

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr Bridgend County Borough Council

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol



Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Stryd yr Angel, Pen-y-bont, CF31 4WB / Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB

Addysg a Chymorth i Deuluoedd | Education and Family Support

Deialu uniongyrchol / Direct line: (01656) 815258
Gofynnwch am / Ask for: Michelle Hatcher

Ein cyf / Our ref: MH/apw
Eich cyf / Your ref:

Dyddiad / Date: 12 July 2016

Dear Stakeholder/Respondent

On Tuesday, 5th July 2016, following the requirements of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, Bridgend County Borough Council's Cabinet determined the proposal to close the Learning Resource Centre for 15 pupils with Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD) at Pil Primary School.

The Cabinet considered the proposal, the outcome of the statutory notice period in accordance with the School Organisation Code 2013. The Cabinet decided to approve the proposal and as a result the Learning Resource Centre at Pil Primary School will close from 1st September 2016.

It was noted that no objections were received during the Public Notice period.

In determining the proposal, Cabinet were satisfied that the proposal will:

- ensure the remaining pupil identified with Moderate Learning Difficulties at Pil Primary School will transition to their local secondary school
- allow for the funding to be re-allocated to fund continuing Learning Resource Centre provision within other primary schools in Bridgend
- have no negative impact on any minority group

The reason for the decision in respect of the factors outlined in the School Organisation Code are as follows:

Ffôn/Tel: 01656 643643

Facs/Fax: 01656 668126

Ebost/Email: talktous@bridgend.gov.uk

Negeseuon SMS/ SMS Messaging: 07581 157014

[Twitter@bridgendCBC](https://twitter.com/bridgendCBC)

Gwefan/Website: www.bridgend.gov.uk

Cyfnwidi testun: Rhwch 18001 o flaen unrhyw un o'n rhifau ffôn ar gyfer y gwasanaeth trosglwyddo testun

Text relay: Put 18001 before any of our phone numbers for the text relay service

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg. Rhwch wybod i ni os yw eich dewis iaith yw'r Gymraeg

We welcome correspondence in Welsh. Please let us know if your language choice is Welsh

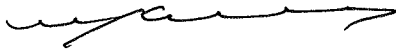
Quality and Standards of Education

Estyn's response to the proposal to close the MLD provision at Pil Primary School is that they are not able to assess with sufficient rigour the likelihood of the proposal to maintain the standard of education provision in the area. This is because the proposal does not provide sufficient information about pupil standards and the quality of provision and leadership in the two schools to which the local authority proposes to send pupils with learning difficulties from Pil Primary School.

As a response to this comment, the National Categorisation School Reports for Corneli and Cefn Cribwr Primary Schools were included in the consultation report to Cabinet. It was noted that the moderate learning classes have been in existence in both schools for several years.

Estyn stated that the proposer has given a clear rationale for the proposal based on the very few pupils currently in the resource class, and the apparent availability of places in similar classes in other schools in close proximity.

Yours sincerely



Nicola Echanis
Head of Education and Early Help