

September 26th, 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

Within our Local Authority significant investment has been given to the improvement of school buildings and the organisation of secondary and primary schools over a number of years. This has been part of a programme funded by the Welsh Government and the Local Authority called '21st Century Schools'.

On Tuesday 24th September, myself and Chair of Governors, Mr Bill Davies were called to a meeting with the Chief Executive of RCT, Mr Chris Bradshaw. We were informed of the proposed changes to our School and others in this area of Pontypridd and RCT. In summary they include;

1. Pontypridd High will become a 3-16 school from September 2022
2. A primary provision will be located on our site, with Cilfynydd PS closing at its present location
3. Sixth Form provision will stop at PHS and be available to our students in a location such as Coleg Y Cymoedd from September 2022
4. Funding is yet to be confirmed but approximately £5 million has been outlined for work at PHS
5. Additional changes to our school catchment will come into effect from 2020

The proposals are detailed and include information on all other schools in the area. Please visit the RCT website to read the full press release and links to additional information as it becomes available.

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Newsroom/PressReleases/2018/September/New37.4mproposalsfor21stCenturySchoolsfacilitiesinPontypridd.aspx>

We will set up an area on our school website called 'School reorganisation' through which all details and communications will be stored.

This is a significant change for our School and it is important that the whole school community is involved in the planning process. As such, meetings will be held over the coming weeks to which you will be invited. This will be an opportunity to listen to Council Officers and be presented with more details of the proposed school for September 2022. It is also a time to express concerns and this will clearly involve discussion about our Sixth Form provision and the impact of such changes in Pontypridd as a whole.

At present there is a lot of information to read through and it is important everyone has the time to reflect on what has been presented. I will be in contact again in order to inform you of the calendar of meetings and other key dates.

Thank you as always for your support and please do not hesitate to contact me at school to discuss any of these matters in more detail.

Yours faithfully

Huw Cripps
Headteacher