

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

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## Introduction

The purpose of the consultation is to seek views on the following proposal:

**“To establish a 20 place Additional Learning Needs (ALN) base at Llanwern High School for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) from September 2023”**

This is your chance to ask questions and make comments that will be considered when the Council decides how to proceed.

**This formal consultation period:**

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

## Background

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

Newport City Council currently has two specific ASD provisions within the City:

1. Ysgol Bryn Derw in the Gaer ward is an ASD specific school which was established in 2017. All pupils who attend the school have a formal diagnosis of Autism which is complex in nature and their needs cannot be met in mainstream or Learning Resource Base (LRB) provision. In order to meet increasing demand, the capacity of this school has increased from 48 when it opened to 96 from April 2022, firstly through refurbishment of an annexe building within the school grounds and more recently through the creation of a dedicated foundation phase satellite base on the site of a former nursery school in the Shaftesbury ward. There are currently 86 pupils registered at the school.
2. The John Frost School in the Tredegar Park and Marshfield ward hosts a specialist ASD specific Learning Resource Base. All pupils who attend have a formal diagnosis of Autism. The capacity of this provision is 20 pupils but as of May 2022, a total of 25 pupils are placed in the base.

Llanwern High School is an English-medium, community-maintained secondary school, situated in the Llanwern ward at Hartridge Farm Road, Newport, NP18 2YE and is one of nine secondary schools within the city. The school accommodates pupils aged between 11-18 years with a capacity of 1,450 pupils and has a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 260.

This proposal to create a new 20-place specialist Autistic Spectrum Disorder Base at Llanwern High School supports the increasing demand for specialist education provision across the city of Newport. The demand for places in ASD specialist provision, due to the identified needs of pupils in Newport schools, is higher than current provision available within the city.

The council believes that this proposal will benefit pupils across the whole of Newport as additional facilities will be provided to support children who have specialist needs in an appropriate and secure environment.

## The Consultation Process

As part of the 'School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013', all school reorganisation proposals must be undertaken in accordance with the guidance outlined in Welsh Government's statutory School Organisation Code. This process is made up of a number of stages, as presented in the table below:

Stage	Description	Duration
1	<p><b>Consultation</b></p> <p>Before a school organisation proposal is published, first the proposal must be subject to consultation. The consultation period represents an opportunity for people to learn about the proposal, ask questions and tell the Council what they think.</p>	Usually 6-8 weeks
2	<p><b>Consultation Report</b></p> <p>All responses submitted during the consultation period are recorded and summarised into a consultation report, which includes the Council's responses and is published on the Council's website. The report will be considered when the Council decides on the way forward.</p>	Published at least 2 weeks prior to publication of the statutory notice
3	<p><b>Statutory Notice</b></p> <p>If the Council decides to proceed, a statutory notice is published on the Council's website and posted at the gates of the affected schools for a minimum of 28 days. This stage represents the formal objection period which allows people to object to the proposal.</p>	Minimum of 28 days (including 15 school days)
4	<p><b>Objection Report</b></p> <p>If no objections are received, the proposal moves straight to determination. If objections are received, these are summarised in an objection report which includes the Council's responses and is published on the Council's website. The report is then considered when the Council decides on the way forward.</p>	Published within 28 days of the end of the objection period
5	<p><b>Determination</b></p> <p>The Council will consider any objections received and make the final decision on the proposal.</p>	Decision is made within 16 weeks of the end of the objection period
6	<p><b>Decision Notification</b></p> <p>Following the decision being made, stakeholders will then be informed of the outcome by way of a decision letter, which will also be published on the Council's website.</p>	



## Consultation

The consultation period represents stage 1 of the consultation process and is an opportunity for people to learn about the proposal, ask questions and make comments that will be recorded and summarised in a consultation report. This report will be published on the Council's website and will be considered when the Council decides on the way forward.

The consultation will involve 2 drop-in sessions with those affected by the proposal, where Council officers will be on hand to explain the proposals in more detail and answer any questions:

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

## Consultation responses

Consultation responses should be submitted using the online response pro-forma available at [www.newport.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation](http://www.newport.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation). Responses can also be submitted by email to [school.reorg@newport.gov.uk](mailto:school.reorg@newport.gov.uk). Consultation responses submitted via this e-mail address should be clearly identified as consultation responses, otherwise they will be treated as a query and not formally registered. Alternatively, the pro-forma enclosed can be returned to the Education Information and Development Officer, Room 425w, Newport City Council, Civic Centre, Newport NP20 4UR. **Only responses submitted using these methods will be considered as a response to the consultation.**

Social media platforms such as Twitter and Facebook will also share information on the proposed changes.

Please note that negative responses received during the consultation period 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. **The deadline for all consultation responses is midnight on 6 January 2023.**

## Arrangements for the participation of children and young people

A Children and Young People's Everyday Summary and 'ASD Friendly' Versions of this consultation have been produced. Both these and the full version are available via the NCC website at [www.newport.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation](http://www.newport.gov.uk/schoolreorganisation). Hard copies can also be requested by emailing [school.reorg@newport.gov.uk](mailto:school.reorg@newport.gov.uk) or by telephoning 01633 656656.

The Council will consult with pupils at Llanwern High School and will meet with the school council to discuss the proposal, by arrangement with the school leadership team.

## **Who will we consult with?**

- Parents, carers and guardians of pupils attending all schools affected or potentially affected by this proposal;
- Pupils attending all schools affected or potentially affected by this proposal;
- Parents, carers and guardians of pupils with a diagnosis of ASD and attending placements in and outside of the City;
- Parents, carers and guardians of pupils currently educated within ALN classes in mainstream primary schools;
- Members of staff currently employed at all schools affected or potentially affected by this proposal;
- Neighbouring Local Authorities across the South East Wales Consortium area;
- The Headteacher and Governing Bodies of all Newport schools;
- All Newport City Council elected members;
- All Newport Community Councils;
- The Welsh Ministers;
- Assembly Members (AMs) and Members of Parliament (MPs) representing the area served by the school subject to the proposal;
- Other Local Authorities across the South East Wales Consortium region, including relevant Transport departments;
- The South East Wales Education Achievement Service;
- The Church in Wales, Diocese of Monmouth;
- Roman Catholic Archdiocese;
- Estyn;
- Teaching and staff trade unions representing teachers and staff at Ysgol Bryn Derw;
- The Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership
- The Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent;
- The Welsh Language Commissioner;
- Gwent Police;
- South Wales Fire and Rescue Service;
- Aneurin Bevan University Health Board;
- Public Health Wales;
- Newport Serennu Centre;
- SNAP Cymru;
- Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations;
- Preventative Services.

## **What do you have to consider?**

The remainder of this document sets out the rationale for the proposal. We would like you to consider the information contained within the document and to hear your views as to whether or not you support the proposal.

## The Proposal

This is a proposal to establish a 20 place Additional Learning Needs (ALN) base at Llanwern High School for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) from September 2023.

There is an increasing demand for specialist education provision across the City, and this demand is greater than the current provision available. A new provision will benefit pupils across the whole of Newport as additional facilities will be provided to appropriately support children who have specialist needs in an appropriate and secure environment, and where these needs cannot be accommodated at either Ysgol Bryn Derw or The John Frost School ASD base.

It is proposed that the new provision will open to 4 Year 7 pupils from September 2023 to meet the demand anticipated as pupils transition from primary to secondary school. This pattern will continue over the next four years until the full 20-place capacity is realised from September 2027.

This eventual capacity will align with the size of the already established base at The John Frost School and will result in equitable provision on the East and West of the City so that pupils are able to attend a school more local to their home addresses and to reduce out-of-county placement and transport costs.

### Current ASD Pupils in specialist provision within primary schools by Year group

Table 1: Anticipated demand for secondary ASD places								
Primary ASD Pupils in specialist provision within 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

Table 1 shows the number of pupils attending specialist classes with a diagnosis of ASD within mainstream primary schools in Newport. Although not all of these pupils will need a place at a school with the ability to offer specialist ASD support, it is likely that at least some of them will. The number of pupils coming through the primary school sector shows that there is projected demand in the secondary specialist provision sector.

### Current and Past Pupil Numbers – Ysgol Bryn Derw

Table 2: Ysgol Bryn Derw Pupil Numbers 2017 – 2022 (Whole School)							
Pupil Numbers 2017 – 2022 – January PLASC							
School		2017 – 2018	2018 – 2019	2019 – 2020	2020 – 2021	2021 – 2022	Surplus Places 2021/22
Ysgol Bryn Derw	Capacity	48	48	68	68	96*	10
	NOR	47	55	69	70	86	
*Ysgol Bryn Derw capacity increased to 96 from 68 in May 2022							

Ysgol Bryn Derw expanded to 96 places from 68 places in May 2022 using the newly opened dedicated foundation phase satellite base at Kimberley Park. The building has been appropriately refurbished for ALN pupils to attend and will tackle the immediate need for specialist foundation phase ASD provision in Newport. Ysgol Bryn Derw places are limited in the secondary sector of the school, and the 10 surplus places shown as available in the table above specifically relate to foundation phase year groups. Current pupils on roll in years 3-6 at the school indicate that there will be no additional year 7 places available in the foreseeable future.



## Current and Past Pupil Numbers – The John Frost School ASD Base

Table 3: Pupil numbers – TJFS ASD Base							
Pupil Numbers 2017 – 2022							
School		2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	Surplus Places 2021/22
The John Frost School (ASD Base)	Capacity	20	20	20	20	20	-5
	NOR	12	20	20	23	25	

Table 3 shows the pressure that is currently placed on specialist provision in the secondary sector. The ASD base at The John Frost School has been oversubscribed for the past 2 years. The proposed ASD base at Llanwern High will help to alleviate this pressure by creating more secondary specialist places in Newport.

As the ASD base at The John Frost School is currently operating above capacity, places for new Year 7 learners will only become available should any pupils leave. As a result the availability of year 7 places is expected to be limited in future years.

### Affected Schools

The school directly affected by this proposal is Llanwern High School.

Llanwern High School is a modern building situated on extensive grounds which include rugby pitches, tennis courts and two 3G pitches. The school boasts high tech equipment with interactive white boards in all classes, as well as a gym, dance and drama studios and a 'Jampod'. There is a sixth form common room with refreshment facilities.

Llanwern High School already has a specially designed appropriate space to host this new base, having previously hosted a Social Emotional Behavioural Difficulties (SEBD) provision. This will enable a secure, separate area of the school building to be provided for these pupils, with an appropriate separate entrance and opportunities for withdrawal / small group working in the classroom spaces available, as well as the development of independent life skills in the kitchen areas.

Llanwern High School's geographical location on the East side of the city enables appropriate access to the school via major road networks to serve its local communities. Currently pupils from this area have to travel to the West side of the City daily to access ASD specialist provision. This proposal will have a positive impact on the environment and reduce the carbon footprint and expenditure in relation to transport.

Llanwern High School is one of the few schools in Newport with capacity to host this provision, the school is currently operating under its measured capacity and has been for several years. Table 4 shows the current and past pupil numbers (including sixth form), Table 5 shows the school forecasts for the next four academic years (including sixth form).

## Current and Past Pupil Numbers – Affected Schools

Table 4: Llanwern High School pupil numbers 2017 – 2022 (Whole School)							
Pupil Numbers 2017 – 2022 – January PLASC							
School	Capacity (2022)	2017 – 2018	2018 – 2019	2019 – 2020	2020 – 2021	2021 – 2022	Surplus Places 2021/22
Llanwern High School	1450	846	858	899	940	965	485

## Forecast Pupil Numbers – Affected Schools

Table 5: Affected Schools pupil forecasts 2022 – 2026 (Whole School)						
Pupil Forecasts 2022 - 2026						
School	Capacity (2022)	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
Llanwern High School	1450	960	977	999	1003	992

## Building Condition

The current condition of the building affected by this proposal has been judged on a scale of A to D as follows:

Table 6: Building Condition	
Llanwern High School	A

## Quality and Standards

Quality and standards in schools in Newport are monitored by Estyn and the Local Authority (LA). Estyn is the office of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales. It is a Crown body, established under the Education Act 1992. Estyn is independent of the National Assembly for Wales but receives its funding from the Welsh Government under Section 104 of the Government of Wales Act 1998. Estyn inspects quality and standards in education and training providers in Wales. Llanwern High School’s last inspection was January 2017 with a follow up monitoring visit in December 2019.

Table 7: Estyn Inspection						
Inspection Area / School	Standards	Wellbeing and attitudes to learning	Teaching	Learning Experiences	Care, Support and guidance	Leadership and management
Llanwern High School (Jan 2017)	Adequate	Unsatisfactory	Adequate	Unsatisfactory	Adequate	Adequate

Table 8: Estyn Inspection – December 2019 Monitoring Visit
“Llanwern High School is judged to have made sufficient progress in relation to the recommendations following the most recent core inspection. As a result, Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales has removed the school from the list of schools requiring significant improvement.”

Consideration of the potential impact of the proposal on quality and standards is aligned with the Estyn Inspection framework which has been updated for the 2022 academic year. It is proposed that the school will receive additional specialist support and training from the team at Ysgol Bryn Derw. Ysgol Bryn Derw was inspected by Estyn in March 2020, and was judged to be excellent or good in all areas of the framework:

**Learning** – The proposal will not affect the standards and progress of learning in any other schools. Llanwern High School will continue to receive the appropriate level of challenge and support to ensure pupils develop the key attitudes and behaviours that will help them through their lives and achieve high standards in their skills development and make progress.

**Well-being and attitudes to learning** – Pupil well-being is paramount. Pupil well-being will be monitored through the school's strategic planning and self-evaluation processes and through the local authority's 'Learn-Well' group. Llanwern High School will provide pupils with a learning environment in which they feel safe and secure and where they become healthy and confident individuals.

**Teaching and learning experiences-** The quality of teaching and learning experiences will be monitored through the school's strategic planning and self-evaluation processes, with the school receiving the appropriate levels of challenge and support to ensure that Llanwern High School's vision for teaching and learning is aligned to the New Curriculum, in Wales. The curriculum will be delivered through the medium of English with classroom practices successfully engaging all pupils to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding to an appropriately high level as they move through the school.

**Care support and guidance** –The quality of provision for care, support and guidance will be monitored through the school's strategic planning and self-evaluation processes. The school will receive the appropriate levels of challenge and support to ensure provision for pupils' personal development and learning support meets the needs of pupils in a culture which promotes pupils' spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development.

**Leadership and Management** – At Llanwern High School the school's Leadership will receive an appropriate level of challenge and support to ensure that the school vision is well communicated, and that the school's aims, strategic objectives, plans and policies focus on meeting the needs of pupils; so pupils achieve well, and a safeguarding culture is promoted.

## **What Will The Proposal Provide?**

The proposal will provide a 20 place ASD base for 4 pupils each year over 5 years at Llanwern High School. This would provide additional secondary ALN provision within Newport, increasing opportunities for learners to attend schools more local to their home addresses and reducing costs associated with out of county placements.

The proposed ASD base will provide the appropriate staffing and training to meet the complex needs of the pupils. Access to interventions and/or therapies to meet the individual needs of pupils will also be provided as appropriate.

The following facilities will be available for the proposed ASD base:

- Four classrooms and withdrawal areas
- Kitchen Facility and dining/common room area
- Dedicated toilets (not requiring pupils to leave the secure base provision)
- Dedicated outside area with external perimeter fence
- Outside area large enough for minibus / taxi pickup and drop off
- A sensory room

### **Impact on Welsh language provision**

This is a proposal to establish a dedicated ASD base at an English-medium school. A learner in a school of this category will be able to read, write, speak and listen in English according to age and ability, and will have some understanding of Welsh. Welsh will be taught and assessed as part of the Area of Learning and Experience (AoLE) for languages, literacy and communication. At least 15% of the learners' school activities (both curricular and extra-curricular) will be in Welsh.

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 (WESP). Details of the factors considered in making this proposal are contained within the Fairness and Equalities Impact Assessment.

The council's WESP sets out a commitment to open a Welsh-medium Primary phase ALN provision at Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Gwenlli, and an assessment of pupil needs will inform the appropriate time for this to be established. The new provision will assist other Welsh-medium schools in identifying pupils with underlying ALN, and a collaborative approach will identify the best ways in which to meet these needs.

The development of a primary ALN provision will impact on secondary provision, therefore consideration will need to be given regarding specialist ALN provision within Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed for pupils transitioning from the primary sector base. The development of a Secondary phase ALN class will be reviewed on an annual basis in light of data trend analysis following the opening of the Primary provision. This will ensure that the ALN needs of pupils transitioning to the Secondary School can be met in a timely manner.

The ALN Act aims to be a bilingual system of support and protects children who need additional learning provision in Welsh. If a child's provision is required to be in Welsh, this must be documented in the Individual Development Plan and 'all reasonable steps' taken to ensure that it is provided.

The ALN Act acknowledges there may be circumstances where provision cannot reasonably be provided in Welsh in the case of specialised services or treatments where it is not possible to obtain a Welsh speaking practitioner despite attempts to find one.

### **Impact on other schools**

The proposal will have no detrimental impact on other Newport schools.

### **When Will This Be Effective?**

The proposal will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

## **Cost**

### Capital

There are no capital costs associated with this proposal.

### Revenue

Once fully established, the ASD base at Llanwern will cost in the region of £500,000 per annum (at 2022-2023 values). As a maintained setting the provision will be funded through the school's individual school budget share, distributed by the council according to the prescribed funding formula.

The appropriate specialist training for staff to meet the complex needs of pupils will incur a cost for each member of staff undertaking the training.

Several of the therapies can be developed and timetabled at facilities in Ysgol Bryn Derw.

The specialist support from trained staff will be sought from Ysgol Bryn Derw Outreach Support costing approximately £40,000 per annum and the Outreach worker would be funded via the SEN Local Provision Development Budget and reviewed on an annual basis.

On the basis of 20 placements being filled, this provides an estimated cost per pupil of between £25,000 and £27,000 per annum.

## **Alternative Options Considered**

**Option 1** - Proceed with proposal for the phased implementation of an ASD base at Llanwern High School over 5 years. The ASD base would provide suitable education for pupils, meeting the pupils complex needs whilst offering an expansion of ASD provision across the city. The provision would need to be funded from the individual school's budget. The ASD base will reduce the need for Out of County placements which have an approximate annual cost of £42,000 per placement (excluding transport). This is the preferred option.

**Option 2** – Proceed with proposal for the ASD base at Llanwern High School, but establish the 20 place provision with immediate effect. This will create additional places for older pupils in years 8-11 and may enable pupils to transfer in from other schools or out of county placements. However this could compromise the security of transition from Year 6 to Year 7 provided under option 1. The ASD base would provide suitable education for pupils, meeting the pupils complex needs whilst offering an expansion of ASD provision across the city. The provision would need to be funded from the individual school's budget. The ASD base will reduce the need for Out of County placements which have an approximate cost of £42,000 per placement (excluding transport).

**Option 3** – Bring forward a proposal to establish an ALN base for pupils with ASD at an alternative secondary school. The intention is to establish a new offer in the East of the city to mirror that provided at The John Frost School in the west of the city. As such Llanwern High School has been identified as the location best suited for this, due to the factors outlined in this consultation document.

**Option 4** – Each pupil is moved to Out of County provision. The average cost of each Out of County place is £42,000 but there is a lack of specialist school capacity across the region. This would require

independent placements to be sought and these placements would be in excess of the £42,000 average cost per annum. The costs exclude transport.

## **What will the preferred proposal achieve?**

This preferred proposal will assist in meeting current and future demand for specialist provision and will benefit children and parents across Newport. The Llanwern High School building has sufficient space to support the proposed ASD ALN provision and will support Newport providing specialist provision in the East of the city meaning less pupils being placed in out of county educational settings.

## **School Organisation Arrangements**

### **Catchment area**

The proposed ASD base at Llanwern High School will not have a catchment area. It is primarily used to accommodate pupils residing within Newport, although if spaces exist, there will be a facility to allow neighboring LAs to purchase vacant places for their pupils.

### **Admissions**

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. For pupils to attend the ASD base they would be required to have an Individual Development Plan (IDP). The Council determines admission taking parental preference into consideration and following consultation with the Headteacher and Governing Body as to the appropriateness of the placement. There are no plans to change these arrangements under this proposal.

### **Transport**

Where appropriate, transport is provided in accordance with the Council's policy. There are identified safe areas for the drop-off and collection of pupils, and this will not be affected by this proposal.

The proposal will have a positive impact on learner travel as it will reduce the number of pupil journeys to placements outside of the city of Newport.

### **Governance**

There will be no changes to school governance arrangements as a result of this proposal. The governing body will continue in its current form.

### **Staffing**

There may be staffing implications for Llanwern High School who will be required to recruit the appropriately qualified staff for the base. The school will be supported in this by the Local Authority's Central Education and Human Resources services.

### **Advantages and Disadvantages**

The advantages of this proposal are as follows:

- Provision of additional specialist education places in an appropriate dedicated setting, where placement in supported mainstream environments is not deemed appropriate;
- Reduction in current and / or future out-of-county placements;
- Reduced travel time for pupils who would otherwise attend out-of-county placements;



- Provision of a wider range of spaces for pupils with ASD who find noisy and busy areas difficult.

The disadvantages of this proposal are as follows:

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

## Risks

The risks associated with this proposal, and mitigating factors are listed below:

<b>Table 9: Risks</b>	
<b>Risk</b>	<b>Mitigating factor</b>
<b>Demand for provision diminishes</b>	This is unlikely, although the school could then use the area for other educational purposes.
<b>Demand for provision increases</b>	The Assistant Head of Education (Inclusion) will continue to plan for future provision across the city.

## Impact assessments

A fairness and equalities impact assessment has been completed for this proposal and is available on the council website.

## Consultation Response Pro-forma

### To establish a 20 place Additional Learning Needs (ALN) base at Llanwern High School for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) from September 2023

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

**To establish a 20 place Additional Learning Needs (ALN) base at Llanwern High School for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) from September 2023**

Yes  No  In part

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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<b>Please select your Ethnic group</b>			
White British		Asian-Bangladeshi	
White Irish		Asian-Indian	
Any other White background (please state): _____		Asian-Pakistani	
		Any other Asian background	
Gypsy or Irish Traveller		Black Caribbean	
White and Asian		Black African	
White and Black African		Any other Black background	
White and Black Caribbean		Arab	
Any other Mixed background (please state): _____		Chinese	
		Any other ethnic group (please state): _____	
Asian-Bangladeshi		Prefer not to say	
Asian-Indian			
Asian-Pakistani			

<b>Welsh language</b>			
<b>Do you consider yourself a Welsh speaker?</b>			
Yes		No	
			Prefer not to say

<b>Caring Responsibilities</b>			
<b>Do you care for children of school age?</b>			
Yes		No	
			Prefer not to say
<b>Do you care for children of pre-school age?</b>			
Yes		No	
			Prefer not to say
<b>Do you care for a dependent adult or child above school age?</b>			
Yes		No	
			Prefer not to say

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