

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Statutory Notice – School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013

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Notice is given in accordance with School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, having consulted with such persons as required, proposes to formally establish a Foundation Learning Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Learning Resource Base (LRB) located within Dowlais Primary School.

The new ASD LRB at Dowlais Primary School be a generic 10 place provision for pupils aged between Reception and Year 2 with Additional Learning Needs (ALN). The LRB will accommodate pupils with ALN requiring a specialist class placement and cater for a range of different needs including but not limited to ASD.

It is proposed to formally establish this provision from 28th April 2025.

Places in the LRB will be available to pupils across Merthyr Tydfil and will not be limited to the catchment of Dowlais Primary School. Pupil admission to the LRB will be managed by the local authority's ALN Panel based on evidence and assessment of need following appropriate referral to the ALN Team.

Home to school transport will be provided for children who are allocated a place in the LRB by the ALN Panel if either: i. The distance from home to school is at least 2 miles, or ii. The distance from home to school is less than 2 miles but the pupil has been assessed by ALN panel as being unable to walk to school due to their SEN, disability and/or medical condition.

The Council undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report, containing a summary of the queries raised by consultees and the proposer's response and the views of Estyn, is available on the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council website.

Objection Period

Within a period of 28 days after the date of the publication of these proposals, that is to say by 12th March 2025, and persons may object in writing or by email to the proposals. Objections should be sent to Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, for the attention of the Director of Education, Civic Centre, Castle St, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 8AN. Objections via email should be sent to schoolorganisation@merthyr.gov.uk

The Council will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, at the time of notification to stakeholders of the determination of the proposal.

Dated: 13th February 2025