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CONSULTATION ON PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A WELSH MEDIUM LEARNING RESOURCE BASE (LRB) AT YSGOL GYMRAEG RHYD Y GRUG

Dear Parent/Carer,

The local authority has been developing a proposal for the establishment of a Welsh Medium Learning Resource Base (LRB) within Ysgol Gymraeg Rhyd Y Grug.

A LRB class provides a specialist place for pupils with Additional Learning Needs (ALN) within a mainstream school setting. There are currently 16 LRB classes in English Medium primary schools across the county borough, and pupils attending the LRB classes are fully integrated as pupils of the school where the class is based.

There is currently no such provision in WM schools which the local authority aims to address via this proposal, as set out below.

Proposal:

To establish a generic 12-place Welsh Medium LRB for pupils in Reception to Year 6 with additional learning needs, to be located at Ysgol Gymraeg Rhyd Y Grug.

Pupils with ALN requiring specialist provision who live within the catchment area of Ysgol Gymraeg Santes Tudful for WM education would have the opportunity to access ALN provision in the newly established LRB class.

The aim is to open the LRB class in September 2025 and capital works are planned using Welsh Government grant funding to ensure the LRB class spaces are fit for purpose to meet the needs of pupils.

A 6-week statutory consultation is being carried out from Monday 22nd April – Sunday 2nd June and we would like to know your views.

A detailed consultation document & consultation questionnaire will be available online from Monday 22nd April at Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council website, Consultations.

Consultation events are also being held providing the opportunity to 'drop-in' and learn more about the proposal and to let us know your views.

If you are unable to make any of the dates below and are unable to access the consultation information online you can request hard copies via the email address above or at the school office.

The dates, times and venues of the drop-in sessions are as follows:

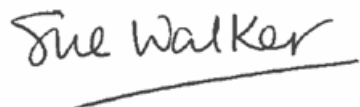
Venue	Date / Time
Ysgol Gymraeg Rhyd Y Grug	23rd April 2024 3:30pm
Ysgol Gymraeg Santes Tudful	25th April 2024 3:10pm
Ysgol Gymraeg Rhyd Y Grug	02nd May 2024 3:30pm

Once the consultation period ends a report will be taken to Cabinet for a decision regarding whether to proceed to statutory notice.

Further communication about this proposal, including the outcome of the consultation and next steps, will be circulated prior to the end of June.

If you have any queries, please let us know using the email address given above.

Yours sincerely,



Sue Walker
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