

Sustainable Communities for Learning– Children and Young People’s Consultation Document

## Proposal to establish new schools for both Ysgol Y Lawnt and Upper Rhymney Primary School

28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Cymunedau **Dysgu** Cynaliadwy   
Sustainable Communities for **Learning**



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government



Hi, I'm **Vision** and this is  
my dog **K9-2.1**  
We're here to talk to you  
about an exciting project  
and we want to know what  
you think!

Caerphilly Council wants to make schools better and give you the best possible start in life when it comes to your education.

Sometimes schools can be modernised, repaired, refurbished, extended or a new school built entirely.



Caerphilly has a Sustainable Communities for Learning team who bid for money from Welsh Government to invest in schools like they've already done for:

- Islwyn High
- Idris Davies 3-18
- Ysgol Gymraeg Cwm Rhymni – Y Gwyndy
- Newbridge School
- Blackwood Comprehensive
- Trinity Fields



# Introduction

# Examples of what has been achieved to date



'Woof!' These photos are some examples of what has been achieved



£56.5 million has already been spent in Band A of the programme between 2014 and 2019.

Band B which is the programme running now is focusing on:

- reducing the number of poor condition schools
- ensuring we have the right size schools in the right location
- providing enough places to deliver Welsh and English medium education
- ensuring the effective and efficient use of schools



Here's a photo of the new **Islwyn High**, one of the Band A projects the Council delivered



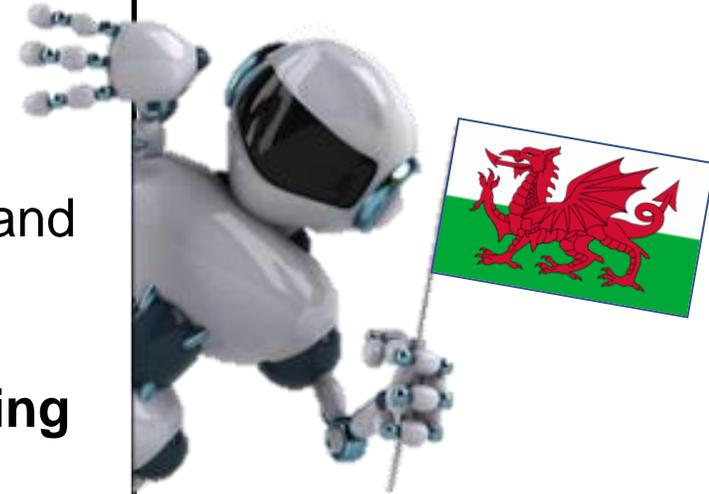
The Council has to follow a piece of law (legislation) produced by the Welsh Government called the **School Organisation Code 2018** when they want to make any changes to a school.

The Council has to write to a number of groups such as Parents, Headteachers and Staff to tell them about what they are proposing to do and gather views

**The Council also needs to get your views about what we are proposing for your school as you can help us shape what will happen.**

There is lots of information we need to produce and put on our website.

<https://www.conversation.caerphilly.gov.uk/ysgol-y-lawnt-and-upper-rhymney-primary>



There are several ways to tell the Council what you think.

- Complete the online response form on the Council's website
- Complete a printed version of the response form and post to the Sustainable Communities for Learning Team at Caerphilly
- Email your comments to the Sustainable Communities for Learning Team at Caerphilly

The easiest way for you is to **take part in this session and your teacher will feedback your comments**

The Closing date for responses to this consultation is midnight on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



**The Council are proposing to:**

**Relocate Ysgol Y Lawnt and Upper Rhymney Primary School**

*A few reasons why this is being proposed:*

- The proposal seeks to create 2 new sustainable Net Zero Carbon schools on a singular site with some shared facilities, e.g. Kitchen, entrance, for both Ysgol Y Lawnt & Upper Rhymney Primary School and the wider community.
- The two schools will continue to provide both Welsh and English Medium Primary education and remain as separate entities, situated on the new dual purpose site.
- The proposal seeks to accommodate pupils in both schools between the ages of 3-11 years within their existing catchment areas through a new fit for purpose, state of the art sustainable building.



Your views matter and we welcome any comments whether you are in support of what we want to do, against our proposal, or not sure either way

## **This is your chance to ask questions!**

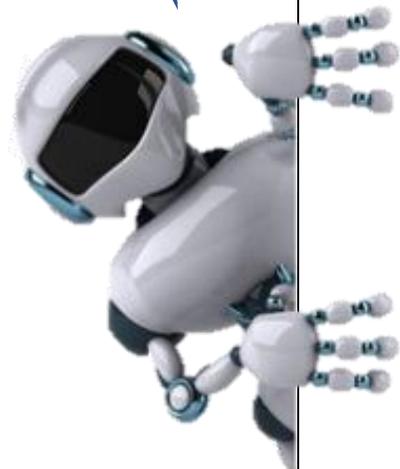
- Do you agree with what we are looking to do?
- Do you have any ideas of what you'd want in a new school?
- Do you have any other ideas you'd like us to think about?

Your comments will be added into a Report that everyone will be able to see and will help the Council decide what to do next



# Find Out More

There is an  
FAQ section  
on the  
website.  
Check it out



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## **Consultation ‘Ysgol Y Lawnt & Upper Rhymney Primary’**

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