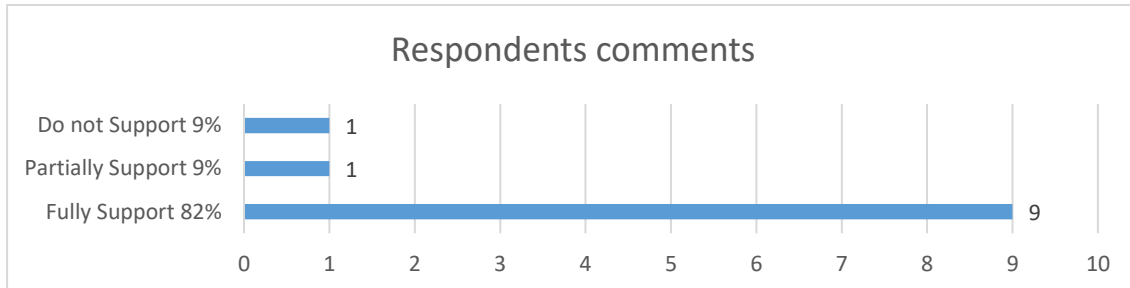


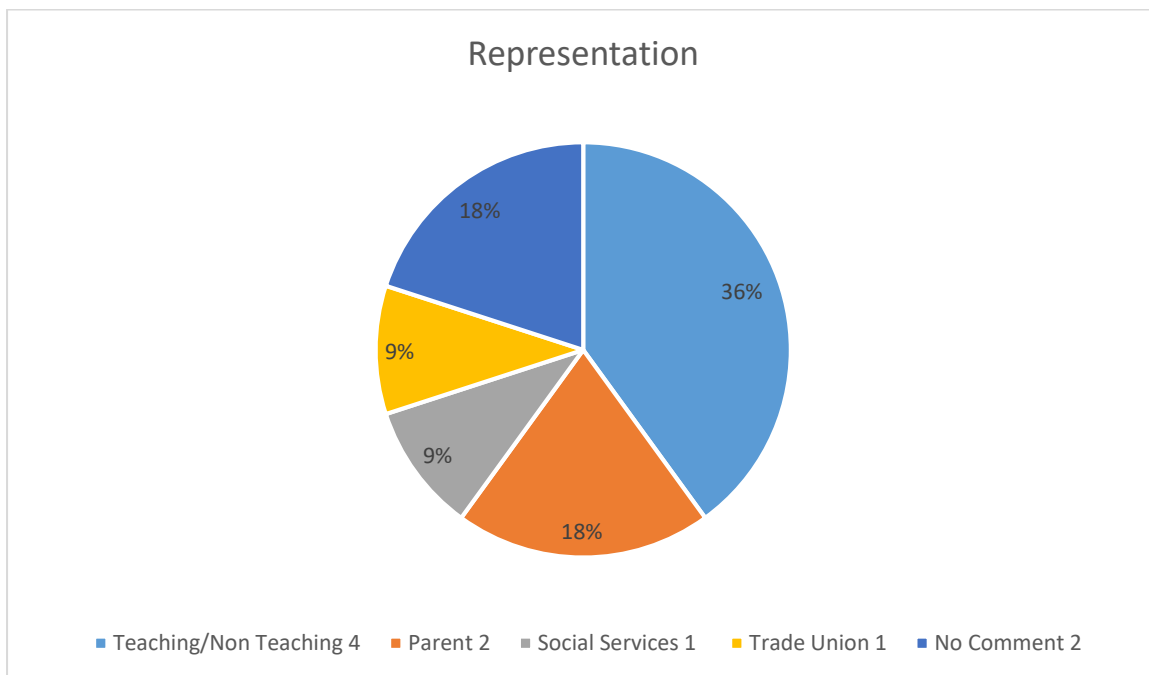
Pen Y Cwm Consultation

This Summary report was generated on 07/06/21.

Overall 11 respondents completed this questionnaire. The report has been filtered to show the responses for 'All Respondents'.



The breakdown of which can be found below



Comments captured are as follows:

Support

- There is a definite need for an increase in this specialist provision.
- When you say relocate the post 16, do you mean to another location within the school please?
- This is truly needed to make Pen Y Cwm school continue with the brilliant work we do with our pupils. There is a high demand for SEN places in Blaenau Gwent, our pupils should not have to travel out of county just to get an education. We also need more outdoor space for things such as an outdoor gym, grass area for sports and vocational activities!

- Pen y Cwm is a valuable part of Blaenau Gwent and its community. We need to have the facilities to provide wrap around support for the pupils of the county with ALN. Pupils having to travel out of County prevents them from establishing networks with their peers in their community. Facilities need to be increased at the existing school that MUST include more outdoor provision for pupils of all mobility's but there is a significant need for space for vocational opportunities for Post 16 to enable them to progress with skills that will have a positive impact when moving into the adult sector.
- I work in a mainstream school within the Borough and fully support the proposal to increase capacity at Pen Y Cwm. We have so many children who need specialist support in mainstream schools, where their needs are far greater than we can meet and there currently is just not enough provision to ensure they're getting the opportunities to succeed that they are entitled too. I feel like this, and the implementation of the ALN bill will benefit our learners with and IDP profoundly, increasing standards and ensuring that the children who need this specialist support get it.
- There is a huge demand for ALN placements, so we need to expand due to the required increase in levels of pupils. In order to still offer a wide and varied curriculum going forward specialist's rooms need to be doubled due to increased pupil numbers and demand for these rooms. We will need extra outdoor space for teaching and for exercise. In this climate a big emphasis has been put on outside, we currently don't have enough space for the pupils we have at break and lunchtime. Outdoor gym area for key stage 4 and post 16 is necessary to improve fitness and mental wellbeing. Outdoor seating for lunchtime so pupils can eat lunch and socialise. A new post 16 common room as the existing one was made into a classroom. large outdoor equipment for improvement of gross motor skills. Space for vocational courses to be run to give our pupils more opportunities.
- This is greatly needed within Blaenau Gwent. There are a number of children with additional needs that need the specialist support that Pen Y Cwm could offer. Pen Y Cwm provides such a positive environment for the children with additional needs and supports them in to adulthood.
- At present pupils eat lunch in their classrooms; these are individually pre-plated and foiled. If this format is to continue then the increase in the number of classes is going to impact the delivery of meals both in the time allocated and food quality (temperature etc.).

Partial Support

- General response from the members we represent is positive and we understand that staff and learners welcome the changes to capacity. We are however concerned about the implications to available space within the existing footprint of the building. Specifically loss of:- Learning Bay Science and Technology room Library Thrive/TIS room Independent living 'flat' MDT/Conference Room Outdoor gym Outdoor learning/teepee type sensory activity spaces Storage for wheelchairs/standing frames/large equipment etc. Post 16 common room PPA room Softplay space for younger children Designated physiotherapy room Gestural control immersion room. We understand that the learning spaces lost in the immediate term following any capacity changes would significantly reduce the wider/specialist activity

crucial to a special school curriculum. Staff also have concerns about the severely limited outdoor space – ALN learners need large outdoor spaces for structured and unstructured play opportunities and this is of paramount importance post Covid-19. We would ask the authority to consider the spare classroom capacity at Ebbw Fawr Learning Community Primary. It is vital that the authority is mindful that the proposed increase in capacity does not detrimentally impact on the specialist provision at the site.

Do not support

- My child currently attends pen y cwm, i am concerned on how building work will impact on him while he is attending school and coping with things in school changing place i.e. toilets. Also concerned of where the post 16 base will be relocated