improving school attendance rates is a Council priority in Rhondda Cynon Taf. 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.

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.

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), or the Council website (www.rctcbc.gov.uk).

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.

J. Authority's policy on Food and Drink in schools

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.

The recipes and menus comply with the Welsh Government's Food Standards, nutritional and allergen regulations in Primary and Secondary Schools.

There is consistent pricing across all schools and the service is tailored to meet the needs of the school. Special dietary requirements are catered for on request.

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

Tel: 01443 744155 • Email: cateringservices@rctcbc.gov.uk

Or visit our website: www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolcatering

Primary School Free Breakfast Initiative

A free breakfast is available from 8.00 a.m. and is provided to pupils in most of our Primary schools but please check with the Head teacher in the first instance.

School Milk

Free milk is provided daily to all Foundation Phase pupils.

K. Authority's policy on School Uniform

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.

L. Authority's policy on entering pupils for public exams

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.

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.

M. Welsh Medium & Welsh Language Education

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.

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.

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.

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

School Admissions

Academic Year 2019-2020

Year	Age during academic Year	Date of Birth between	National Curriculum	Other names
Pre-Nursery	3	1.9.2016 – 31.8.2017		Foundation Phase
Nursery	4	1.9.2015 – 31.8.2016	Nursery	Foundation Phase
Reception	5	1.9.2014 – 31.8.2015	Reception	Foundation Phase
1	6	1.9.2013 – 31.8.2014	Key Stage 1	Foundation Phase
2	7	1.9.2012 – 31.8.2013	Key Stage 1	Foundation Phase
3	8	1.9.2011 – 31.8.2012	Key Stage 2	Juniors
4	9	1.9.2010 – 31.8.2011		
5	10	1.9.2009 – 31.8.2010		
6	11	1.9.2008 – 31.8.2009		
7	12	1.9.2007 – 31.8.2008	Key Stage 3	Form 1
8	13	1.9.2006 – 31.8.2007		Form 2
9	14	1.9.2005 – 31.8.2006		Form 3
10	15	1.9.2004 – 31.8.2005	Key Stage 4	Form 4
11	16	1.9.2003 – 31.8.2004		Form 5
12	17	1.9.2002 – 31.8.2003	Key Stage 5	Lower Sixth
13	18	1.9.2001 – 31.8.2002		Upper Sixth

Compulsory School Age

Date of 5 th birthday falls between:	Becomes of Compulsory School Age on:
1.4.2014 – 31.8.2014	1.9.2019
1.9.2014 – 31.12.2014	1.1.2020
1.1.2015 – 31.3.2015	1.4.2020

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 2019-2020 school year, this date is 19th June 2020.

No Year 11 student is legally able to leave school before this date even if they attain their 16th birthday on 1st September 2019.

Admission Timetable 2019-2020 Academic Year

Admission Cohort	Age of Pupil	Applications available from	Applications to be Returned by	Decision Notifications Issued
Secondary School Year 7	12 th birthday falls between: 1 st September 2019 and 31 st August 2020	1 st September 2018	19 th October 2018	1 st March 2019
Primary School Year 3 (transfer from Infant to Junior or Primary School)	8 th birthday falls between: 1 st September 2019 and 31 st August 2020	1 st September 2018	16 th November 2018	16 th April 2019
Primary School Reception Class (i.e. Age 4 before 1 st Sept 2019)	5 th birthday falls between: 1 st September 2019 and 31 st August 2020	1 st September 2018	16 th November 2018	16 th April 2019
Primary School Nursery Class (i.e. Age 3 before 1 st Sept 2019)	4 th birthday falls between: 1 st September 2019 and 31 st August 2020	1 st September 2018	16 th November 2018	16 th April 2019
Pre-Nursery Admission from January 2020 (Spring Term)	3 rd birthday falls between: 1 st September 2019 and 31 st December 2019	2 nd September 2019	4 th October 2019	22 nd November 2019
Pre-Nursery Admission from April 2020 (Summer Term)	3 rd birthday falls between: 1 st January 2020 and 31 st March 2020	6 th January 2020	14 th February 2020	13 th March 2020

Appeal Timetable – Year 7, Year 3 and Reception Only

Admission Cohort	Closing Date for Receipt of Appeals	Appeals Heard
Secondary School Year 7	22 nd March 2019	Within 30 school days of the specified closing date for receipt of appeals.
Primary School Reception Class and Year 3 transfers from Infant Schools	3 rd May 2019	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.

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.

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, CF 44 0SD

Chair of Governing Body : Miss. S. Osborne, c/o Aberdare Town C/W Primary School

Cwmbach Church In Wales Primary School (01685 873336)

Admission Policy

Admission Procedures

Parents who wish to send their children to Cwmbach School are sent 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.

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 30 is reached, the Admissions Policy is administered using the following criteria:-

- 'Looked After' children or children with a Statement of Educational Need, when the school is named as the most appropriate setting;
- Children who have a sibling who is a pupil registered at the school on the date when the applicant child is due to commence school (a sibling is defined as being a full or half brother/sister, adopted or fostered);
- Children of practising Christians or of other denominations;
- Children whose families wish them to be educated at a Church in Wales school;
- Children whose families wish them to be educated in a Church in Wales School. (Priority will be given to those living closest to the school, for whom Cwmbach CIW is the closest Church 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.

The friends of Cwmbach Church School hosts learning through play sessions and a coffee morning every Thursday at 9am – 10.30am, new parents are always welcome.

Prospective parents moving to the area and considering sending their children to Cwmbach Church School are very welcome to make an appointment with the Headteacher, who will arrange a tour.

Admissions Level:

Pupils are admitted into Cwmbach Church School in the September after their third birthday. Pupils may also be admitted into school at any point throughout the year if the class appropriate to their age has room.

Appeals Procedure:

Parents/cares that are not offered a place for their child have the right to appeal to an independent appeal committee under the Education Acts. 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.

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 normally for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years old.

Part time Nursery for pupils the term after they are 3. Full time the term after they are 4.

Admissions Level

The schools AN has been set at 17.

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 Kemble, 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. EG 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.

Number of written applications for places at the school in September 2014-17

NO Appeals to date

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 too 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 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 31.

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 31.

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

Admissions 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.

Over Subscription 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 bothers 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 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.

Secondary Schools Policies

Cardinal Newman Roman Catholic Comprehensive School 01443 494110

Admissions Policy - Oversubscription Criteria Order of Priority

Cardinal Newman Catholic School & Sixth Form Centre 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 147 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. The next priority will be given to those residing closest to the school measured as 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 & Sixth Form Centre 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.

Appeals Procedure

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 McMahon (Clerk to the Governing Body), Cardinal Newman Catholic Comprehensive
Dynea Road, Rhydyfelin, PONTYPRIDD, CF37 5DP

Contributory Parishes

St Dyfrig's Treforest	SS Gabriel & Raphael Tonypany
All Hallows Llantrisant	St. Mary Magdalene Ynyshir
Our Lady's Mountain Ash	St Peter's Bargoed
St. Thomas' Abercynon	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 accepts 165 pupils into a year group. 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.

The governors apply the proximity of an application in category 7. Within each category priority will be given to the applicant who lives nearest to the school. Proximity is measured by local authority safe walking distance measure.

The school recognises the priority of providing an appropriate school place for a looked after child and/or previously looked after child 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 looked after children. Looked after children are first in the over subscription criteria. Previously looked after children are treated in the same way.

In the oversubscription criteria, after category 6, children with a statement of special educational needs naming St John Baptist Church in Wales High School will be admitted to the school.

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 deems 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. 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. 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.

Special Educational Needs

Rhondda Cynon Taf Education Authority Provision for Special Needs

A. 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), should be educated in mainstream Welsh, English and dual language schools within their local communities. The Special Educational Needs (SEN) Code of Practice for Wales 2002 provides practical 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 special educational needs.

- A commitment to the principle of inclusion in so far as it is compatible with the child receiving the special education 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 special educational needs of children, including those of pre-school age, will be identified, recorded, assessed and met as early as possible and they will be reviewed regularly.
- Parents and carers are encouraged to participate in the process of the identification and assessment of their child's special educational needs. Decisions about how and where a child's special educational needs might be met will involve parents/carers and, where appropriate, will take into account the child's own views. The participatory process includes guidance to the parents/carers of children with special educational 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, special educational need or disability.
- An acknowledgement that a child may, at any time, have educational needs that will require special provision.
- The maintenance of a flexible continuum of provision designed to meet the special educational needs of individual pupils. The majority of children with special educational 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 special educational needs.
- The importance of effective liaison with agencies, both statutory and voluntary, is recognised in determining the nature of a child's special educational 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 the provision of special education. Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council has a service for identifying the special educational 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 and staff in relation to their duties and responsibilities for children with additional educational needs, including special needs.

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

Pupils with Additional Learning Needs

Most pupils with additional learning needs attend 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.

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

Advice

If parents/carers feel that their child may have special educational 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 the provision available in the County Borough, for meeting special educational needs can be obtained from Tŷ Trevithick (Tel: 01443 744356). Professional advice can also be obtained from all teams within the Access and Inclusion Service which includes:-

- **Access and Inclusion**
Tel: 01443 744333
- **Special Educational Needs Administrative Service**
Tel: 01443 744344

We welcome correspondence in Welsh

Part 3

Appeals Process

Process

- a. 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, which can be done in Welsh or English.
- b. 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 5), 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.*
- c. Where parents/carers have not stated a second or third choice, they will be contacted and asked whether, given the circumstances, 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.

Appeals Procedure

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**;

- a. Give the LA written notice of their appeal within 14 calendar days (10 working days) of the admission(s) decision.
- b. Forward the letter of appeal to;
The Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, Tŷ Trevithick, Abercynon, Mountain Ash, CF45 4UQ.
- c. 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.
- d. 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 a above).
- e. 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.
- f. Parents/Carers may attend the hearing and make representation to the panel (written and/or verbal) should they so wish. Parents/Carers will be given the option to speak Welsh at the meeting if that is their choice. In such circumstances where the meeting cannot wholly be conducted in Welsh, simultaneous translation services will be provided.
- g. 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.
- h. 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).
- i. **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.**

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

This appeals process does not apply to the refusal to admit nursery or pre-nursery age children. (Nursery / pre nursery age - those children who are/will continue to be below statutory school age at the time the parent/carer is seeking their admission to school).

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.

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.

Appeals

Nursery Aged Children (age under 5)

There is currently no recourse to appeal the refusal to admit nursery aged children (on either a full-time or part-time basis) to a school. Please see pages 7-8 for further details of the educational entitlements relating to this age group. This also applies to the pre nursery age group, or children who attain their 3rd birthday during the academic year for which provision is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed.

Basis of Appeal

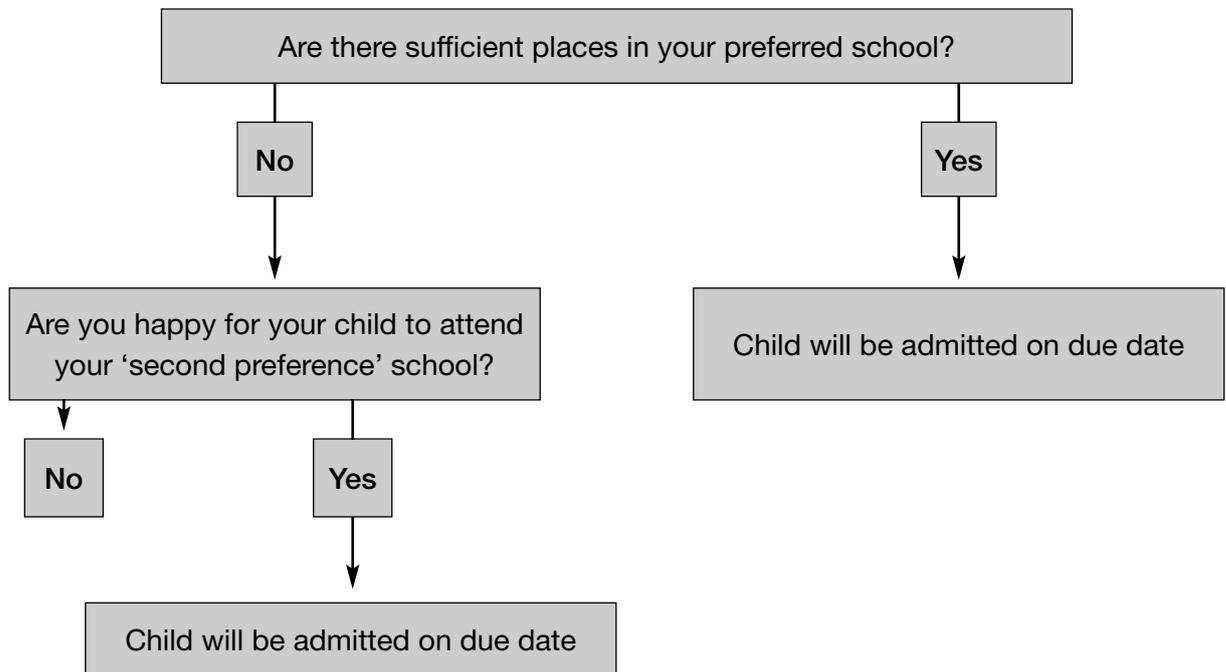
All permissible appeals will be considered in light of the Authority's admissions criteria to determine whether the correct process has been followed in applying this criteria. (for criteria see page 5).

The take-up of places in relation to the capacity of the school (whether the school is full).

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. In respect of admissions to reception classes, year 1 or year 2 that are affected by the class size limit of 30 (as directed by the government) in dealing with the appeal, the panel must only look at whether the admissions criteria were applied correctly when the application was dealt with and whether, on this basis, it was unreasonable to turn down the application.

Admissions – allocating places to meet parental preferences

NB: The Admission criteria on page 5 will be applied when allocating places



You may appeal against the outcome of your application for your child to attend your 'first preference' school. Please see pages 26-27 for more details on the appeals process

NB: Only when places have been allocated to children whose parents/carers have completed/ returned applications by the appropriate date (please see page 14 for return dates) can consideration be given to other requests for admission.

Appeals 2017-2018

During the Academic Year 2017-2018, the Authority received 29 appeals from parents/carers whose applications for children to attend community schools had been unsuccessful. Of these 29 appeals the outcome was:-

- **Successful** **5**
- **Unsuccessful** **19**
- **Appeal withdrawn** **3**

During the Academic Year 2017-2018, there were 3 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.

Part 4

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.

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 "looked after" children 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.

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 1½ 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 1½ 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 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.

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.

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.

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 Special Educational Needs (SEN) 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 private land or farm access tracks.

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.

4. Looked After Children

The same age and distance criteria apply to 'looked after' children 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).

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.

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 Bishop Hedley Roman Catholic High School (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).

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.

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. 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.

10. Children with Special Educational Needs/Disabilities

Free transport for learners with special educational 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 SEN Panel. Details are available from the Council's website at 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 SEN 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.

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 21).

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.

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.

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).

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).

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 distance eligibility criterion in respect of secondary learners of statutory school age, and who enrol for approved 16 to 19 study courses within their catchment school will be eligible for free transport. Learners within the 2-mile distance are expected to make their own travel arrangements.

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 Lifelong Learning, Ty Trevithick, Abercynon, Mountain Ash, CF45 4UQ.

Learners who wish to pursue approved 16 to 19 study courses other than within their catchment area school are responsible for their own transport arrangements, except where the location at which the courses are available are closer to the learner's home.

No transport will be provided for mainstream learners beyond the second academic year after the end of compulsory education.

This transport policy covers school 6th form and college full time further education courses only and does not extend to higher education courses funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW). (The one year Foundation Art & Design course at the University of South Wales is not funded by HEFCW and transport may be provided to learners pursuing this course subject to the age and distance criteria set out above).

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 currently £30 per week, and it is to support post 16 learners to access post 16 education. Details are available to determine eligibility for EMA from the Student Finance Wales website at www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/fe/ema

Details of learners who wish to continue their courses of study at school after year 11 (GCSE or equivalent) are formally provided to the Integrated Transport Unit by the school. Learners who wish to pursue a College course are required to complete an on line application form and supply three passport approved photographs to the College.

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 Information about public transport services is available from the Traveline Cymru website at www.traveline.cymru

Where learners do not take up an offer of, or withdraw from, a school 6th 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.

For post 16 learners with special educational needs, free transport is provided and may be made available 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. It may be a requirement that travel training is provided by the Youth Engagement and Participation Team to allow the learner to travel independently on contracted transport or local public transport. Taxis are provided under exceptional circumstances only.

No provision will be made by the Council for learners with special educational 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.

16. 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 1m² 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. Where it is found that the Council has provided free transport in error, the parent or guardian 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, 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

17. 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 from the Council's website at 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.

18. Mode of Transport

In all cases, the efficient use of resources will dictate the mode of transport provided (subject to any special 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.

19. 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 SEN journeys.

20. 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 in its Youth Gateway programme if transport is a barrier to accessing education, employment or training. Such provision is assessed on an individual needs basis.

21. 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.

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 term. 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 transport misbehave whilst travelling on school 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.

22. 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, Corporate and Frontline Services, Sardis House Pontypridd CF37 1DU

or by e mail to 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/guardian 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 transport debt remains outstanding.

23. 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 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).

24. 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.

25. 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. The Code encourages schools 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 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 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 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.

26. 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.**

27. 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

28. 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:

The Integrated Transport Unit

Tel: 01443 425001 • E mail: hometoschooltransport@rctcbc.gov.uk

29. 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

Contacts:

- Coleg y Cymoedd Student Services
Tel: 01443 662800 • www.colegycymoedd.ac.uk
- Rhondda Cynon Taf Education and Lifelong Learning School Admissions:
01443 744232
Email: schooladmissions@rctcbc.gov.uk
- Rhondda Cynon Taf Corporate and Frontline Services Integrated Transport Unit: 01443 425001
Email: hometoschooltransport@rctcbc.gov.uk
- Rhondda Cynon Taf Education and Lifelong Learning Youth Engagement and Participation Team: 01443 744000

Other Sources of Information

- Careers Wales
www.careerswales.com
- Individual School/College Prospectuses
- Information about public transport
Traveline Cymru 0800 464 0000
www.traveline.cymru
- Welsh Government
Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008
Learner Travel Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance – June 2014
The Travel Code

Part 5

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.

1. Aberdare Community School

- 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
- Penderyn Community Primary (including Welsh Medium provision*)
- Rhigos Primary

2. Bryncelynnog Comprehensive

- Gwauncelyn Primary
- Gwaunmeisgyn Primary
- Llanilltud Faerdref Primary
- Llwyncrwn Primary
- Maesybryn Primary
- Llantrisant Primary
- Penygawsi Primary

3. Ferndale Community School

- Darran Park Primary
- Maerdy Community Primary
- Penrhys Primary
- Tylorstown Primary
- Pontygwaith Primary

4. Hawthorn High

- Coedpenmaen Primary
- Ffynnon Taf Primary
- Hawthorn Primary
- Heolycelyn Primary (including Welsh Medium provision*)
- Parclewis Primary
- Trallwng Infants
- Maesycoed Primary (children living on the Graig only)

5. Mountain Ash Comprehensive

- Abercynon Primary
- Caegarw Primary
- Darrenlas Primary
- Glen-boi Primary
- Miskin Primary
- Pengeulan Primary
- Penrhiwceiber Primary
- Perthcelyn Community Primary
- Ynys-boeth Primary

6. Pontypridd High

- Cefn Primary
- Cilfynydd Primary
- Coedylan Primary
- Craig-yr-Hesg Primary
- Maesycoed Primary (dependent on home address)
- Trehopcyn Primary
- Trerobart Primary

7. Porth Community School

- Alaw Primary
- Cymmer Primary
- Hafod Primary
- Trealaw Primary
- Ynyshir Primary

8. Ysgol Nant Gwyn

- Cwmclydach Primary
- Llwynypia Primary
- Pontrhondda Primary
- Williamstown Primary

9. Tonyrefail Community School

- Cwmlai Primary
- Hendreforgan Primary
- Tref-yr-rhyg Primary

10. Treorchy Comprehensive

- Bodringallt Primary
- Gelli Primary
- Parc Primary
- Penpych Community Primary
- Penyreglyn Community Primary
- Ton Pentre Infants
- Ton Pentre Junior
- Treorchy Primary

11. Y Pant Comprehensive

- Brynnau Primary
- Dolau Primary
(including Welsh Medium provision)*
- Llanhari Primary
- Llanharan Primary
- Pontyclun Primary
- Tonysguboriau Primary

12. Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda

- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bodringallt
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bronllwyn
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llwynycelyn
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llyn-y-Forwyn
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Ynyswen

13. Ysgol Gyfun Garth Olwg

- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Castellau
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Evan James
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Gartholwg
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pont Sion Norton
- Heolycelyn Primary (Welsh Unit) *

14. Ysgol Llanhari

- Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol
Gymraeg Llantrisant
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Tonyrefail
- Dolau Primary (Welsh Unit)*

With effect from 1st September 2012, Ysgol Llanhari has been re-classified as a Middle School with an age range of pupils of 3 – 19 years. Children attending the Primary Department of Llanhari will automatically transfer to its Secondary Department subject to parental preference

15. Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun

- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Abercynon
- Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Aberdar
- Penderyn Primary School (Welsh Unit)*

* Pupils attending Welsh units may transfer to Welsh Medium Secondary provision, if they so wish

16. Cardinal Newman R.C. Comprehensive

- Our Ladys R.C. Primary
- SS Gabriel & Raphael R.C. Primary
- St Michael's R.C. Primary

17. St John Baptist C.I.W. High

- Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary
- Cwmbach Church in Wales Primary
- Cross Border Arrangement
(see page 33)

18. Pencoed Comprehensive – Bridgend

- Brynnau Primary
- Dolau Primary
- Llanharan Primary

19. Bishop Hedley R.C. Comprehensive – Merthyr Tydfil

- St Margaret's R.C. Primary

Footnotes

Re: Provision of Educational Places

Transfer to Secondary Provision

1. Catchment areas of certain schools in Rhondda and Tonyrefail have been amended.
2. Pupils living in the Graig area of Pontypridd attending Maesycoed Primary are in the catchment area of Hawthorn High School.
3. The catchment areas of Treorchy Comprehensive, Ferndale Community School, Porth Community School, Ysgol Nantgwyn and Tonyrefail Community School have been amended (please see page 42).

Welsh Medium Provision

4. 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.
5. Pupils who attend the Welsh Medium Provision at Heolycelyn Primary School will be expected to transfer to Ysgol Gyfun Garth Olwg, if they live within the catchment area.
6. Pupils who attend the Welsh Medium Provision at Penderyn Community Primary School will be expected to transfer to Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun, if they live within the catchment area.
7. Hirwaun is in the catchment area of Penderyn Community Primary School's Welsh Unit. Children living in Hirwaun who require Welsh medium education will therefore be expected to attend Penderyn Community Primary School's Welsh Unit.
8. With effect from 1st September 2012, Ysgol Llanhari has been re-classified as a Middle School with an age range of pupils of 3 to 19 years. Children attending the Primary Department of Llanhari will automatically transfer to its Secondary Department subject to parental preference. The catchment areas of YGGG Llantrisant and Dolau Primary (Welsh Unit) have been amended, to allow the new Primary Section of Ysgol Llanhari to have its own distinct catchment area. The admission number for the Primary provision of this new school is 30.

Arrangements with other Local Authorities

9. 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. Rhondda Cynon Taf Authority has made the following arrangements with other Local Authorities.
Arrangements with the Bridgend Authority for:
 - 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.**
10. 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.
11. Rhondda Cynon Taf Authority has no arrangements for the provision of education at
 - schools in Cardiff, the Vale of Glamorgan, Caerphilly, Neath Port Talbot or Swansea
 - schools not maintained by a Local Authority.
12. 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 39-40). 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.

Catchment Areas

13. It has become necessary to define that the catchment area of Heol y Celyn Primary School Welsh Unit includes Trefforest Estate, Nantgarw and Taffs Well (to the county boundary).
14. Following a review of the provision of Welsh medium education in the Taff Ely area the catchment areas for Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Castellau and Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Garth Olwg were revised with effect from September 2010. The area of Crown Hill and Chandlers Reach (incorporating Acer Avenue, Aspen Way, Clos Cefn Glas, Ffordd Glas y Dorlan, Holm Wood, Malus Avenue, Redwood Drive and Vibernum Rise) have, since September 2010, formed part of the catchment area of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Castellau.
15. The age range of Ysgol Gyfun Llanhari was extended from September 2012. The school is classed as a 'middle' school, catering for children 3 to 19 years of age. The catchment areas of YGGG Llantrisant and Dolau Primary Welsh Unit were amended from September 2012. This enables the new primary department of YG Llanhari to have its own distinct catchment area. The catchment areas of the three primary provisions the refore comprise of the following electoral wards : -
- YGGG Llantrisant – Llantrisant Town, and part of Pontyclun (north of the railway line).
 - Dolau Primary Welsh Unit – Brynna and Llanharan.
 - Llanhari Primary Department – Llanharry, Talbot Green and part of Pontyclun (south of the railway line).
- The catchment area of the Secondary department of YG Llanhari is unchanged.
16. Following consultation on revisions to changes to the catchment areas of Parc Lewis Primary School and Heol Y Celyn Primary School, no comments were received in relation to the catchment changes proposed, therefore, the catchment area changes were implemented from September 2014.
17. The catchment areas of Y Pant and Bryncelynnog Comprehensive Schools have been reviewed following consultation; most of the areas that fall into the catchments of two associated Primary schools, namely Llantrisant and Penygawsi Primary Schools shall transfer from the Y Pant catchment to Bryncelynnog with effect from 1st September 2015. This change primarily affects children resident in the communities of Llantrisant Old Town, Cross Inn and Penygawsi. Any child living in the areas which transferred to the Bryncelynnog catchment area, who had an older sibling still attending Y Pant in July 2015. This will relate to children in Years 7 to 11 and not sixth form, 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. This protection will continue until all older siblings have left the school.
18. Minor amendments have been made to the adjacent catchments of Dolau Primary (English Unit only), Llanharan Primary and Brynnau Primary, again from September 2015. Details can be viewed on the Council website using the facility detailed below.
19. The part of Trehafod that falls in to the Rhondda electoral ward shall transfer to the catchment area of Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda for Welsh Medium Secondary education provision from September 2015. It was previously part of the Ysgol Gyfun Garth Olwg catchment.
20. The catchment area for the sixth forms in Tonyrefail and Treorchy are as follows :
- Tonyrefail - this includes the existing Tonyrefail Community School catchment area, the Porth Community School catchment area, and Ysgol Nantgwyn catchment area.
- Treorchy - this includes the existing Treorchy Comprehensive School catchment area, the students that reside in the existing Ferndale Community School catchment.
21. The catchment areas of Gelli and Bodringallt Primary Schools are now included in the catchment area of Treorchy Comprehensive School. If there are siblings in Years 8 - 11 attending Treorchy Comprehensive School in September 2019, they will be treated as being Priority Category 2 and not Priority Category 4.
22. The catchment area of Pontygwaith Primary School is now included in the catchment area of Ferndale Community School. If there are siblings in Years 8-11 attending Ferndale Community School in September 2019, they will be treated as being Priority Category 2 and not Priority Category 4.
23. The catchment area of Williamstown Primary School is now included in the catchment area of Ysgol Nantgwyn. If there are siblings in Years 8 - 11 attending Ysgol Nantgwyn in September 2019, they will be treated as being Priority Category 2 and not Priority Category 4.
24. In September 2019, Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Garth Olwg and Ysgol Gyfun Garth Olwg will become a middle school, catering for children 3 to 19 years of age.
25. To assist in locating your catchment school, there is a Find a School Facility on the Council's website www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schooladmissions, or contact the **School Admissions Team, Tŷ Trevithick, Tel: 01443 281111.**

Please refer to the Council's website for details of the school term and holiday published dates Academic Year 2019-2020.

2019 - 2020

Dechrau'r Ysgol

Starting School

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

List of Schools and Non Council
Nursery Settings



Canolfan Centre	Cyfeiriad Address	Enw'r Pennaeth Centre Head	Ffôn Telephone
Darparwyr Addysg Feithrin nad ydyn nhw'n cael eu cynnal gan yr Awdurdod Addysg Non Council Nursery Settings - Registered Education Providers in RCT			
Cylch Meithrin Aberdâr	Canolfan yr Urdd / Urdd Centre. Wind Street, Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 7ES	Claire Jones	07751 523729
Cylch Meithrin Bronllwyn	Canolfan Ieuencid Bronllwyn / Bronllwyn Youth Centre, Colwyn Road, Y Gelli / Gelli, CF41 7NW	Kirsty Jenkins	07479 961314
Cylch Meithrin Cwm Elái	Ar safle YGG Tonyrefail, School Street, Tonyrefail, CF39 8LE On site of YGG Tonyrefail, School Street, Tonyrefail, CF39 8LE	Angharad Spooner	07757 633249
Cylch Meithrin Efail Isaf	Neuadd Pentref Efail Isaf / Community Hall. Heol y Parc, Efail Isaf, Pontypridd CF38 1AN	Kathleen Hanwell	07899 364082
Cylch Meithrin Llanhari	Hen Fwthyn y Gofalwr / The Old Caretakers Cottage, Ysgol Llanhari, Llanhari / Llanharry, CF72 9XE	Sarah Davies	01443 239521
Cylch Meithrin Nant Dyrys	YGG Ynys-wen / Ynyswen, Clinic Road, Ynys-wen / Ynyswen, Treorci / Treorchy, CF42 6ED	Helen Biggs	07855 043356
Cylch Meithrin Pentre'r Eglwys	Neuadd y Plwyf / Parish Hall, Main Road, Pentre'r Eglwys / Church Village, CF38 1PY	Kirsty Jones / Catherine Hibbert	07805 893229
Cylch Meithrin Pont-y-clun / Pontyclun	Eglwys Hope Penuel / Hope Penuel Church, Castan Road, Pont-y-clun / Pontyclun, CF72 9EH	Angela Chard	07752 580612
Cylch Meithrin Bysedd Bach	Heather Way, Llwyncelyn, Porth, CF39 9TL	Andrea Jones	07811 072296
Cylch Meithrin Rhydfelen / Rhydyfelin	Holly Street, Rhydfelen / Rhydyfelin, Pontypridd, CF37 5DB	Danielle Jones	07507 537606
Cylch Meithrin Seren Fach	Tŷ Harri Webb, Duffryn Road, Aberpennar / Mountain Ash, CF45 4DA	Claire Jones	07751 523729
Cylch Meithrin Tynewydd	Clwb Cymdeithasol Treherbert / Treherbert Social Club, Dumfries Street, Tynewydd, CF42 5PN	Cerys Warren	07989 721603
Cylch Meithrin Ynys-hir / Ynyshir / Wattstown	Pafiliwn Wattstown / Wattstown Pavilion. Parc Wattstown / Wattstown Park Wattstown CF39 0RA	Carol Davey	01443 732414
Cylch Meithrin Ynys-y-bŵl Ynysybwl	Festri Eglwys Glyn Street / Glyn Street Church Vestry. Glyn Street, Ynys-y-bŵl / Ynysybwl CF37 3DS	Ayesha Walker	01443 791111
Cylch Chwarae Giggles Giggles Playgroup	Gwaunmiskin Road, Y Beddau / Beddau, Pontypridd, CF38 2AU	Sam Hastings	01443 243600
Meithrinfa Oriau Dydd Kiddywinks / Kiddywinks Day Nursery	Yr Hen Neuadd Efengylu / The Old Gospel Hall, Rose Terrace, Llanharan, CF72 9RH	Sophie James	01443 222276
Little Ferns Y Maerdy / Maerdy	c/o Ferndale Community School, Rear of Excelsior Terrace, Maerdy, CF43 4AR	Sian Edwards	01443 735984
Cylch Chwarae Little Folk Little Folk Playgroup	Capel Bethel / Bethel Chapel. Main Road, Pentre'r Eglwys / Church Village CF38 1PN	Allyson Harding	07792 359717
Cylch Chwarae Little Friends / Little Friends Playgroup	Pafiliwn y Parc / Park Pavillion, Park Lane, Ffynnon Taf / Taffs Well, CF15 7PF	Alison Jones	07825 163605
Meithrinfa Oriau Dydd Little Inspirations / Little Inspirations Llantrisant	Parc Busnes Llantrisant / Llantrisant Business Park, Llantrisant, CF72 8YW	Sarah Lockwood	01443 222660

Little Inspirations Rhydfelen / Rhydyfelin	Canolfan Plant Rhydfelen / Rhydyfelin Children's Centre, Holly Street, Pontypridd, CF37 5DB	Angharad Jones	01443 406097
Cylch Chwarae Little Stars Little Stars Playgroup	Neuadd y Sgowtiaid a'r Geidiau / Scout & Guide Hall. Crown Hill, Llanilltud Faerdref / Llantwit Fardre CF38 2NA	Suzanne Stephens	07927 514403
Meithrinfa Oriau Dydd Garth Olwg Garth Olwg Day Nursery	Campws Garth Olwg Community Campus. St Illtyd's Road, Pentre'r Eglwys / Church Village, Pontypridd CF38 1RQ	Donna Joseth	01443 209120
Meithrinfa Once Upon a Time / Once Upon a Time Nursery	Heol y Beddau, Y Beddau / Beddau, Pontypridd, CF38 2AG	Donna Rix	01443 206640
Meithrinfa Oriau Dydd Eglwys Sant Paul St. Paul's Church Day Nursery	Llantrisant Road Pont-y-clun CF72 9DQ	Sue Wilmington	07973 658426
Cylch Chwarae Tonysguboriau Talbot Green Playgroup	Y Pafiliwn / The Pavilion. Lanelay Road, Tonysguboriau / Talbot Green CF72 8HY	Claire Watkins	07789 880135
Ton Tiddlywinks	25, Gelli Road, Ton Pentre, Rhondda, CF41 7LR	Sara Pike	01443 432832 07824 703568
Canolfan Chwarae Prifysgol De Cymru / Acorns at USW	Prifysgol De Cymru / University of South Wales Trefforest, Pontypridd CF37 1DL	Sian Hughes	01443 407815

Enw'r Ysgol School	Cyfeiriad Address	Enw'r Pennaeth, Manylion Cyswllt, Amrediad Oedran Head Teacher, Contact Details, Age Range	Nifer ar y llyfrau No. on Roll	ND / AN	Capasiti Capacity	Ceisiadau ar bapur Dosbarth Derbynn Medi 2018 Written applications Reception Sept 2018
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**Ysgolion Cynradd Saesneg
English Medium Primary Schools**

Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned Abercynon Abercynon Community Primary	Ynysmeurig Road Abercynon CF45 4SU	Mr D Jewitt ☎ 01443 743060 📠 01443 742296 ✉ admin.abercynonprimary@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	288	46	325	38
Ysgol Gynradd Parc Aberdâr Aberdare Park Primary School	Hirwaun Road Trecynon Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 8LU	Mrs J Evans ☎ 01685 874026 📠 01685 871246 ✉ admin.aberdareparkprimary@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	296	50	354	39
Ysgol Gynradd Tref Aberdâr yr Eglwys yng Nghymru Aberdare Town Church in Wales Primary	Wind Street Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 7HF	Mrs C Werrett ☎ 01685 871520 📠 01685 871520 ✉ admin.aberdaretownciwprimary@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	260	37	259	37
Ysgol Gynradd Abernant Abernant Primary	Richmond Terrace Abernant Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 0SF	Mrs J Kucia ☎ 01685 871597 📠 01685 871597 ✉ admin.abernantprimary@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	94	16	118	26

Enw'r Ysgol School	Cyfeiriad Address	Enw'r Pennaeth, Manylion Cyswllt, Amrediad Oedran Head Teacher, Contact Details, Age Range	Nifer ar y llyfrau No. on Roll	ND / AN	Capasiti Capacity	Geisiadau ar bapur Dosbarth Derbyn Medi 2018 Written applications Reception Sept 2018
Ysgolion Cynradd Saesneg English Medium Primary Schools						
Ysgol Gynradd Alaw Alaw Primary	Egypt Street Trealaw Tonypanyd CF40 2UU	Miss R Davies ☎ 01443 432350 ☎ 01443 436285 ✉ admin.alawprimary@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	164	29	207	19
Ysgol Gynradd Blaengwawr Blaengwawr Primary	Gwawr St Aberaman Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 6YP	Mrs I Baker ☎ 01685 871064 ☎ 01685 882556 ✉ admin.blaengwawrprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	187	29	203	25
Ysgol Gynradd Bodringallt Bodringallt Primary	Bodringallt Terrace Ystradyfodwg / Ystrad Cwm Rhondda / Rhondda CF41 7QE	Mr S Howells ☎ 01443 434292 ☎ 01443 421865 ✉ admin.bodringalltprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	83	15	109	11
Ysgol Gynradd Brynnau Brynnau Primary	William Street Brynnau Llanharan CF72 9QJ	Mrs V McCarthy ☎ 01443 237828 ☎ 01443 222152 ✉ admin.brynnauprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	207	33	235	30
Ysgol Gynradd Caegarw Caegarw Primary	Troed-y-Rhiw Road Caegarw Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 4BH	Mr H Griffiths ☎ 01443 473730 ☎ 01443 473730 ✉ admin.caegarwprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	163	26	185	17
Ysgol Gynradd Cap-coch Capcoch Primary	School Street Abercwmbóï Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 6AD	Mr S Gardner ☎ 01443 472746 ☎ 01443 472880 ✉ admin.capcochprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	144	25	176	19
Ysgol Gynradd Caradog Caradog Primary	Clifton Street Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 7PB	Mrs G Powell ☎ 01685 874715 ☎ 01685 874715 ✉ admin.caradogprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	185	31	217	26
Ysgol Gynradd y Cefn Cefn Primary	Greenfield Avenue Glyn-coch / Glyncoch Pontypridd CF37 3BD	Mr A Manley ☎ 01443 400815 ☎ 01443 493730 ✉ admin.cefnprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	103	20	141	17
Ysgol Gynradd Cilfynydd Cilfynydd Primary	Ann Street Cilfynydd Pontypridd CF37 4EN	Mrs. G. Ford ☎ 01443 486827 ☎ 01443 493590 ✉ admin.cilfynyddprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	136	26	188	17

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Ysgolion Cynradd Saesneg English Medium Primary Schools						
Ysgol Gynradd Coedpenmaen Coedpenmaen Primary	Coedpenmaen Close Pontypridd CF37 4LE	Mrs J Loveridge ☎ 01443 486828 ☎ 01443 486828 ✉ admin.coedpenmaenprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	258	I/B: 25 J/I: 49	269	20
Ysgol Gynradd Coed-y-lan Coedylan Primary	Tyfica Road Graigwen Pontypridd CF37 2DB	Mr R James ☎ 01443 486829 ☎ 01443 486829 ✉ admin.coedylanprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	109	17	122	13
Ysgol Gynradd Craig-yr-hesg Craig-yr-Hesg Primary	Cefn Lane Glyn-coch Pontypridd CF37 3BP	Mr A Manley ☎ 01443 486830 ☎ 01443 493427 ✉ admin.craigyrhesgprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	122	21	150	16
Ysgol Gynradd Cwmaman Cwmaman Primary	Glanaman Road Cwmaman Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 6LA	Mr P Morgan ☎ 01685 661001 ☎ 01685 875862 ✉ admin.cwmamanprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range : 3-11	197	34	240	23
Ysgol Gynradd Cwm-bach yr Eglwys yng Nghymru Cwmbach Church in Wales Primary	Tirfounder Road Cwm-bach / Cwmbach Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 0AT	Mr D Anstee ☎ 01685 873336 ☎ 01685 873336 ✉ admin.cwmbachciwprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	84	14	100	18
Ysgol Gynradd Cwm-bach Cwmbach Primary	Llangorse Road Cwm-bach / Cwmbach Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 0HS	Mrs S Jones ☎ 01685 876115 ☎ 01685 879983 ✉ admin.cwmbachprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	230	38	272	23
Ysgol Gynradd Cwm Clydach Cwmclydach Primary	Wern St Cwm Clydach Vale Tonypandy CF40 2BQ	Mrs C Knowlson ☎ 01443 433005 ☎ 01443 433165 ✉ admin.cwmclydachprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	203	34	240	24
Ysgol Gynradd Cwmdâr Cwmdâr Primary	Y Sgwâr / The Square Cwmdâr / Cwmdare Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 8UA	Mrs M Evans ☎ 01685 871198 ☎ 01685 871499 ✉ admin.cwmdarprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	232	37	262	33

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Ysgol Gynradd Cwmlai Cwmlai Primary	Penygarreg Road Tonyrefail (Y) Porth CF39 8AS	Mrs J Rees ☎ 01443 670356 ☎ 01443 670356 ✉ admin.cwmlaiprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	367	56	393	52
Ysgol Gynradd y Cymer Cymmer Primary	High Street Y Cymer / Cymmer (Y) Porth CF39 9EY	Mrs I Elliott ☎ 01443 570020 ☎ 01443 562214 ✉ admin.cymmerprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range : 3-7	232	42	294	20
Ysgol Gynradd Parc y Darren Darran Park Primary	Brook Street Glynrhedynog / Ferndale CF43 4LE	Mr C Coole ☎ 01443 730450 ☎ 01443 730450 ✉ admin.darranparkprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	303	51	359	32
Ysgol Gynradd y Darren-las Darrenlas Primary	Kingcraft Street Darren-las Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 3LT	Mrs G Powell ☎ 01443 473291 ☎ 01443 473291 ✉ admin.darrenlasprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	188	34	242	36
Ysgol Gynradd Ffynnon Taf Ffynnon Taf Primary	Cardiff Road Ffynnon Taf / Taffs Well Caerdydd / Cardiff CF15 7PR	Mr M Worth ☎ 02920 810452 ☎ 02920 810452 ✉ admin.ffynnontafprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	180	34	241	36
Ysgol Gynradd y Gelli Gelli Primary	Ystrad Road Ystradyfodwg / Ystrad Y Pentre / Pentre Cwm Rhondda / Rhondda CF41 7PX	Mrs C Flanary-Davies ☎ 01443 435311 ☎ 01443 423090 ✉ admin.gelliprimary@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	181	28	196	25

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Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned Glenbóí Glenbóí Community Primary	Abercwmboi Isaf Road Glenbóí Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 3DW	Mr A Llewellyn ☎ 01443 473747 📠 01443 473798 ✉ admin.glenboiprimary@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	100	16	113	19
Ysgol Gynradd Gwauncelyn Gwauncelyn Primary	Heol Deg Ton-teg / Tonteg Pontypridd CF38 1EU	Mrs S Hearne ☎ 01443 562210 📠 01443 209347 ✉ admin.gwauncelynprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	373	57	399	58
Ysgol Gynradd Gwaunmeisgyn Gwaunmeisgyn Primary	Woodland Road Y Beddau / Beddau Pontypridd CF38 2SE	Pennaeth i'w benodi/To be appointed ☎ 01443 203079 📠 01443 203079 ✉ admin.gwaunmeisgynprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	262	41	291	36
Ysgol Gynradd yr Hafod Hafod Primary	Wayne Street Trehafod Pontypridd CF37 2NL	Miss E Bradley ☎ 01443 682234 📠 01443 682234 ✉ admin.hafodprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	97	16	113	10
Ysgol Gynradd y Ddraenen Wen Hawthorn Primary	School Lane Y Ddraenen Wen / Hawthorn Pontypridd CF37 5AL	Mrs L Noble ☎ 01443 841230 📠 01443 841230 ✉ admin.hawthornprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	224	34	240	26
Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned Hendreforgan Hendreforgan Community Primary	Hendreforgan Gilfach-goch CF39 8UH	Mr A Hughes ☎ 01443 672394 📠 01443 675076 ✉ admin.hendreforganprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	183	30	214	23
Ysgol Gynradd Hirwaun Hirwaun Primary	Glannant St Hirwaun Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 9NF	Mrs B Hill ☎ 01685 811619 📠 01685 811619 ✉ admin.hirwaunprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	208	37	265	26
Ysgol Gynradd Llanharan Llanharan Primary	Llwynybrain Terrace, Llanharan Pont-y-clun / Pontyclun CF72 9PW	Mrs B Price ☎ 01443 237831 📠 01443 237831 ✉ admin.llanharanprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	131	18	131	16

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Ysgol Gynradd Llanhari Llanhari Primary	Aelfryn Llanhari / Llanharry Pont-y-clun / Pontyclun CF72 9LQ	Mrs E Coates ☎ 01443 237832 ☎ 01443 237832 ✉ admin.llanhariprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	166	29	203	17
Ysgol Gynradd Llanilltud Faerdref Llanilltud Faerdref Primary	St Illtyd's Road Pentre'r Eglwys / Church Village Pontypridd CF38 1DB	Miss J Thomas ☎ 01443 204626 ☎ 01443 209340 ✉ admin.llanilltudfaerdrefprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	180	31	222	18
Ysgol Gynradd Llantrisant Llantrisant Primary	Coed yr Esgob Llantrisant CF72 8EL	Mrs L Davies ☎ 01443 237829 ☎ 01443 237829 ✉ admin.llantrisantprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	99	22	155	13
Ysgol Gynradd Llwydcoed Llwydcoed Primary	Corner House Street Llwydcoed Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 0YA	Mr A Wilkinson ☎ 01685 871110 ☎ 01685 652523 ✉ admin.llwydcoedprimary @rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	84	15	108	9
Ysgol Gynradd Llwyn-crwn Llwyncrwn Primary	Llwyn-crwn Road Beddau Pontypridd CF38 2BE	Mrs C Charles Pennaeth Gweithredol/Acting Headteacher ☎ 01443 203557 ☎ 01443 203557 ✉ admin.llwyncrwnprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	274	49	344	35
Ysgol Gynradd Llwynypïa Llwynypïa Primary	School Terrace Llwynypïa Tonypany CF40 2HL	Mrs K Emanuelli ☎ 01443 432354 ☎ 01443 442489 ✉ admin.llwynypiaprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	186	32	226	21
Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned y Maerdy Maerdy Community Primary	Graigwen Y Maerdy / Maerdy Cwm Rhondda / Rhondda CF43 4TW	Mrs S Belcher ☎ 01443 755227 ☎ 01443 731419 ✉ admin.maerdyprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	225	37	260	32
Ysgol Gynradd Maes-y-bryn Maesybryn Primary	Lancaster Drive Yst. Crownhill Est. Llanilltud Faerdref Llantwit Fardre / CF38 2NS	Mr S Roberts ☎ 01443 202928 ☎ 01443 202928 ✉ admin.maesybrynprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	336	54	379	54

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Ysgol Gynradd Maes-y-coed Maesycoed Primary	Lanwern Road Maes-y-coed / Maesycoed Pontypridd CF37 1EQ	Mrs S Oldfield ☎ 01443 486835 ☎ 01443 406579 ✉ admin.maesycoedprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	264	45	315	35
Ysgol Gynradd Meisgyn Miskin Primary	York Street Meisgyn / Miskin Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 3BG	Mrs F Davies ☎ 01443 476426 ☎ 01443 476531 ✉ admin.miskinprimary@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	110	22	157	11
Ysgol Gynradd Oaklands Oaklands Primary	Maes y Deri Aberaman Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 6TF	Mrs C Wright ☎ 01685 882577 ☎ 01685 886010 ✉ admin.oaklandsprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	186	32	229	27
Ysgol y Forwyn Fair Eglwys Gatholig Rhufain Our Lady's R.C. Primary	Miskin Road Meisgyn / Miskin Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 3UA	Miss J Conway ☎ 01443 472230 ✉ admin.OurLadysRC@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	97	17	119	8
Ysgol Gynradd y Parc Parc Primary	Tallis St Cwm-parc / Cwmparc CF42 6LY	Mr D Williams ☎ 01443 776601 ☎ 01443 771773 ✉ admin.parcprimary@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	182	30	210	24
Ysgol Gynradd Parc Lewis Parc Lewis Primary	Broadway Pontypridd CF37 1BE	Mr A Roberts ☎ 01443 486836 ☎ 01443 401071 ✉ admin.parclewisprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	213	34	244	24
Ysgol Gynradd Pengeulan Pengeulan Primary	Penrhiwceiber Road Meisgyn / Miskin Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 3UW	Mrs H O'Gorman ☎ 01443 473365 ☎ 01443 472849 ✉ admin.pengeulanprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	112	21	152	21
Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned Pen-nych Pen-Pych Community Primary	Blaenrhondda Road Tynewydd Treorci / Treorchy CF42 5SD	Miss P Price ☎ 01443 771434 ☎ 01443 776911 ✉ admin.pennychprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	169	28	196	25
Ysgol Gynradd Penrhiw-ceibr Penrhiwceibr Primary	Church Street Penrhiw-ceibr / Penrhiwceibr Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 3YD	Mr R Makin ☎ 01443 472247 ✉ admin.penrhiwceibrprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	120	20	141	22

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Ysgol Gynradd Pen-rhys Penrhys Primary	Pen-rhys / Penrhys Tylorstown Glynrhedynog / Ferndale CF43 3PL	Mrs R Porcher ☎ 01443 730037 ☎ 01443 732951 ✉ admin.penrhysprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	77	18	130	2
Ysgol Gynradd Penygawsi Penygawsi Primary	Chartist Road Llantrisant CF72 8DU	Mrs T Harries Pennaeth Gweithredol/Acting Headteacher ☎ 01443 237834 ☎ 01443 237834 ✉ admin.penygawsiprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	227	35	249	27
Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned Pen-yr-englyn Penyreglyn Community Primary	Baglan Street Treherbert CF42 5AW	Mrs K Jacobs ☎ 01443 772433 ☎ 01443 773510 ✉ admin.penyreglynprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	205	35	246	24
Ysgol Gynradd Pen-y-waun Penywaun Primary	Coed Glas Pen-y-waun / Penywaun Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 9DR	Mr C L Prichard ☎ 01685 811216 ☎ 01685 813860 ✉ admin.penywaunprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	166	36	253	19
Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned Perthcelyn Perthcelyn Community Primary	Glamorgan Street Perthcelyn Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 3RJ	Mr A James ☎ 01443 473296 ☎ 01443 473296 ✉ admin.perthcelynprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	101	22	160	9
Ysgol Gynradd Pontrhondda Pontrhondda Primary	Pontrhondda Road Llwynypia CF40 2SZ	Mrs A James ☎ 01443 433004 ☎ 01443 433004 ✉ admin.pontrhonddaprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 4-11	135	26	182	19
Ysgol Gynradd Pont-y-clun Pontyclun Primary	Palalwyf Avenue Pont-y-clun / Pontyclun CF72 9EG	Mr H Roberts ☎ 01443 237833 ☎ 01443 237833 ✉ admin.pontyclunprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	452	71	502	70

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Ysgol Gynradd Pont-y-gwaith Pontygwaith Primary	Graig Street Pont-y-gwaith / Pontygwaith CF43 3LY	Mr M Davies ☎ 01443 730471 📠 01443 735900 ✉ admin.pontygwaithprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	166	26	182	17
Ysgol Gynradd y Rhigos Rhigos Primary	Heol-y-graig Y Rhigos / Rhigos Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 9YY	Mrs J Mundy ☎ 01685 811253 📠 01685 811253 ✉ admin.rhigosprimary@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	65	9	65	9
Ysgol Gynradd y Seintiau Gabriel a Raphael Eglwys Gatholig Rhufain SS Gabriel & Raphael R.C. Primary	Primrose Street Tonypandy CF40 1BJ	Mrs W Lavagna ☎ 01443 433094 📠 01443 440664 ✉ admin.GabrielRaphaelPri@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	125	18	128	16
Ysgol Gynradd y Santes Fferid Eglwys Gatholig Rhufain St Margaret's Catholic Primary	Tŷ Fry Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 7PP	Mrs J Taylor ☎ 01685 876072 📠 01685 876279 ✉ admin.stmargaretsprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	115	20	141	6
Ysgol Gynradd Mihangel Sant Eglwys Gatholig Rhufain St Michaels Primary	John Place Trefforest Pontypridd CF37 1SP	Mr M Chapple ☎ 01443 486840 📠 01443 493909 ✉ admin.stmichaelsprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	205	32	227	28
Ysgol Babanod Tonpentre Ton Pentre Infants	School Street Tonpentre / Ton Pentre Y Pentre / Pentre CF41 7LS	Mrs S Williams ☎ 01443 435438 📠 01443 435428 ✉ admin.tonpentreinfants@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-7	136	48	145	47

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Ysgol Iau Tonpentre Ton Pentre Junior	Bailey Street Tonpentre CF41 7EL	Mr I Evans ☎ 01443 435436 ☎ 01443 435700 ✉ admin.tonpentrejunior@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 7-11	189	48	195	N/a
Ysgol Gynradd Tonysguboriau Tonysguboriau Primary	Stuart Street Tonysguboriau / Talbot Green Pont-y-clun / Pontyclun CF72 8AA	Mrs L Bailey ☎ 01443 237836 ☎ 01443 237836 ✉ admin.tonysguboriauprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	217	31	223	29
Ysgol Babanod Trallwng Trallwng Infants	Bonvilston Road Trallwng Pontypridd CF37 4RD	Mrs N Poole ☎ 01443 486842 ☎ 01443 486842 ✉ admin.trallwnginfants@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-7	62	35	105	24
Ysgol Gynradd Trealaw Trealaw Primary	Trealaw Cwm Rhondda / Rhondda CF40 2QW	Mrs C James ☎ 01443 432217 ☎ 01443 430633 ✉ admin.trealawprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	138	22	156	15
Ysgol Gynradd Tref-y-rhyg Tref-y-rhyg Primary	The Avenue Tonyrefail (Y) Porth CF39 8PR	Mrs C Leese ☎ 01443 670306 ☎ 01443 671850 ✉ admin.trefyrhygprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	99	22	157	30
Ysgol Gynradd Trehopcyn Trehopcyn Primary	Plymouth Road Trehopcyn / Hopkinstown Pontypridd CF37 2RH	Mr G L Williams ☎ 01443 486844 ☎ 01443 486844 ✉ admin.trehopcynprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	82	22	160	10
Ysgol Gynradd Treorci Treorchy Primary	Glyncoli Road Treorci / Treorchy CF42 6SA	Mrs L Reynolds ☎ 01443 773084 ☎ 01443 777658 ✉ admin.treorchyprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	363	57	402	40

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Ysgol Gynradd Trerobart Trerobart Primary	Crawshay Street Ynys-y-bwl / Ynysybwl Pontypridd CF37 3EF	Mrs T Buckle ☎ 01443 790233 ☎ 01443 791960 ✉ admin.trerobartprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	198	31	217	23
Ysgol Gynradd Tylorstown Tylorstown Primary	Edmund Street Tylorstown CF43 3HH	Mrs K Tuck ☎ 01443 730396 ☎ 01443 732966 ✉ admin.tylorstownprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	143	30	210	29
Ysgol Gynradd Trewiliam Williamstown Primary	Campws Cymuned Penrhawfer Penrhawfer Community Campus Gorllewin Dinas Isaf, Trewiliam / Dinas Isaf West, Williamstown Tonypandy CF40 1AG	Mrs A Hall ☎ 01443 432186 ☎ 01443 434259 ✉ admin.williamstownprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	287	46	327	30
Ysgol Gynradd Ynys-boeth Ynysboeth Primary	Main Road Ynys-boeth Abercynon CF45 4LJ	Mr J Lewis ☎ 01443 749040 ☎ 01443 749042 ✉ admin.ynysboethprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	154	30	214	17
Ysgol Gynradd Ynys-hir Ynyshir Primary	Llanwonno Road Ynys-hir (Y) Porth CF39 0HU	Miss P Phillips ☎ 01443 685208 ☎ 684603 ✉ admin.ynyshirprimary@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	231	38	270	31

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Ysgolion Cynradd Dwy Iaith Dual Language Primary Schools						
Ysgol Gynradd Dolau Dolau Primary gan gynnwys Uned Cyfrwng Cymraeg / Including Welsh Medium Provision	Bridgend Road Llanharan Pont-y-clun / Pontyclun CF72 9RP	Mr G D Evans ☎ 01443 237830 📠 01443 237830 ✉ admin.dolauprimary@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	425	63	441	55
Ysgol Gynradd Heol y Celyn Heol y Celyn Primary gan gynnwys Uned Cyfrwng Cymraeg / Including Welsh Medium Provision	Holly Street Rhydfelen / Rhydyfelin Pontypridd CF37 5DB	Mrs C Jones ☎ 01443 490750 📠 01443 490754 ✉ admin.heolycelynprimary@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	304	55	388	40
Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned Penderyn / Penderyn Community Primary gan gynnwys Uned Cyfrwng Cymraeg / Including Welsh Medium Provision	Pontprenllwyd Penderyn Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 9JW	Mr A Wood ☎ 01685 811259 📠 01685 814125 ✉ admin.penderynprimary@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	213	33	231	21

* Niferoedd Derbyni Disgyblion Meithrin ar gyfer Ysgolion Dwy Iaith

Bydd y Niferoedd Derbyni Disgyblion ar gyfer Ysgolion Dwy Iaith yn newid fel y ganlyn :-

Nifer Derbyni Disgyblion Meithrin Saesneg Cymraeg

Ysgol Gynradd Dolau	30	30
Ysgol Gynradd Heol y Celyn	29	29
Ysgol Gynradd Gymuned Penderyn	16	16

Bydd nifer derbyni disgyblion gwahanol ar gyfer yr adrannau Cymraeg a Saesneg yn yr ysgolion yma ar gyfer y dosbarth meithrin yn unig.

Byddwn ni'n prosesu ceisiadau ar gyfer yr ysgolion uchod hyd at y nifer derbyni sydd wedi'i gyhoeddi.

Os bydd nifer uwch o geisiadau am le mewn dosbarth meithrin mewn adran iaith benodol na nifer y lleoedd sydd ar gael a bod lleoedd dros ben yn yr adran iaith arall, byddwn ni'n manteisio ar y lleoedd hynny i gynnig lleoedd i'r plant.

Er enghraifft, os bydd 25 cais am le Saesneg a 35 cais am le Cymraeg yn yr un ysgol, byddwn ni'n defnyddio'r lleoedd gwag yn yr adran Saesneg i roi lle i'r disgyblion cyfrwng Cymraeg sy'n weddill.

* Nursery Admission Numbers for Dual Language Schools

The Nursery Admission Numbers for the Dual Language Schools will change as follows :-

Nursery Admission Number	English	Welsh
Dolau Primary School	30	30
Heol Y Celyn Primary School	29	29
Penderyn Primary School	16	16

There will be a separate admission number for the English and Welsh Departments at these schools for nursery entry only.

We will process applications for the above schools up to the published admission number.

Should the number of applications received for nursery places in a specific language department exceed the nursery admission number and there are spaces available in the other language department, these available places will be allocated to these children.

For example, if 25 English applications are received for nursery places at one of the schools and 35 Welsh applications are received for the Welsh Department, the spare places in the English Department would then be allocated to accommodate the extra places required for the Welsh children.

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**Ysgolion Cynradd Cymraeg
Welsh Medium Primary Schools**

Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Abercynon (gan gynnwys Canolfan Blynyddoedd Cynnar y Gorlan Fach / including Gorlan Early Years Centre)	Greenfield Terrace Abercynon Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 4TH	Mr E Evans ☎ 01443 740239 ☎ 01443 740808 ✉ admin.yggabercynon@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	298	50	352	32
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Aberdâr	Laburnum Drive Cwmdâr / Cwmdare Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 8RT	Mr D Davies ☎ 01685 872939 ☎ 01685 883339 ✉ admin.yggaberdar@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	359	53	372	54
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bodringallt	Bryn Terrace Ystradyfodwg CF41 7RX	Dr N Pike ☎ 01443 434096 ☎ 01443 434048 ✉ admin.yggbodringallt@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	101	24	172	20
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bronllwyn	Colwyn Road Y Gelli / Gelli CF41 7NW	Mrs N Gould ☎ 01443 435294 ☎ 01443 441547 ✉ admin.yggbronllwyn@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	205	33	236	33
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Castellau	Ffordd Castellau Y Beddau / Beddau Pontypridd CF38 2AA	Mr D. Jones (Pennaeth Gweithredol/Acting Headteacher) ☎ 01443 562206 ☎ 01443 209616 ✉ admin.yggcastellau@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	224	37	263	30
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Evan James	Ffordd y Rhondda Pontypridd CF37 1HQ	Mrs E Smith (Pennaeth Gweithredol/Acting Headteacher) ☎ 01443 486813 ☎ 01443 403129 ✉ admin.yggevanjames@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	265	49	346	34

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Ysgolion Cynradd Cymraeg Welsh Medium Primary Schools						
Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Gymraeg Llantrisant	Ffordd Cefn yr Hendy Y Meisgyn / Miskin Pont-y-clun / Pontyclun CF72 8TL	Mr R O'Neil ☎ 01443 237837 ☎ 01443 449576 ✉ admin.ygggllantrisant@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	273	48	338	41
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llwyncelyn	Heather Way Llwyncelyn (Y) Porth CF39 9TL	Mr D M Rees ☎ 01443 562220 ☎ 01443 562221 ✉ admin.yggllwyncelyn@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	266	48	336	45
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llyn-y-forwyn	Darren Terrace Glynrhedynog / Ferndale CF43 4LG	Mrs P Davies ☎ 01443 730278 ☎ 01443 732504 ✉ admin.yggllynyforwyn@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	167	28	197	15
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pont Siôn Norton	Heol Pont Siôn Norton Pontypridd CF37 4ND	Mr D Evans ☎ 01443 486838 ☎ 01443 480404 ✉ admin.yggpontiennorton @rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	256	38	267	31
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Tonyrefail	Martin Crescent Tonyrefail Y Porth / Porth CF39 8NT	Miss N Downes ☎ 01443 670319 ☎ 01443 676095 ✉ admin.yggtonyrefail@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	173	35	246	28
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Ynyswen	Ffordd y Clinig Ynys-wen / Ynyswen Treorci CF42 6ED	Miss C Roberts ☎ 01443 772432 ☎ 01443 775726 ✉ admin.yggynyswen@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-11	230	42	300	34
Ysgolion Canol Middle Schools						
Ysgol Garth Olwg (Anghen cadarnhau enw'r ysgol) / School name to be confirmed)	Campws Cymuned Garth Olwg St Illtyds Rd, Pentre'r Eglwys / Church Village Pontypridd, CF38 1DX	Mr T Edwards ☎ 01443 570070 ☎ 01443 219596 ✉ Primary site - admin.ygggartholwg@rctcbc.gov.uk ✉ Secondary site - admin.ygggartholwg@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-19	S: 810 P: 306	S: 184 P: 46	S: 1110 P: 324	
Ysgol Llanhari	Llanhari Pont-y-clun / Pontyclun CF72 9XE	Mrs R Phillips ☎ 01443 237824 ☎ 01443 227365 ✉ admin.YsgollLlanhari@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-19	S: 447 P: 134	S: 153 P: 27	S: 914 P: 162	24 (Derbyn) 91 (Blwyddyn 7)
Ysgol Nant-gwyn	Llewellyn Street Pen-y-graig / Penygraig CF40 1HQ	Mrs K Retallick ☎ 01443 436171 ☎ 01443 430918 ✉ admin.ysgolnantgwyn@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-16	S: TBC P: 438	S: 172 P: 64	S: 780 P: 450	48 (Derbyn) 102 (Blwyddyn 7)

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Ysgol Gymuned y Porth Porth Community School	Cemetery Road Y Porth / Porth CF39 0BS	Mrs Y Jones ☎ 01443 682137 ☎ 01443 682076 ✉ admin.porthcs@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-16	S: TBC P: 220	S: 162 P: 42	S: 810 P: 294	19 (Derbyn) 116 (Blwyddyn 7)
Ysgol Gymuned Tonyrefail / Tonyrefail Community School	Gilfach Road Tonyrefail CF39 8HG	Mrs H Nicholas ☎ 01443 670647 ☎ 01443 671780 ✉ admin.tonyrefailcs@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 3-19	S: TBC P: 173	S: 138 P: 38	S: 1190 500 chweched dosbarth sixth form P: 262	23 (Derbyn) 173 (Blwyddyn 7)
Ysgolion Uwchradd Saesneg English Medium Secondary Schools						
Ysgol Gymunedol Aberdâr Aberdare Community School	Yr Ynys, Aberdâr, CF44 7RP Ynys Site, Aberdare, CF44 7RP	Mrs C Morgan ☎ 01685 888500 ✉ admin.aberdarecs@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 11-19	1257	278	1640	268
Ysgol Gyfun Bryncelynnog Bryncelynnog Comprehensive	Penycoedcae Road (Y) Beddau Pontypridd CF38 2AE	Mrs D Baldock ☎ 01443 203411 ☎ 01443 219619 ✉ admin.bryncelynnogcomp@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 11-19	1111	245	1442	191
Ysgol Gyfun y Cardinal Newman Eglwys Gatholig Rhufain Cardinal Newman R.C. Comprehensive	Dynea Road Rhydfelen / Rhydyfelin Pontypridd CF37 5DP	Mr J O'Sullivan ☎ 01443 494110 ☎ 01443 494112 ✉ admin.CardinalNewmanRC@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 11-19	770	157	957	170
Ysgol Gymuned Glynrhedynog Ferndale Community School	Excelsior Terrace Y Maerdy CF43 4AR	Ms E Clarke ☎ 01443 755337/755657 ☎ 01443 756810 ✉ admin.ferndalecs@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 11-16	572	130	650	109
Ysgol Uwchradd y Ddraenen Wen Hawthorn High	School Lane Y Ddraenen Wen / Hawthorn Pontypridd CF37 5AL	Mr J Hicks ☎ 01443 841228 ☎ 01443 846464 ✉ admin.hawthornhigh@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 11-19	726	188	1098	146
Ysgol Gyfun Aberpennar Mountain Ash Comprehensive	New Road Aberpennar / Mountain Ash CF45 4DG	Mrs S Evans ☎ 01443 479199 ☎ 01443 473412 ✉ admin.mountainashcomp@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 11-19	879	248	1414	168

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Ysgolion Uwchradd Saesneg English Medium Secondary Schools						
Ysgol Uwchradd Pontypridd Pontypridd High	Campws Cymunedol Parc Hen Lofa'r Albion / Albion Community Campus Cilfynydd, Pontypridd CF37 4SF	Mr H Cripps ☎ 01443 486133 📠 01443 480512 ✉ admin.pontypriddhigh@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 11-19	910	232	1338	132
Ysgol Uwchradd Ioan Fedyddiwr yr Eglwys yng Nghymru St John Baptist C.I.W. High	Glan Road Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 8BW	Dr S Mitchell ☎ 01685 875414 📠 01685 881582 ✉ admin.StJohnBaptistHigh@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 11-19	959	154	966	199
Ysgol Gyfun Treorci Treorchy Comprehensive	Pengelli Treorci / Treorchy CF42 6UL	Mr R Jones ☎ 01443 773128 📠 01443 776658 ✉ admin.treorchycomp@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 11-19	1650	264	1377 500 chweched dosbarth sixth form	239
Ysgol Gyfun y Pant Y Pant Comprehensive	Cowbridge Road Pont-y-clun / Pontyclun CF72 8YQ	Mrs B Cheetham ☎ 01443 562250 ✉ admin.ypantcomp@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 11-19	1323	233	1402	290

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Ysgolion Uwchradd Cymraeg Welsh Medium Secondary Schools						
Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun	Rhodfa Lawrence Pen-y-waun / Penywaun Hirwaun CF44 9ES	Mr M Jones ☎ 01685 813500 📠 01685 812208 ✉ admin.ygrhydywaun@rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 11-19	971	171	1038	180
Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda	Heol Graigwen Y Cymer (Y) Porth CF39 9HA	Ms R Ellis ☎ 01443 680800 📠 01443 680810 ✉ admin.ygcwmrhondda@ rctcbc.gov.uk Amr. oedran / Age range: 11-19	732	163	1023	134
Ysgolion Arbennig Special Educational Needs Provision						
Ysgol Arbennig Maesgwyn Maesgwyn Special	Cwmdare Road Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 8RG	Mr D Mogford ☎ 01685 873933 📠 01685 873933 ✉ admin.maesgwynspecialschool@rctcbc.gov.uk				
Ysgol Arbennig Park Lane Park Lane Special	Park Lane, Trecynon Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 8HN	Miss M Hopkin ☎ 01685 874489 📠 01685 883207 ✉ admin.parklanespecialschool@rctcbc.gov.uk				
Ysgol Hen Felin	Gelligaled Park Ystradyfodwg / Ystrad CF41 7SZ	Mr A Bradley ☎ 01443 431571 📠 01443 439361 ✉ admin.ysgolhenfelin@rctcbc.gov.uk				
Ysgol Tŷ Coch	Lansdale Drive Ton-teg / Tonteg Pontypridd CF38 1PG Buarth-y-Capel Ynys-y-bŵl / Ynysybwl, Pontypridd CF37 3PA	Mr D Jenkins ☎ 01443 203471 📠 01443 206828 ✉ admin.ysgolytycoch@rctcbc.gov.uk ☎ 01443 791424 ✉ admin.buarthycapel@rctcbc.gov.uk				
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Tŷ Gwyn	Cwmdare Road Aberdâr / Aberdare CF44 8RD	Mrs R Adams ☎ 01685 652525 ✉ admin.tywyn@rctcbc.gov.uk				
Canolfan Addysg y Tai Tai Education Centre	Bishop St Pen-y-graig Tonypandy CF40 1PQ	Mrs M Chadney ☎ 01443 422666 📠 01443 436487 ✉ admin.taicentre@rctcbc.gov.uk				