

Formal consultation to establish a specialist base for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder at Llanwern High School from September 2023

23 November 2022 –
6 January 2023

Everyday Summary – Children &
Young People's Version

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Glossary – what some of the words in this document mean:

Proposal – A plan that we are thinking of putting into action but haven't decided upon yet.

Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) – A lifelong developmental disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world. One in 100 people are on the autism spectrum and there are around 700,000 autistic adults and children in the UK.¹ Someone with ASD may find it hard to communicate and interact with other people. They may find things like bright lights and loud noises overwhelming. They may get anxious or upset around unfamiliar situations and they may take longer to understand information.

ASD base – Special facilities and classes for pupils with ASD so they can receive extra support.

Consultation – This gives people the chance to ask questions and express their views on the proposal.

Drop-in Session – A meeting to talk about a plan. You do not need an appointment and can come anytime during the session.

Mainstream schools – Most schools are mainstream schools which provide places for pupils from the local area.

Learning Resource Base (LRB) – Special classes in mainstream schools for pupils with additional learning needs that need extra help. These are sometimes called Additional Learning Needs (ALN) classes

Out of County placement – A pupil attending a special school or class in a different area, because there are not enough places available in Newport.

Outreach support – Help provided by another school or organisation for a short-term or part time.

School Reorganisation Proposal – A plan we are thinking of putting into action to open/close a school or make big changes to a school.

Sensory Room – A room to help develop pupil's senses through light, sounds and objects.

¹ https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/what-is-autism?gclid=Cj0KCQiAyJOBbDCARIsAJG2h5feQGMwG3FDvir9vBbBa9OnXikqO3HTgUlcD7o8uoSvpQmNdMFB0caAtEAEALw_wcB

Introduction

The number of pupils across Newport with a formal diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is growing. The majority of pupils with this condition are able to attend mainstream schools with varying levels of support, but others require more specialist provision in order to meet their needs.

Newport has a school, Ysgol Bryn Derw, that is only for pupils with ASD. It provides special support for pupils aged between 3 and 19 years, whose needs cannot be met in a mainstream school. Not all pupils with ASD need to go to a special school, and many can be provided for in special classes in mainstream schools, called ALN classes, or Learning Resource Base classes. This proposal concerns the number of secondary-age places available in special ASD classes in mainstream schools.

There are ALN classes in lots of Newport Primary Schools, but there is just 1 ASD base for secondary school aged pupils in Newport which is at The John Frost School, and this is full. Newport City Council want to open a new base for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at Llanwern High School from September 2023.

To support the base opening in September 2023, a school reorganisation proposal is needed to legally establish the new base. This consultation marks the first stage of the process.

This formal consultation period:

- **Begins on 23 November 2022**
- **Ends at midnight on 6 January 2023**

How do I get involved?

We want to know what you think of this proposal. You can submit any comments and/or questions using the online questionnaire available at www.newport.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation, or via the form included in this booklet.

Responses can be returned by email to: school.reorg@newport.gov.uk or the form can be returned to the Education Information and Development Officer, Room 425w, Newport City Council, Civic Centre, Newport. NP20 4UR.

There are also drop-in sessions that have been arranged where you and your families are welcome to attend to meet with council officers to find out more about the proposal:

Table 1: Drop-in Sessions		
Location	Date & Time	Session
Llanwern High School - Main Sports Hall	Tuesday 6 December 2022 09:15 – 10:30	Drop-in
Llanwern High School - Main Sports Hall	Thursday 15 December 2022 15:15 – 16:30	Drop-in

The closing date for the submission of responses to this consultation is midnight 6 January 2023.

The Consultation Process

Stage	Description	Duration
1	<p>Consultation</p> <p>Before the decision on the proposal is made, we give people the chance to learn about the plans, ask questions, and tell the Council what they think.</p>	Around 6-8 weeks
2	<p>Consultation Report</p> <p>We gather all of the comments we have received during stage 1 and put them into a document called a 'Consultation Report'. Comments from the Council are also included in the report. This report will be used to help the Council to make a decision on whether to move to stage 3.</p>	Available at least 2 weeks before the statement in stage 3 is posted
3	<p>Statutory Notice</p> <p>If the Council decides to carry on with the proposal, a notice is put on the Council's website and posted of the gates of the school that the plans are for. This means you can now say if you like the proposal, or if you don't want the plans to go ahead, you can lodge an objection.</p>	At least 28 days (including 15 school days)
4	<p>Objection Report</p> <p>If no one says they don't want the plans to go ahead, the proposal will go straight to stage 5. If people have told us they do not like the proposal, their comments are put into another report with the Council's responses. This report is then used to help the Council to make their decision.</p>	Available within 28 days of the end of stage 3
5	<p>Determination</p> <p>The Council will think about all of the comments collected and make the final decision on the proposal.</p>	The decision is made within 16 weeks of the end of stage 3
6	<p>Decision Notification</p> <p>Once the decision has been made, the Council will let everyone know whether the plans will go ahead. The result will also be available on the Council's website.</p>	

The Plan

The plan is to open an ASD base for 20 pupils at Llanwern High School from September 2023.

Pupils with ASD require extra support at school. In mainstream primary schools, this support is provided in the ALN class or Learning Resource Base. There are 94 pupils with ASD in mainstream primary schools at the moment.

Table 2: Primary aged pupils with ASD in specialist provision in mainstream primary schools – May 2022

Year	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
2021/22	7	14	14	15	14	12	18	94

When it is time for these pupils to move to secondary school, some of them will still require extra support so will need to join an ASD base within a secondary school. At the moment only The John Frost School provides an ASD base for secondary school aged pupils in a mainstream school, but this is full. The table below shows how many pupils are currently in the ASD base at The John Frost School.

Table 3: Pupil Numbers – The John Frost School ASD Base 2017 – 2022

School	Number of places (2022)	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	Places available 2021/22
The John Frost School (ASD Base)	20	12	20	20	23	25	-5

If there are no places available in the ASD base at The John Frost School, some pupils will have to go to schools in other surrounding areas to make sure they get the support they need. These are called Out of County placements and can be very expensive. It also means pupils have to travel further to attend school.

The Council are looking to provide more places for pupils with ASD in Newport. The new ASD base at Llanwern High School will start with 4 year 7 pupils and will grow by 4 pupils each year until the class reaches 20, which will take 5 years.

Llanwern High School already has the right space to host this new base, having previously hosted a Social Emotional Behavioural Difficulties (SEBD) provision for 8 pupils. This new ASD class will mean that there are ASD bases on both sides - East and West - of Newport, so pupils will be able to go to a school closer to their home.

What will the new class provide?

The ASD base will have trained staff to meet the needs of the pupils. The classroom space will have access to outside areas, toilets, and kitchen facilities. The class will also have:

- Classrooms and withdrawal areas
- Kitchen Facilities
- Their own toilets
- Their own outside area
- Drop off area for minibuses / taxis
- A sensory room

Cost

Once full, the ASD base will cost around £500,000 per year (between £25,000 and £27,000 per pupil/placement).

There will be costs for staff to receive appropriate specialist training to meet the needs of pupils. Many of the therapies can be developed and timetabled at facilities in Ysgol Bryn Derw.

Specialist support from trained staff will be available from Ysgol Bryn Derw Outreach Support costing £40,000 per year and the Outreach worker would be funded via the SEN Local Provision Development Budget and reviewed every year.

Alternative Options Considered

Option 1 - To continue with the plan for the ASD base at Llanwern High School. The ASD base would provide suitable education for pupils, meeting the pupils needs and offering an expansion of ASD provision across the city. The ASD base would need to be funded from the individual school's budget. The ASD base will reduce the number of pupils needing Out of County placements in the future which has an approximate yearly cost of £42,000 per placement (not including transport costs). This is the preferred option.

Option 2 – To continue with the plan for the ASD base at Llanwern High School, but have 20 places available straight away. This will create additional places for older pupils in years 8-11 and may help pupils transfer in from other schools or placements. But this could affect the chance of Year 6 pupils getting a space in the class base when they move into Year 7. The provision would need to be funded from the individual school's budget. The ASD base will reduce the number of pupils needing Out of County placements in the future which have an approximate yearly cost of 42,000 per placement (not including transport costs).

Option 3 – Have a plan to open an ASD base at a different secondary school. The plan is to have an ASD base in the East of the city, the same as the ASD base at The John Frost School in the West of the city. Llanwern High School is the best location, due to the reasons in this consultation document.

Option 4 - Each pupil is moved to Out of County placements. The average cost of each Out of County place is £42,000 but there are not enough specialist placements across the region. This would mean other placements would be needed and would cost more than the £42,000 each year. These costs do not include transport costs.

Admission to the ASD base

Pupils would not be able to apply for a place at Llanwern High School ASD base via the Council's usual admission arrangements. Instead, admission is based on individual need following an assessment undertaken by the Education Inclusion Team.

Advantages and Disadvantages

The advantages of this proposal are as follows:

- ☺ Available ASD places to support pupils who need extra support;
- ☺ Reduction in current and / or future out-of-county placements;
- ☺ Reduced travel time for pupils compared with attending out-of-county placements;
- ☺ There will be ASD class bases on both sides of Newport;
- ☺ Possible opportunities for pupils who are currently attending out-of-county placements to come back and carry on their education in Newport.

The disadvantages of this proposal are as follows:

- ☹ The proposal will require Llanwern High School to move their informal ALN provision to a different area of the school and this may have an impact on other pupils at the school.

Impact on Welsh language provision

The proposal has no impact on the Council's plans for growing Welsh-medium education provision across Newport as outlined in our 10-year Welsh in Education Strategic Plan. Details of the factors considered in making this proposal are contained within the Fairness and Equalities Impact Assessment.

Questionnaire – Responses to the Proposal

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Your views matter. Please tell us what you think about the proposal by completing this questionnaire online at www.newport.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation. Alternatively, you can complete this form and return it to the Education Information and Development Officer, Newport City Council, Room 425W, Civic Centre, Newport NP20 4UR or email your response to school.reorg@newport.gov.uk

The closing date for the submission of responses to this consultation is midnight on 6 January 2023. Please note that negative responses made to this consultation will not be counted as objections to the proposal, they will be recorded as adverse comments. Objections can only be registered following the publication of a statutory notice.

1) Do you support the proposal to:

Establish a specialist base for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder at Llanwern High School from September 2023



Please use the box below to provide comments or explain which element of the proposal you do/do not support.

2) Do you believe that the proposal will have a positive or negative effect on opportunities to use the Welsh language?

Positive Negative No effect

3) If you think it will have a negative effect, what steps could we take to lessen or remove this and improve positive effects?

4) Do you believe that the proposal will treat the Welsh language less favourably than the English language?

Yes No

Please indicate who you are (e.g. parent/carer of a child attending a local nursery)

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Please select your Ethnic group			
White British		Asian-Bangladeshi	
White Irish		Asian-Indian	
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White and Black African		Any other Black background	
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Welsh language			
Do you consider yourself a Welsh speaker?			
Yes		No	
			Prefer not to say

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Do you care for children of school age?			
Yes		No	
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			Prefer not to say
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