

This Statutory Notice is published by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, Civic Centre, Port Talbot. SA13 1PJ

NOTICE is given in accordance with Section 43 of the School Standards and Organisation Act (Wales) 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council having consulted such persons as required, propose to discontinue Cymer Afan Comprehensive School, School Road, Cymmer, Port Talbot SA13 3EL, an English-medium, community, secondary school currently maintained by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (“the Council”).

The Council undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the Council’s response to those issues, and the views of Estyn is available on the Council’s website at <https://www.npt.gov.uk/1891> (a hard copy is available on request).

It is proposed to implement the proposal on **1st September 2019**.

Education provision for pupils who would otherwise have attended Cymer Afan Comprehensive School will be available at Ysgol Cwm Brombil, Bertha Road, Margam, Port Talbot, SA13 2AN. Ysgol Cwm Brombil is an English-medium community school scheduled to open in September 2018. It will be maintained by the Council which will be the admission authority for the school. Ysgol Cwm Brombil will provide education for pupils aged 3-16 and has sufficient capacity to admit the pupils who would otherwise have attended Cymer Afan Comprehensive School. As the designated receiving school, Ysgol Cwm Brombil will qualify as a ‘nearest suitable’ school in relation to home to school travel. Transport arrangements will be in line with Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council’s Home to School Travel Policy.

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of this proposal, that is to say by the **23rd July 2018**, any person may object to the proposal.

Objections should be sent to the Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning, Education Department, 2nd Floor, Civic Centre, Port Talbot SA13 1PJ or e-mailed to ssip@npt.gov.uk

Signed:



Aled Evans, Director of Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning

Dated: 26th June 2018

Explanatory Note

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

- (i) The Council is proposing to close Cymer Afan Comprehensive School and, as from 1st September 2019, to provide secondary education for pupils from the upper Afan Valley at Ysgol Cwm Brombil, Margam, subject to parental preference.
- (ii) Ysgol Cwm Brombil is a new build, English-medium school for pupils age 3 – 16 scheduled to open in September 2018.
- (iii) The rationale and the details of the proposal are set out in the consultation document and consultation report which are available on the Council's Strategic School Improvement Programme webpage: <https://www.npt.gov.uk/1891>
- (iv) Pupils on roll at Cymer Afan Comprehensive School prior to closure will, subject to parental preference, transfer to the Ysgol Cwm Brombil, Margam, for their secondary education.
- (v) Parents of prospective pupils will need to apply for a place for their child in line with the Council's School Admission Policy. The relevant School Admission Policy can be viewed on the Council's webpage: <https://www.npt.gov.uk/media/8993/nptcbc-community-school-admission-arrangements-2019-2020.pdf>
- (vi) Ysgol Cwm Brombil is designated as the receiving school and, as such, will qualify as a 'nearest suitable' school when assessing a pupil's home to school transport entitlement. Transport, free of charge, will be available to eligible pupils in line with the Council's Home to School Travel policy which can be viewed on the Council's webpage: https://www.npt.gov.uk/media/4231/npt_home_to_school_travel_policy_2017.pdf
- (vii) Anyone wishing to object to this proposal may do so between Tuesday, 26th June 2018 and Monday, 23rd July 2018 by stating, in writing, the reason for objecting and sending this to the Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning, Education Department, 2nd Floor, Civic Centre, Port Talbot SA13 1PJ or e-mailed to: ssip@npt.gov.uk
- (viii) Hard copies or alternative versions of all documentation may be obtained upon request from the Strategic School Improvement Team using the address above.