

## Children and Young People's Consultation Document

# Proposal to close Lewis Girls School and change Lewis School Pengam to co-education from September 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024



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



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Welsh Government

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 schools built entirely.
- **Sometimes existing schools are no longer in the right place and we might propose closures or changes to existing school arrangements**

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://conversation.caerphilly.gov.uk/lewis-girls-school-and-lewis-school-pengam>

**The Council are proposing to:**

- Close Lewis Girls School
- Change from single sex to co-education at Lewis School Pengam
- Start the changes from September 2025
- Manage the move of all pupils to the Lewis School Pengam site over a number of years
- Support both schools to help ensure everyone settles in

**A few reasons why this is being proposed:**

- ✓ Recommendation for change has come from a board of experts, including Head Teachers
- ✓ Estyn has asked us to reduce the number of surplus places in our secondary schools
- ✓ Proposal will bring Caerphilly in line with the rest of Wales as we are the only Authority to have a separate Girls and Boys School
- ✓ Bringing families together that may be split apart at age 11
- ✓ Less Buildings to maintain which saves money and helps the environment

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 alternative options that could improve this proposal?
- Do you have any thoughts on how this proposal can be changed to have (more of) a positive impact on the Welsh Language?
- 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

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 a feedback session with your teacher**

The Closing date for responses is midnight on **15<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

# Find Out More

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