

**WESTERN LEARNING FEDERATION**

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**Ref:** Cardiff Council announces major expansion of specialist education provision for children and young people with Additional Learning Needs

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see below information shared by Cardiff Council in relation to major expansion of specialist education provision for children and young people with Additional Learning Needs which includes two of our schools in our Federation, Woodlands School and Ty Gwyn School [Cardiff Council announces major expansion of specialist education provision](#)

Subject to Cabinet approval, a full public consultation would be launched, inviting feedback from parents, carers, school communities, and other stakeholders. The Council is committed to transparent engagement and will ensure that the voices of children and young people are central to the decision-making process. Information in the release specific to Ty Gwyn below

- Tŷ Gwyn Special School who cater for pupils age 3 – 19 years who have complex, profound and multiple learning difficulties would increase from 240 to 300 places from January 2027, using existing and vacated Riverbank Special School buildings
- Tŷ Gwyn Special School is a key project to note. The school serves learners aged 3–19 with profound and multiple learning difficulties, severe learning difficulties, autism, and complex medical needs. Due to increasing demand and to enable building conditions to be addressed at the current site, new accommodation will be built.
- The Council acquired the Tŷ Glas site in Llanishen in 2022, specifically for the development of new educational facilities which if agreed, would include the replacement of Tŷ Gwyn Special School, allowing it to further increase to 320 places from September 2030.

We will provide further updates as and when they arrive with us

Best wishes

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